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Name of Country: SPAIN

Name of Library: BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL

Name of Chief Executive: Milagros del Corral Beltrán

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The National Library is a centre that holds the National Bibliographic Heritage of Spain and it aims to:

- Preserve, manage and disseminate the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage in any format
- Collect, catalogue and preserve the publications in any area
- Promote research, especially in the area of Humanities, by means of requests, study, book loan, etc.
- Elaborate and disseminate the information about the Spanish publications
- Carry out any library work, preservation, growth and dissemination of the National Bibliographic Heritage
- Develop research programs and cooperate with other libraries and other cultural and scientific institutions that can contribute to the best development of the aims of the National Library
- Create, coordinate and encourage research and development programs in the areas of its competency to satisfy the needs of the research community
- Contribute to the transformation of information into knowledge

The Ministry of Culture appointed Milagros Del Corral Beltrán as the new General Director of the National Library last September 2007. She has brought a new way of managing daily library works and library cooperation with other cultural institutions both inside and outside Spain. It is especially remarkable her commitment with the European projects under the eContentplus programme and the works to finally present the Biblioteca Digital Hispánica last October 2007.

The [Biblioteca Digital Hispánica](#) gives access to the most outstanding works of the National Library of Spain and allows the largest documentary collection in the country to be offered to the public; a service that will allow researching, consulting and analysing the fundamental texts of the Hispanic culture (from a collection of 10.000 works: manuscripts, drawings, printed books from 15-19th century, photographs and maps). In January 2008 the Library signed an Agreement with the Ministry of Culture and the company Telefónica to develop the Hispanic Digital Library project; the Library has started a mass digitisation program to accomplish the goal proposed to the European Commission to digitise 200.000 works in five years.

This process of giving online free access to the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage preserved at the National Library had a first stage giving public access to the [Hemeroteca Digital](#), a digital library of Spanish old newspapers and magazines with 143 titles, edited between 1772 and 1933. That means free access to 500.000 digitised pages. The Library also presented the [Bibliografía Española en Línea](#) (Online Spanish Bibliography), an online free service that provides immediate access to the bibliographic records that are part of the Spanish publishing output, incorporated into the National Library by means of Legal Deposit.

The Library has initiated the process of implementing a new Integrated Library Management System to replace the Ariadna system. The Sirsi-Dynis is the company that will develop this library automation. This new system will allow the automation of all library tasks and will provide more and better services for its users. This project will be developed in two years starting in 2007, with an initial phase, already operational, devoted to the migration of over 3,000,000 bibliographic references that are currently available and to the implementation of the cataloguing and authority control module and the Internet user consultation module (OPAC), as well as the users' module. The second phase will include the implementation of purchase, traffic and serial publications management modules.

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