

## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2011

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### 1. General Overview of recent major developments

In 2010 the Ministry of Culture allocated specified purpose budget amounting to € 134,424.59 for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and adaptation of the CNL facilities. The works on the replacement of the roof have been completed on one of the Library buildings – the former French Embassy.

The works on the reconstruction and adaptation of the Italian Embassy’s ground floor, which comprises the reading rooms, and a monumental celebration hall intended for exhibitions, cultural events, book promotions and alike, have been completed. Subsequently, this part of the building has also been furnished with modern and functional furniture received from the Government of the Republic of Slovenia as a donation.

To mark the occasion of the “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Kingdom of Montenegro”, CNL organized three outstanding thematic exhibitions, published three luxurious exhibition catalogs and a bibliophile edition of the “Speeches and Proclamations of King Nikola”.

In the first half of 2010, a delegation of experts from OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) from Dublin, Ohio, held an informative session at the COBISS Center of Montenegro. The most distinguished OCLC experts – OCLC Director Dr. Rein van Charldorp, Director of Sales & Operations EMEA at OCLC Eric van Lubeek, and WorldCat specialist and Regional Sales Manager Vivien Cook – gave their presentations.

Data on the Montenegrin publishers for 2009 required by PIID (Publishers’ International ISBN Directory) have been created and submitted to the International ISBN Headquarters in London, and will be included in the newly published annual edition of PIID.

As regards education and professional advancement of librarians, the Regional project of postgraduate studies in librarianship, which has been organized by the Ljubljana Faculty of Philosophy, is attended by two librarians from CNL. The Library organized the

professional exam in librarianship in two regular terms in 2010. Total number of 27 candidates successfully passed the exam.

Within the Current National Bibliography project, CNL published the **Montenegrin bibliography: monographs: 2005**, and the **Montenegrin bibliography: monographs: 2006**. Within the special edition of bio-bibliographies, the **Bio-bibliography of Academician Radomir V. Ivanović: montenegrina** was published, authored by Milorad Milović.

To mark the great jubilee of **“100 Years since the Restoration of the Kingdom of Montenegro”**, a jubilee edition of the **“Speeches and Proclamations of King Nikola”** was published in two versions: a bibliophile numbered edition and a regular hardback edition. Additionally, the CNL compiled and published exhibition catalogs to celebrate this event: **Nikola I – a Sovereign and a Poet**, the **Montenegrin and International Press on the Restoration of the Kingdom of Montenegro in 1910**, and the **Diplomatic Missions in Cetinje**.

CNL published a triple volume of its professional journal **“Bibliografski vjesnik”** (the Bibliographic Herald), issue No. 1-2-3/2009.

## **2. Library’s relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library’s mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library’s operations**

New Law on Librarianship was passed in August 2010 (published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro, issue No. 49/10), whereas 10 bylaws are being prepared.

Citation of legislation: The National Library collects, processes, preserves and enables the use of the national collection of library material on Montenegro, the Montenegrins, other nations and minorities living in Montenegro, library material written by Montenegrin authors and published by Montenegrin publishers and printing houses, old and rare books, the most important publications in all scientific and cultural spheres, and official publications; preserves and distributes legal deposit copies of the Montenegrin publishing and printing production; produces the current and retrospective national bibliography and assigns numbers used for the international bibliographic control: ISBN, ISSN, ISMN and other designations; creates fundamental catalog description – Cataloging-in-Publication for the publishers registered in Montenegro.”

## **3. Key facts and figures**

On the basis of the agreement on the exchange of legal deposit copies with the National Library of Serbia (Belgrade) and the Matica srpska Library (Novi Sad), CNL acquired 10,703 books and 18,226 issues of newspapers and journals. Special collections have been enriched by 188 CD-ROMs, 13 audio cassettes, 94 maps, 9 atlases, 34 items of printed music, 143 postcards, 32 DVDs and one ‘notaton’ (two octave metalophone).

On legal deposit received from the Montenegrin publishers, the Library acquired: 1,089 book titles (5,704 copies), 76 newspaper titles (6,241 copies) and 99 journal titles (2,177 copies). Through other forms of acquisition, the library received 777 book titles (1,245 copies). The most valuable acquisitions are: a donation of the Government of Montenegro which consists of 300 publications about the history and culture of China, written in Chinese and English, and the purchase of 321 titles (444 copies) of Montenegrin books which belong to the "Montenegrina" collection. Furthermore, CNL purchased 70 issues of "Glas Crnogorica" published between 1917 and 1921.

The total number of bibliographic records for monographs entered in the local CNL database reached 142,132 on December 31, 2010. A total of 11,602 records for monographs were created in the CNL e-catalog in 2010.

Technical preparations needed to start the processing of the Music Collection material in the electronic catalog are underway, while at the end of the year the library started to create bibliographic records for printed music (notes) according to ISBD(PM) standard.

Over the recent years, the number of Montenegrin publishers' requests for CIP, ISBN assignment, inclusion in the ISBN database and creation of barcode has been at a rather equal level of approximately 1,000 records per year. Apart from these professional cataloging activities, 5,059 bibliographic records created earlier have been reviewed and identified for the inclusion in the current bibliography of monographs.

Seventeen thousand Montenegrin posters have been classified, while the arrangement of the manuscript legacy of writer Čedo Vuković (3,387 documents) has continued.

As of December 31, 2010 CNL employs 80 staff (76 permanently employed, 2 staff members employed for the period of two years and 2 staff members employed to substitute those on sick leave).

Total budget of the library (the budget covering regular operations + funds for special purposes) amounted to € 1,245,723.03. Out of that amount, € 76,143.30 have been provided through the "Cetinje – the town of culture" program.

#### **4. New developments in creating and building collections**

With the aim to assist in creating the "Virtual Museum of Montenegro – Galeriamontenegrina" portal, CNL entered into an agreement with the Italian corporation "Novarais", which undertakes digitization projects, among many other activities. In order to carry out this joint project, Novarais completed digitization of 5 old and rare books preserved in the CNL holdings. Scanning was performed at the Montenegrin Embassy in Vatican. The following titles have been digitized: **Oktoih petoglasnik** (1560); **Noctes Atticae** written by Aulus Gellius in 1477; **Trebnik** (1837); **Služabnik** (1554) and **Triod posni** (1561).

The Center for Microfilming and Digitization made 64 microfilms with 9,303 images. Nine Montenegrin serial titles have been microfilmed: "Grlica", "Slobodna misao",

“Cetinjski vjesnik”, “Vjesnik”, “Crnogorka”, “Crnogorac”, “Zetski glasnik”, “Zeta” and “Prosvjeta”.

Throughout the year the following titles have been scanned and processed using Photoshop and pdf: “Cetinjski vjesnik”, “Vjesnik”, “Crnogorka”, “Crnogorac” and “Glas Crnogorca”. All scanned images have been copied to CD-ROMs and they are available to the public.

To meet the needs of the Center, the Library provided an A2 Book Scanner and an A3 Flatbed Scanner.

## **5. New developments in managing collections**

Having in mind the positive experiences and earlier significant achievements, in 2010 the Library continued the project on the “Reorganization of the main holdings of books and serials of the ‘Đurđe Crnojević’ Central National Library of Montenegro” carried out within the “Public Works” program of the Montenegrin Employment Agency, which was launched in 2009. Eight persons registered at the Employment Agency were engaged for the period of 9 months. This project started on June 10, 2010.

Over the period of 9 months a total of 175,739 items have been checked, cleaned, dusted and placed at the appropriate location in the main library storage area: 13,000 books, 21,882 issues of serial titles, while around 15,000 issues of newspapers and journals have also been technically processed.

## **6. New developments in providing access to collections**

CNL continues to keep records and statistics of usage rate of the cooperative online catalog of the Montenegrin libraries (COBIB.CG), as well as of its local e-catalog (CNBCT). The cooperative online catalog of the Montenegrin libraries was searched 71,535 times, whereas the CNL e-catalog was searched 26,931 times. Number of searches of the cooperative online catalog of Montenegro grew by 51.57% compared to the 2009 statistics.

A total of 3,636 books (out of which 397 belong to the ‘Montenegrina’ collection), 1,754 newspaper issues and 2,139 journal issues were borrowed from the main library holdings and the ‘Montenegrina’ collection. All borrowed items have been duly placed back to their respective topographic location. Thirty-five publications from the Collection of Old and Rare Books were used. Our library users received around 9,000 catalog, bibliographic and other similar information (provided by COBISS database, Internet, or by phone). Number of successfully responded requests for interlibrary loan was 191. A total of 1,195 publications were lent to other libraries in Montenegro, and 26,662 photocopies were made using the material from various library collections.

## **7. Examples of collaboration between the Library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums)**

With the aim to promote and strengthen Montenegro-Bosnia and Herzegovina relations and implement library and information science programs of mutual interest, **the Central National Library of Montenegro “Đurđe Crnojević” and the National and University Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina** signed a cooperation agreement on September 14, 2010.

CNL organized an exhibition of the “Fundamental Works about Montenegro: 1989-2010” to present the contemporary Montenegro to the Croatian public in the towns of Rijeka and Novi Vinodolski. Exhibited items comprised a selection of books from the National Library collections published over the last two decades covering different areas: history, archeology, cultural history and law. Some particularly important studies on the cultural monuments of Montenegro, architecture, fine arts and music, literature, the Montenegrin language, natural beauties, economic and maritime history, medicine, as well as books on the Montenegrin Diaspora were presented. A special segment of this exhibition included the books on the historical, political, cultural and other relations between Montenegro and Croatia.

As part of the “Days of the European Heritage” program, CNL held a promotion of its editions published to commemorate the “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Restoration of the Kingdom of Montenegro” at Njeguši, on September 18, 2010.

The Conservation and Restoration Atelier of CNL provided professional assistance in the preservation of endangered printed material to the Library of the Kotor Maritime Faculty.