

# SLOVAKIA

## SLOVAK NATIONAL LIBRARY

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The Slovak National Library (SNL) belongs to the supreme state cultural, information and education institutions which fulfill the tasks defined by the Library Act. The partial tasks for each year are specified in the Plan of Activities.

SNL is the state budgetary institution and its activities are supported by the state budget. However, some extra budget funds are received thanks to projects prepared by a lot of active employees. Previous period is considered to be successful. In principle, all major tasks defined in the Plan of Activities for year 2006 were fulfilled.

According to the government resolution no. 801 from 17 July 2002 on the Program of Computerised Libraries and to the project on Library and Information System of the Third Generation (KIS3G) the SNL has procured, installed and implemented the common library and information software Virtua in the Slovak libraries. In the Virtua system we have started to build up the central catalogue of the Slovak Library ([www.kis3g.sk](http://www.kis3g.sk)). In 2006, 28 libraries were connected to the project.

Within the TEL-ME-MOR project the SNL including its portal Slovak Library has become a member of the European Library.

During 2006 the SNL has distributed library-information software (KIS MaKS) based on WINISIS database system to small and medium libraries within Slovakia. By the end of 2006 the system was implemented in 95 libraries.

In accordance with the programme of computerised libraries and within the project Slovak Digital Library the digitisation strategy of cultural heritage ([http://www.viks.sk/digitus/strategicky\\_pla\\_digitalizacie.htm](http://www.viks.sk/digitus/strategicky_pla_digitalizacie.htm)) was prepared.

At the end of 2006 the system Vital for maintaining the digital objects was purchased. It enables continuity in building the digital library Memoria slovacica (<http://www.memoria.sk>).

The SNL has successfully fulfilled the commitments in the area of acquiring electronic resources for Slovak libraries. The subscription of access to the database EBSCO was paid from the SNL budget. The development of such a kind of service is considered to be one of the SNL priorities in the future.

Fluently, the SNL has published the professional journal for librarians Knižnica (Library) and many other publications, as well.

Priorities for near future:

- to ensure all tasks defined for the SNL by the Library Act no. 183/2000 and tasks approved in the contract between the Ministry of Culture and the SNL for 2007.
- develop the KIS3G project within the Program of computerised libraries.
- project on Slovak Digital Library: continue in realisation.
- to put into the practice the project on computerised libraries (Internet for public libraries)
- to connect other libraries to the common software Virtua and to prepare the contracts on cooperation.

- to distribute and maintain the software for small and medium libraries (KIS MaSK) on the base of WINISIS system.
- to develop the central catalogue of the Slovak Library and the digital library Memoria slovacica within the KIS3G project.
- to fulfill the task of the national depository library.
- to solve the system of running scientific and research departments in accordance with legislation concerning the science and research in the Slovak Republic.
- to coordinate the solving of state research task on preservation of documents in the sense of the government resolution no. 766.
- to gain the electronic information sources for Slovakia in cooperation with other libraries (EBSCO etc).
- to improve human resource management, to prepare the system of education and further education of librarians.
- to take effort to get extra budgetary funds from the structural funds of European Union, from the Grants system of the Ministry of Culture of the SR.
- to prepare the intention for construction of the new deposit.

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