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Mission

The National and University Library in Zagreb has a dual mandate – it is the national library of Croatia as well as the university library of the University of Zagreb. The Library is responsible for the collection, cataloguing, processing, archiving, protection, long-term preservation and making available to the public its entire collection and especially the national collection *Croatica* that is acquired on the basis of legal deposit copy. As the major research library of the University of Zagreb the Library also collects and stores foreign literature. The Library performs scientific, research and development activities with the aim to support, organise and develop the library system of the Republic of Croatia.

Legal status

Founded and financially supported by the Croatian government the Library reports to the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport and the Ministry of Culture. The current Law on Libraries dates from 1997.

Major achievements and general overview of activities

During the year 2012 all the fundamental library activities were continued despite the budget cuts. The strategic plan of the National and University Library in Zagreb for the period 2013 to 2015 was approved. It outlines two principal aims: coherent, protected, catalogued and accessible collection of national and scientific material in all formats and development of cooperation in information environment.

The continued efforts towards the establishment the Croatian digital library include the initiative for the creation of the system for e-books and systems supporting different types of digitised library materials. Digital collections are further developed and grow steadily as new material is added. Acquisition of important and unique works of Croatian heritage enriches the Library collections. Special collections received a number of new valuable items, the most significant among them were: *Ruder Bošković: Opera pertinentia ad opticam et astronomiam* (Bassani, 1785); *Mars super arma jacens* (Vindobonae, 1691); *Raccolta delle leggi ed ordinanze*

dell'anno 1819 (1823, 1829, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1837) per la Dalmazia; valuable art works by important Croatian artists including Ivan Meštrović, Boris Bučan, Milivoj Uzelac and Zlatko Keser. A donation of maps by Drago Novak *Collection Novak: Mappae Croaticae* needs to be singled out.

To provide current and better service to its users the Library portal was redesigned and the blog launched. The presence on social networks has been intensified.

The year 2012 was marked by the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the ISBN and ISSN agencies and the tenth anniversary of the Centre for continuous education.

The project for the creation of the Academic Centre was developed and included on the indicative list of the infrastructural projects for the European fund for regional development 2014-2020. The establishment of the Academic Centre will enable organisation of conferences and other events and programmes primarily in the field of librarianship, information and communication but in other fields as well.

Cooperation with national and international institutions

The cooperation with numerous national and international institutions continues to flourish. The library and its staff actively participate in numerous European and international organisations, networks and projects featuring: IFLA, CENL, CDNL, Liber, The European Library, Europeana and so on. The cooperation with the European Library and Europeana intensified. In addition to interface translation, regular update of the existing data and collections, new material is also prepared for ingestion. The Library participated in the virtual exhibition of the European Library "Science and Machines" and exported metadata from the collections: Croatian web archive and Digital academic repository to Europeana.

Conferences, cultural events, exhibitions, publications

The Library organised several conferences and meetings, alone and with partners including: Conference on Government Publications, Second Festival of Croatian Digitisation Projects, Round Table on Legal Deposit Copy. Representatives of the Library actively participated at numerous events in Croatia and abroad and gave presentations.

The rich library activities also include book promotions, exhibitions, celebrations and other events like: the building of the Pyramid of Books to mark the Croatian Book Month and collect the books to donate them subsequently to libraries and institutions, Night of Museums, Night of Books, Book Crossing, Exposition on the official publication and posters of the European Union, opening of the Energy Efficiency Green Library in cooperation with United Nations Development Programme in Croatia, Iranian cultural week and many others.

The organisation of the exhibition *The Croatian Glagolitic Script – Recollection of a Mediaeval European Script: from the Middle Ages until the Present Day* at the Palace du Tau in Reims, France together with the Centre for National Monuments – Palace de Tau, the Tourist Office of the City of Reims, the Ministry of Foreign and

European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, with assistance of the French Institute deserves special mention.

The Library publishes a quarterly journal *Glas NSK*, and other print and electronic publications: catalogues, manuals, instructions, guides and so on, to highlight only two: *Tolle lege* by D. Plevnik and graphic map 9 + 9 by M. Galić and Zvonko Maković.

Key facts and figures

Acquisitions:

21,312 items of books
14,531 other materials
17,864 journal issues
31,690 newspaper issues

Users:

19,199 registered users
550,000 visits to the Library web site with over 2 million page views.
Over 5,300 registered user on Library's social networks

Staff:

317 people, about two thirds are library staff

Budget :

7.7 million EUR