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Name of Country: LITHUANIA

Name of Library: MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA

Name of Chief Executive: VYTAUTAS GUDAITIS

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2008

BASIC STATISTICS IN 2007

Collections:	
Books and bound periodicals	5098570
Manuscripts	69030
Microforms	95282
Audiovisual materials	77847
Cartography	11539
Other materials (including printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1532517
Total holdings	
- in items	6884785
- in titles	1880751
Registered users	25241
Number of visits	243513
Number of virtual visits	4055148
Number of loans	1974009
Library staff	536 (378 out of them professional librarians)

FUNDING

In 2007 the Library received 33.301,0 thousand Litass (9.644,6 thousand EUR). The budget resources were made up of the annual budget received from the Government – 18.543,0 thousand Litass (55,6% of the total budget), the receipt of priced services – 583,0 thousand Litass (1,8% of the total budget), grants provided by individual persons and foundations throw the programs and projects – 14.175,0 thousand Litass (42,6% of the total budget). In comparison with the year 2006 the Library's budget increased by 1.608,0 thousand EUR in 2007. The biggest part of these increased incomes makes the external funding, received from the European Structural Funds, European Commission and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the implementation of projects and programs.

Total expenditures in 2007 were 21.258,0 thousand Litass (6.156,7 thousand EUR), of which the largest expenses were for the information technologies and externally funded projects - 46,3%, the labour costs make 42,3%, acquisition programs – 7,4%, other – 4% .

BUILDINGS

The reconstruction of the main library building will remain one of the main priorities in 2007 and 2008. Preparation of the reconstruction project is included in the State Investment program. The sum of 1,4 million Litass (405,0 thousand EUR) was allotted for the planning project in 2006-2007. The technical documentation for reconstruction, working plan and other documentation were prepared considering the fact that the Library's main building is included in the register of immovable cultural properties and protected by the State. It means that substantial changes are impossible.

STAFFING MATTERS

At the end of 2007 the staff of the Library numbered 536 employees (519 FTE). The staff includes 378 professional librarians, 88 qualified workers and 70 technicians. 142 staff members attended courses for additional and permanent training. Training program was grouped into modules: computer literacy skills for librarians, Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System trainings, development of management and other professional skills. Continuing professional development program is implemented with the help of partners from Lithuanian Culture Administrators Training Centre and business enterprises.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

The sum of 2.000,0 thousand Litas was allotted by the Lithuanian Government for the development of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System in 2007. In the course of the year the following tasks were achieved:

Automation of library processes

Development of new version of serial documents management module according to the new requirements of UNIMARC/H format and ISO standard "ISO 10324:1997 Information and Documentation – Holdings Statements – Summary Level";

Development of the Archive of Electronic Resources by modification of harvesting and data management technologies;

Implementation of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) to LIBIS catalogues.

Implementation of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS

WWW-OPAC module implemented in 13 Lithuanian libraries, interlibrary loan module – in 5 Lithuanian libraries, reader service module - in 13 libraries.

There were 494 PCs (401– for staff, 93 – for Library users) at the Library in 2007.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

The following projects were implemented in 2007:

Creation of Integrated Virtual Library Information System. *Project partners - Lithuanian State Archives and Lithuanian Art Museum.*

Total of 1412838 pages of Lithuanian newspapers, books and manuscripts were scanned.

11054 pages were OCR'ed with 100% recognition rate.

An access to the digitised collection of Lithuanian cultural heritage became available from March 2007 through the portal www.epaveldas.lt. Library accomplished one of the major tasks by making part of the Lithuanian cultural heritage accessible online.

Digitisation of the Collection of Lithuanian Shellac records

200 shellac records were digitised and 400 edited.

4 CDs of Anthology of Old Lithuanian Shellac Records published in commemoration of 100 anniversary of publishing of the first Lithuanian record.

In 2007 the collection of Lithuanian shellac records stored at the National Library was included in the National Register of UNESCO "Memory of World" program.

COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

In 2007 the Library spent a total of 1.597,0 thousand Litas (462,5 thousand EUR) on acquisition programs. 532,0 thousand Litas (154,0 thousand EUR, 33,3%) was allocated to books, 470,0 thousand Litas (136,1 thousand EUR, 29,4%) – to periodicals, 370,0 thousand Litas (107 thousand EUR, 23,2%) – to electronic documents, 225,0 thousand Litas (65 thousand EUR, 14,1%) – other non-electronic documents. In 2007 the Library received 89475 items (30044 titles) of various publications and documents. The Library's collection was increased by 73598 thousand books and serials, 1480 manuscripts, 5090 microforms, 268 maps, 660 items of printed music, 2224 audiovisual documents. There were 494 electronic periodical publications and 140 data bases in physical form acquired by the library.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Preservation and conservation activities were primarily reserved on protection of resources having cultural values. During 2007 these preservation programs of the National Library of Lithuania were in progress:

- *Conservation and restoration*. A special emphasis was laid on the preservation of the documents of Rare Book and Manuscript Department. Conservation and restoration treatment such as the binding of periodicals, disinfections of the stocks, restoration of leather spines and other conservation and restoration procedures went on.

- *Microfilming programs*. The work continued in these sections:

Lithuanian newspapers in Polish, Byelorussian, Russian, German languages, published in 18th-20th centuries;

current Lithuanian newspapers;

Lithuanian newspapers of high frequency of use.

SERVICES TO READERS

25241 users including 10966 new registered during 2007 visited the Library and used its services. 44,9% of all readers were students while researchers and specialists made up 20,8%. 243513 user visits were made to the Library and 1,9 million documents were retrieved for users. The reading rooms housed 720 working places, including 93 computerized. The Library information resources were enriched with the publications from 69 Lithuanian and foreign databases.

The measuring of electronic services and media continued in 2007. There were 2,7 million internet sessions, 5,6 million records downloaded and 4 million virtual visits at the Library. Survey of electronic information services provided possibility to gather qualitative information concerning performance effectiveness and outputs.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

The Library directs the implementation of *Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS* in Lithuanian public libraries and coordinates the creation and application of the system modules. The training courses on handling the LIBIS software are organized for specialists from Lithuanian public libraries.

Implementation of the national project "Libraries for Innovation" continued in 2007. The purpose of the project is to implement a nationwide program providing free access to computers connected to the Internet through public libraries, as well as training for librarians and library users. The National Library coordinates the project. The support for the project implementation was received from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Lithuanian Government.

Promotion of reading is one of the priorities of Lithuanian cultural policy. The year 2008 was announced as the Reading Year in Lithuania. The special program "Promotion of Reading" was created and funded by the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture. The National Library of Lithuania is responsible for the development of the program. Various events, projects and performances were organized and are planned in the frames of the program. All the events are published in website www.skaitymometai.lt.

The National Library of Lithuania maintained broad international contacts with European National Libraries, library institutions and organizations. In the period of report cooperation agreement with Latvian Academic Library was signed. In 2007 The National Library of Lithuania became the full partner in The European Library and participated in TELplus project funded by the European Commission.

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