

## Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

<b>Name of Country :</b> Turkey
<b>Name of Library :</b> National Library of Turkey (Milli Kutuphane)
<b>Name of Chief Executive :</b> Celal TOK

**Total Budget for 2005                      4.100.464.-USD**

### **Collections (As of the end of March 2005)**

Books	1,136,997 (*)
Periodicals (vol.)	911,675
Non-book materials	197,577
Manuscripts	26,090
<b>Ottoman legal registrations</b>	<b>8,934</b>
 TOTAL	 2,281,273
 General beneficiary users	 662.202
Users enrolled in 2004 (Permanent)	14,644
Users enrolled in 2004 (Temporary)	29.716
 Staff	 183

### **1. Special Topic: Management of the library (developments and improvements)**

National Library is one of the main institutions linked to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. On administrative and financial subjects it has a limited autonomy.

The two fundamental problems of the National Library are as follows:

#### **I. Staffing matters**

- a. Difficulty of employing qualified personnel
- b. Difficulty of employing an adequate number of personnel

II. Budget problems: library budget is generally insufficient, budget items do not cover the costs of new projects.

### **2. Budget and finance**

The total budget of the NLT for 2005 is **USD 4.100.464.-**

Due to the fact that the Library does not enjoy an autonomous structure and an independent budget, the delivery of certain services is hampered. Problems encountered in such fields are as follow:

- The design and the realization of new projects,
- Purchase of new publications,
- The mailing of books and bibliographies abroad,

### **3. Legal Status**

With the enactment of the Establishment Law on **March 29, 1950**, the NLT which actively had started to operate in **1946**, assumed a legal identity. After the approval of a supplement to this Law in **18 May 1955** an Institute of Bibliographia had been founded in the body of The National Library.

Mostly materials are acquired through the Legal Deposit Act which has been released in 1934.

### **4. Acquisitions**

National Library, as in all the national libraries, obtains all the information-containing materials printed and published or produced in Turkey and abroad weither through Legal Deposit Act printed, or by purchasing or b receiving donations or by way of exchange. Approximately 20-30 thousand materials are provided to the National Library avaregely in a year which 13-15 thousands of it are from legal deposit, 6-10 thousands are donations and

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\* If there is no any different or contrary mentioning, all figures show the recent situation in December 2004.

300-500 are purchasing. In 2005 the fund allocated to foreign and domestic purchase is approximately **USD 78.000.-**

## **5. Collection**

National Library owns a collection of **2.281.273** volumes consisting of books, periodicals and non-book materials. The number of books in National Library is **1.136.997** while the periodicals collection contains **911.675** volumes. The total number of other materials such as maps, posters, musical notes, sound recordings and pictures collected in special collections is **197.577**, Ottoman legal registrations are **8.934**, and that of rare titles and valuable manuscripts is **26.090**.

## **5. Conservation / Preservation of Collections**

A significant portion of the rare volumes and manuscripts in Turkey are preserved in National Library. In order to comprehend the difficulty that National Library faces with respect to preservation and restoration, it would be enough to consider that, in addition to **26.090** manuscripts, **8.934** legal registrations from the Ottoman Era, this collection includes approximately **56.000** books and **6.600** periodicals printed with Arab alphabet belong to 1728-1928 era. In this collection where the **oldest piece** carries the date of **1272**, there are exceedingly original and valuable works such as a **700 year old Bible** in Greek scripted **on gazelle hide**, the **first Ottoman encyclopedia** dated from **1428**, the **Mesnevi** of the renowned sufistic poet **Mevlana** in Persian and duplicated in the **18<sup>th</sup> century**, a **Kor'an** from **1828**.

Transferring rare volumes and periodicals those printed with Arab alphabet and manuscripts into microfilms are going on. As of the beginning of 2005, 1.200 of those 26.090 rare manuscripts had been transformed into e-books; 5.000 thousand volumes of **497** kinds of Arab-alphabet-printed periodicals transformed into microfilms as **1438** bobbins. And all the 8.934 notebook of the Ottoman legal registrations also had been transformed into microfilms.

## **6. IT and New Technology**

The number of bibliographic records in the National Library database has reached almost **700.000** and the online access is available from the NLT home page for the users. The National Library has been linked to the Internet with a speed of 1 Mb. All programs required for accessing the Internet have been already installed.

Transferring the printed rare books into the digital medium is also on the way. All the bibliographical records of these books are already available on the web page of the National Library. Meanwhile a collected catalogue has been prepared for the manuscripts those kept in the other libraries of the country, their bibliographic records have been transferred to web and published as a 2-CD set.

National Library is a subscriber of international databases such as EBSCO, and national databases such as OTURK-TURKDIGITAL. The transferring of audio material into digital medium and CD's are on the way and over this work it is planned to establish a "videoal bank."

## **7. Services to Readers**

Services to Readers is carried out according to the Regulations for Users Services dated from 2002. A security system has been installed for monitoring the entrance and the exit of the users.

In the national Library, besides a music hall for the users who need to listen to the audio material, there is a section for blind users, which we called "Talking Library" where the written-printed works have been read by volunteers and recorded on tape recorders.

In 2004, the number of materials (books, photocopies, microfilms) demanded by foreign libraries have been 55 and our demands from foreign libraries have been 56. At the end of March of 2005, these figures are 29 and 3 respectively.

In 2004 the number of the general users of the Library is 662.202 and these users have utilized 211.847 materials. During the first three months of 2005, 143.175 general users have been demanded and utilized 46.317 materials.

National and international book demands are handled by the Section of Reader Services and Section of Foreign Relations.

## **8. Cataloguing and Other Technical Process**

Cataloguing in the National Library is based on computerized systems. Bibliographic records are defined in accordance with AACR2 Rev. Ed. and OCLC MARC formats, classified according to the principles of Dewey Decimal Classification System and directly loaded into the National Library database and also put into service through OPAC. The ALEPH library software is used in the National Library,

## **9. Inter-library Co-Operation**

The National Library has agreed on Cultural Exchange Programs with several countries within the context of its Cultural Exchange Program. Published by NTL itself, the "Turkish National Bibliography" and "Bibliography of Articles In Turkish Periodicals" are sent 251 libraries, institutes of Oriental Studies and information centres in 71 countries. Furthermore, publications are exchanged with 122 addresses.

## **10. Staffing Matters**

Currently 183 staff, including 24 librarians, 1 expert and 9 assistant-experts on different subjects are employed in The National Library. As we mentioned under the "Special Topic" at the beginning, NTL is faced with difficulties about employment of new staff because of low salaries in spite of hard working.