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NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, CROATIA

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NEW BUILDING FOR THE NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

On the 28th May 1995 the opening ceremony of the new building for the National and University Library took place. Since moving in, in May 1996, the Library has practically been in full function, and provided almost all services from the new building. The new building represents Library's fourth location in Zagreb since its foundation as a Jesuit College library in 1607.

The floor-space of the finished part of the Library totals 36.478 square metres, the unfinished part (second phase) 7,594 metres, giving a total area of 44,432 square metres. To this can be added a further 8,606 square metres of non-library space. The total storage capacity is for roughly 4,5 million volumes. Altogether, the Library has 750 readers' places for work, research and study, 100 places in seminar rooms (500 places in the conference hall to be finished in the second phase), 377 places for library staff, and 136 places in the restaurant and 48 places in the coffee bar.

The Library houses Croatian offices for ISBN, ISMN and ISSN, the CIP service, and the Croatian Institute for Librarianship. It also houses ISIP – permanent international exhibition of new publications, and CARNet – Croatian Academic Research Network.

There are 106 workstations for readers to search Library's OPAC and access CARNet and Internet. Online and CD-ROM database searches are available as a special service with training support when required. Lending division is fully automated with books bar code protected.

LEGISLATION

Work on the new Library Law occupied much of the 1997 and the law was finally passed in September 1997.

The Croatian Library Association, the Association of Croatian Literary Translators and the Association of Publishers and Booksellers organized an International Colloquium on the Legal Status of Books, Libraries, and Publishing in the Republic of Croatia in Zagreb on December 6 and 7, 1996 under the auspices of the Council of Europe, Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia and the National and University Library. One of the outcomes of the Colloquium is the beginning of the work on the feasibility study for the catalogue of Books-in-Print which was presented in November 1997.

AUTOMATION

In 1991 the Library changed the old system (used since 1981) for the new one which was named CROLIST and developed by the National and University Library and the software firm 3A (now the firm changed its name to UNIBIS). CROLIST is an integrated system designed to work in the network environment using ORACLE RDBMS and UNIX client/server technology. The present hardware used is COMPAQ Proliant 4500J.

UNIMARC formats for bibliographic and authority entry records, the national formats for record creation and exchange, are fully implemented.

The test CROLIST 4th generation WEB OPAC has been available on Internet since summer 1997: <http://www.nsk.hr>.

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

The National and University Library is equipped for all forms of conservation and preservation of library material, being the Croatia's centre for microfilming, lamination, restoration and bookbinding. That means that the Library is obliged to perform all forms of preservation and conservation for other libraries in Croatia where these means are lacking.

During 1996, the Conservation and Preservation Department moved into the premises of the new building thus gaining the opportunity to broaden its activities. This is especially important in the situation where large parts of the stocks are in the critical condition partly due to the moving of the Library, backlogs in conservation procedures, and war damages of the material in large number of libraries all over Croatia.

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

The Library is a member of IFLA. It has standing members in the Round Table on Newspapers, Pemanent UNIMARC Committee and UBCIMP Working Group on Minimal Level Authority Records and ISADN, and a corresponding member of the ISBD(CF) Review Group.

The Library is also a member of the Consortium of European Research Libraries and has contributed its records to the Hand Press Book database.

The Library took part in the EC project ProLib/UNIMARC.

The Library is a member of EALG since 1986 and one or two of its staff regularly attends its seminars.

POLICY

Long term policy of the Library is being defined in relation to its two basic functions - the national and university ones. Definition of Library's programmes coincides with the full implementation of the Croatian Library and Information System and development of the Information System of the University of Zagreb.

In relation to its national function, the Library will pay special attention to the completing of national funds, and publishing national bibliographies, both current and retrospective.

In relation to its university function, the Library will work on its inclusion into the Information System of the University of Zagreb and the System of Scientific and Technological Information.