

# **TUNISIA**

## **National Library**

### **Annual Report of CDNL 2008**

#### **Acquisitions growth:**

The national library of Tunisia has increased her acquisitions effectives by purchasing a new collections of books (mainly in scientific fields in order to carry out the lack registered in these disciplines), in periodicals and manuscripts also. She is upholding the possession of rare and private manuscripts by promoting the proprietors to put up for sale their treasures in order to be well preserved in our library's new headquarters and according to the international standards of conservation. Therefore, the funds of the library have been enhanced by worthy donations (around 3.400) for this year, and is still remaining for others endowment reaching approximately 35.000.

#### **Digital Library and international partnership**

In her new headquarters, the national library had undertaken the digitization as one of its main projects. Currently, she is ensuring more than ever the digitization of its most rare and ancient periodicals collection in the framework of an international partnership "the European digital library" in collaboration with the Bibliothèque nationale de France (French national library). She also digitized the first and last manuscript's sheet in tandem with some of scarce books.

The Tunisian national library is aiming to reinforce her cooperation assignment above and beyond with the BnF and Korean national library relating to its collection digitization. Moreover, she is generating digital CD of its major exhibitions (Ibn Khaldoun, IBLA) and is listing in her new acquisitions digital CD in various fields.

#### **Web site and Portal**

In 2008, the national library of Tunisia had put in place her new Web site (<http://www.bnt.nat.tn>). It's aiming to put on line its periodicals and digital library with its documentary portal. On top of that, the library's web site is endeavoring to expose the history, the departments and cultural events of the Tunisian national library. The new web site is offering by its documentary portal the opportunity for each researcher to be connected to the most important libraries in the world such as The National library of France (BnF), British library, Congress library ...It also put forward the option of ordering documents on line excluding manuscripts.

## Conclusion

The national library of Tunisia is planning to improve its services for researchers, students and visitors by conserving its funds according to the international new norms mainly the anoxia and desacidification system. She is putting up an advanced documentary storing up strategy by adopting these new techniques (excluding in their document treatment's procedure any chemical product and using only natural and biological methods). Attempting to go ahead of its problems the national library had brilliantly realized several achievements and intends to have more cooperation with many well known and international libraries in order of sharing and exchanging its and their experiences.