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Annual report to CDNL 2009

Name of country: **Montenegro**

Name of library or equivalent national-level organisation: **Central National Library
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Headings:

Changes in the Central National Library management

The Government of Montenegro at its session held on 29 May 2008 adopted the Resolution on the Appointment of the New Board of Directors of the Library.

At the first session of the new Board held on 11 July 2008 and following the results of the open public competition for this position, the Decision was agreed to re-appoint the current director of the National Library Mrs. Jelena Đurović, whose previous four-year mandate had been terminated.

At the session held on 22 October 2008 the Board of the CNL of Montenegro adopted the new Draft Statute of the Library, which was then submitted to the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Media for approval.

On account of the results achieved in the period between 2004 and 2008 regarding the development and promotion of the institution and the overall library activities at the national level, Director Jelena Đurović received the award of the Former Royal Capital Cetinje – "13th November".

Financial report for 2008

Apart from the regular budget, the Government of Montenegro conducted the re-balance of the budget and allocated 26,793.45 EUR, and based on the additional requests the Government provided 32,000.00 EUR for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the main storage facilities for books and serials.

Total annual budget in figures:

- Financial resources provided by the budget of
the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Media € 1,029,632.94
- Funds provided through various donations € 618,394.16

TOTAL: € 1,648,027.10

Completion of the first phase of rehabilitation, reconstruction and adaptation of CNL facilities

In 2008 the first phase of the reconstruction, adaptation and rehabilitation of the CNL facilities was completed.

The works were funded through donations received from the Norwegian Government, The Government of Slovenia, IZUM, Maribor, and the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Media of Montenegro.

In the course of the year the roof and facades of the main storage area of the Library have been reconstructed, the new gutters and sidewalks have been fixed, as well as the insulation of the existing windows and the drain channels around the storage building have been restored.

- Funds donated by the Norwegian Government € 417,650.00
- Funds donated by the Government of Slovenia
and IZUM from Maribor 134,050.00
- Resources provided by the Ministry of Culture,
Sport and Media (the main building)..... 44,000.00
- Resources provided by the Ministry of Culture,
Sport and Media (central storage area)..... 95,151.31

In 2008 the rehabilitation of the roof and facades on the central storage facility was carried through, the new gutters and sidewalks have been placed, the windows have been repaired and sealed, and the drain channels around the storage building have been restored.

Equipment for the facilities included in the first phase of the reconstruction works were provided through the following donations:

- The Government of the Republic of Slovenia
for the COBISS Center € 38,000.00
- IZUM, Maribor – computer and telecommunication equipment 15,117.00
- The Japanese Government – equipment for
microfilming and digitization of microfilms66,690.00

Recruitment – filling vacancies

The Central National Library currently has, comprising trainees and staff employed through the Employment Agency, on 31 of December 2008 total number of 102 staff members (full time employees 80, trainees in librarianship 3, temporary employed 4, through the "Public Works" 7, and through the "Employment for you" program 8 persons). The current systematization of positions allows for additional 5 vacancies to be filled, which would be of particular importance for the overall operations of the Library.

Opening of the National COBISS Center of Montenegro

The reconstruction and rehabilitation works on the Annex of the Main library building, which houses the National COBISS Center of Montenegro, were officially completed on 1 July 2008, and at the same time the first phase of the reconstruction works funded by the grant received from the Norwegian Government was inaugurated. The Center comprises the computer room with most up-to-date equipment intended for the professional training of the Montenegrin librarians to work within the COBISS system, the room for press conferences, literary events and other cultural and educational programs. The reconstruction and remodeling of the building have been carried through by means of donations granted by the Government of Slovenia and the Norwegian Government.

Microfilming and Digitization Center

With the aim to launch the project of digitization of old and rare book collections and old Montenegrin serials, the Government of Japan committed the grant in aid amounting to 66,690.00 EUR to cover the costs of the required equipment.

The Microfilming and Digitization Center's ceremonial inauguration was held on 24 September 2008.

National Program for Library Digitization

Following the initiatives accepted in the EU countries aiming to promote the overall European information society, towards the end of 2008 the Government of Montenegro adopted the **National Program of Library Digitization**, which covers the period 2009-2011, while the preparatory phase will take place in 2009.

The National program fully observes the principles, policy and experiences in the field of the European cultural heritage digitization, aiming to develop the capabilities of library institutions of Montenegro and enable them to fully participate in digitization projects.

Membership in CENL and accession to TEL project (The European Library)

On 25 of September 2008, at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Management Board of the Conference of the European National Libraries (CENL) held in Zagreb, the National Library of Montenegro became a full member of this important association. The Conference of the European National Libraries is set up with the aim to promote and strengthen the role of European national libraries. As an international non-government organization, as of 3 January 2006 it has been given the membership status in the Council of Europe. By signing the Agreement, the CNL of Montenegro acquired the right to fully participate in the selection of candidates and to be nominated in CENL bodies and committees; furthermore, it has the possibility to take part in the European national libraries' project – **the European Library (TEL)**.

Development of the project Virtual Library of Montenegro

On the basis of the Joint Agreement signed on 18 December 2006 between the CNL and IZUM, Maribor, the Agreement on the full membership in COBISS.CG system has been signed by 26 libraries throughout Montenegro so far. The Cooperative (joint) database of the Montenegrin libraries COBIB.CG on 31 of December 2008 contained **149,939** bibliographic records. The CNL local bibliographic base contains **104,253** records.

Acquisition of library material

Through all methods of acquisition, the CNL of Montenegro has acquired around 14,000 books to enrich its collections.

On legal deposit scheme the following number of items have arrived in the library: 1,108 book titles (in 7,612 copies), 99 newspaper titles (20 of them are new titles), and 113 journal titles (35 new). The library has received 1228 issues of newspapers and 1400 issues of journals.

Through other methods of acquisition the Library received 484 book titles, including some extremely valuable lexicographic editions for the reference collection, and certain number of titles was received on exchange.

Use of collections

Searching of online catalog

In 2008 the CNL started to monitor and keep statistical records of the use of the cooperative online catalog of the Montenegrin libraries (COBIB.CG), as well as its local electronic catalog (CNBCT). The Cooperative online catalog of the Montenegrin

libraries was accessed **32,350** times, whereas the CNB online catalog was accessed **22,270** times altogether.

Use of library items in library reading rooms

To meet the needs of all user categories that searched the principal holdings and the "Montenegrina" national collection, the total number of copies in circulation is: **5,246** books, **2,162** newspaper volumes and **1,434** journal issues. After use 5,546 books, 2,116 newspaper volumes and 1434 journals were put back in place. Four archival boxes, 3 boxes of photographs, one box with picture postcards and two photo albums which form part of legacies and special collections, were requested and consulted by users. As far as the Old and rare book collection is concerned, 140 publications were consulted by library users, whereas the collections were searched by 25 clients.

Interlibrary lending

The total number of 238 requests was fulfilled through the ILL service. Other libraries requested and borrowed **1,589** publications, which is more than 100 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Majority of users are students, while 5-10 persons a day visit the library to search its holdings. During 2008 the library responded to 4,500 catalog and 2,220 bibliographic queries.

Media coverage – marketing

Throughout the year 2008 special attention was paid to the representation in media and to providing information on the most important activities of the CNL to the general audience. Although the library has not yet established its own marketing service, it put much effort to provide media coverage timely to present its basic activities and most important events to the public. Numerous announcements in all electronic and printed media confirm this fact. During 2008 the library activities were covered by 69 reports published in daily and weekly papers. On numerous occasions, news in the press appeared in connection with donations inaugurations, while Director Jelena Đurović gave interviews to RTCG, MBC, PINK Montenegro. In addition, all relevant data on important events are available on the library web site – <http://www.cnb.me> .

Cultural activities

- Exhibition "**160 years of the Mountain Wreath**", the poem written by the most prominent Montenegrin author, presentation in Herceg-Novi, opened on 19 February 2008 and lasted seven days;
- Exhibition "**160 years of the Mountain Wreath**", presentation in the Former Parliament in Cetinje as part of the manifestation entitled "The Days of Njegos", June 2008
- Book exhibition "**Literature and Theatre**" which marked the World Day of Book and Copyright held at the Montenegrin National Theatre in Podgorica, on 23 April 2008;
- **The Podgorica Book Fair**, 13-19 May 2008;
- Hosting of the exhibition presented by the State Archives of Montenegro entitled "Cetinje in old picture postcards", 13 November 2008
- Celebrations organized to mark the completion of the First phase of the Reconstruction, rehabilitation and adaptation of CNL facilities, inauguration of the COBISS Centre, presentation of the donation received by the Japanese Government (speeches, concerts, cocktails);
- **Concert given by guitar player Goran Krivokapić** at the library foyer, Cetinje Cultural Summer, 28 July 2008

International cooperation and conferences

In order to promote the cultural links between Montenegro and the Czech Republic and to achieve common goals in library and information sciences, the Central National Library "Đurđe Crnojević" , Cetinje, and the National Library of the Czech Republic in Prague signed the **Memorandum of Cooperation**. Representatives of CNL attended and took part in the following international conferences and workshops:

- 22nd Annual meeting of the Conference of European National Libraries (CENL), Zagreb, 25 September 2008;
- IV SEEDI Conference in Belgrade, 10-16 June 2008;
- International Conference "Culture Online", Brdo, Slovenia, 5-7 June 2008;
- TRADUKI project, the meeting of the persons responsible for the national and public libraries from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Republic Srpska, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Romania, and Bulgaria on the topic "Development, networking, the European cooperation in librarianship", Frankfurt, 30 October 2008;
- Annual ISSN conference, Paris 24 April 2008;
- 74th Annual IFLA conference in Quebec, Canada, 10-15 August, 2008;
- Workshop on the Adriatic-Ionic Initiative, Split, 3-4 April, 2008;
- Conference "Electronic Library" in Belgrade, 25-27 October 2008;
- One-week study visit of the two experts from CNL to the National Library of the Czech Republic, Prague;
- International Book Fair in Belgrade, October 2008.

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