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**Name of Country: CROATIA**

**Name of Library: NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ZAGREB**

**Name of Chief Executive: Prof. TIHOMIL MAŠTROVIĆ, PhD**

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The library's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary made 2007 a year of great significance. Among a series of events held to mark the occasion of special importance were *The Treasures of National and University Library*, *The History of National and University Library* and an international conference *400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National and University Library in Zagreb*.

Since the beginning of March the director general of National and University Library has been Professor Tihomil Maštrović, PhD. The new management has started the modernization of the library, has increased the quality of library services for end users and has started a number of innovations in the existing organizational structure.

Among the first projects was *The Library with doors open 24 hours*. The project was started in order to adapt to students which constitute the most numerous user group of the library. This made NSK one of the first European national libraries with this service.

During 2007, the national fond has been complemented with valuable acquisitions such as: *The first Croatian Glagolitic alphabet first reader* from 1527 and a bilingual edition of Boskovic's *Theoria philosophiae naturalis=Theory of natural philosophy* from 1763 as well as six codices which were digitalized in foreign institutions which posses Croatian written heritage. The codices are: *Hvalov zbornik*, *Većenegin evanđelistar*, *Berlinski misal*, *Beramski brevijar*, *Časoslov opatice Čike i Pariška pjesmarica*. The presentation in the form of exhibition and a catalogue of new valuable acquisitions in the national collection have become regular informative and presentational library activities.

Also, a new approach to collecting and organizing the collection of foreign Croatica is being developed.

In order for the library to satisfy the demands of its two roles (as both a national and a university library) a process of reorganizing the organizational structure of the library

has been started. During 2006 and 2007 the library has undertaken a challenge of changing the library system. The library management has been transferred from the CROLIS system (in house made system) to an integrated library system Voyager. This demanded a great number of new processes and applications of which the change of standard from UNIMARC to MARC21 was the most demanding one.

The library has entered a three year project *Croatian cultural heritage* along with Archives-Museums-Libraries community and the Ministry of Culture. Along this activity, the pilot projects of digitalization of Croatian newspapers and old Croatian humanist journals have been started. The digitalization of special collections (graphical, cartographical, musical, rare books and incunabula) is being continually conducted.

The library has recognized the value of scientific and research work in order to adjust better to the needs of academic and scientific community and its other users in accordance with international standards. Several scientific and developmental projects have been supported.

The librarians have been actively participating in numerous professional activities in the library. Through projects, memberships in professional organizations and through direct cooperation with other libraries they also participated in international cooperation.

An adaptation of the library, both in functional and spatial sense, to the needs of the academic community and its users has resulted in a project of redesigning the Congress Centre of National and University Library in Zagreb.

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