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Name of Country: Slovakia

Name of Library: Slovak National Library

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ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2008

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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 thank to projects prepared by a lot of active employees (Norwegian funds, Swiss funds, EU structural funds, etc.).

Previous period is considered to be successful. In principle, all major tasks defined in the Plan of Activities for year 2007 were fulfilled.

The SNL actively participated at the preparation of the *Proposal of the Slovak librarianship development strategy for 2008-2013* and has prepared the *Digitization strategy in Slovakia*. Besides the SNL has realized many projects influencing the Slovak librarianship. The realization of the *Slovak digital library project* was the priority task of the SNL in 2007. Within its framework the technological aspects of the project were solved. The SNL has continued in the building of the *Memoria slovacca* digital library within a special system determined to maintenance of the digital objects – Vital.

The works on the project *Network with information linking of scientific, academic and special libraries including their modernization* have started in 2007. The end of the project is planned for 2008.

According to the government resolution no. 801 from July 17, 2002 on the Program of computerized 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 catalog Slovak Library (www.kis3g.sk). In 2007, 46 libraries were connected to the project.

Within the TEL-ME-MOR project the SNL including its portal Slovak Library has taken part in solving international issues.

During 2007 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 2007 the system was implemented in 140 libraries.

In 2007 the SNL successfully realized the first stage of the *Conservation, preservation and processing of parchments in SNK* project.

The SNL has successfully fulfilled the commitments in the area of acquiring of the 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.

In November 2007 the Contract on cooperation between the Getty Institute in California, Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava and the Slovak National Library concerning restoration and conservation photographic materials was signed.

The SNL strongly supported the city Martin during the competition *European capital city of culture 2013*.

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 2008
- cooperate on the realization of the Activity plan for the *Proposal of the Slovak librarianship development strategy during 2008-2013*
- develop the KIS3G project within the Program of computerized libraries
- project on Slovak Digital Library: start the operation in 2008-2009
- to put into the practice the project on Computerized 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 catalog Slovak Library and the digital library Memoria slovac within the KIS3G project
- to solve the system of running of scientific and research departments in accordance with legislation concerning the science and research in the Slovak Republic
- 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 realize the intention for construction of the new deposit.

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