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1. Management of the Library

Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine (VNLU) is the main scientific-informational centre of the country, national book-store and scientific centre of bibliography, studies in books and library science, which is under the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

The Fund of the Presidents of Ukraine, the National legal library, the Service of informational-analytical ensuring of the State bodies function in Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine. In the VNLU structure there are 40 departments, which according to their activity were grouped in the institutes (of library science, of Ukrainian book, of manuscripts, of archives science, of bibliographic researches), centres (of bibliotheka-informational technologies, of conservation and restoration, of cultural-enlightening, scientific-publishing).

The direction of the Library consists of: Director General, 5 Assistant Managers. The direction works out and confirms programs, strategic and financial plans, adopts and carries out the annual plan, budget and long-lasting capital investments.

2. Funding and Finance

The VNLU activity is financed by the State Budget of Ukraine. In 2004 the VNLU budget were 20,6 mln. Hrivnas (national currency). It is equal to 3,85 mln. \$. 19,7mln. have been financed.

The costs for the staff salary (with extra charges) were 9,8 mln. hrv. During the year there were salary increase in 69%. The amount of

assignments, spent for buying books and other documents, subscribing periodical publications and books for the exchange was almost 6,9 mln. hrv. During the year the State Budget allotted 4,5 mln. hrv. for foreign scientific-technical periodical press buying. There were spent 353,8 thousand hrivnas for the technical re-equipment, new computers acquisition. The rest of the money have been spent for the building maintenance in the proper conditions, bills, post-graduate students allowance, business trips, the other Library needs.

3. Legislation

The great meaning for the further VNLU development had the improvement of "Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine state development program for 2005-2010" (Instruction of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine №1085 from 08.25.04). The aim of the program is creation of conditions for the Library establishment as the main scientific-informational centre of the state, development of its activity, modern informational technologies, computers and using telecommunications.

The main tasks of the program are:

- implementation of new informational technologies for scientific, scientific-informational, cultural and publishing activity, general coordination and scientific securing in studies in bibliotheka, bibliographic, book-document science, international co-operation in sphere of formation, exchange and usage of the world library resources;
- implementation of the international library subscription card and international exchange in electronic view;
- implementation of depository formation of the UN publications and its specialized institutions;
- formation of the unique fund of the national informational resources on all electronic exponents of information, which includes the genuine document collection about Ukraine, scientific and social foreign publications, scientific literature and works of the world literature classics;
- organization of corporate base and data base filling as a measure of integration of informational library resources and other centres of document communications, formation of the unique scientific-informational air of Ukraine;
- creation of Ukrainian scientific-informational web-portal with systems of search and archives situated in global informational sets about Ukraine, and also scientific and social information;

- formation of electronic informational fund of the Ukrainian language, which includes encyclopedias, vocabularies, reference-books, study-books, works of Ukrainian literature classics and others (www.nbuv.gov.ua/law/04_dpmb.html).

08.26.04 to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine there were filed the draft law of Ukraine "On insertion of amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Libraries and library act, which concerns Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine" (JV<>5687/0/2-04), approved on the Cabinet of Ministers meeting. In the draft law there were offered to insert to the acting Law the article 7 "Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine", which attaches to the VNLU functions of the main scientific-informational state centre.

4. Buildings

The main task of 2004 was carrying out of complex integrated works in the main building of the Library. There were repaired the roof, carried out the reconstructing works of cascade water-pool and water-supply system. In the Branch NO 1 there were repaired the building of restoration department, involved new equipment for restoration works, prepared and handed a new automatic fire-alarm system of repository part, service and reading buildings.

According to the state program on the VNLU development for 2005-2010 it has being planned the building of a new library branch and equipment of existing buildings with modern systems of telecommunications, security and fire-alarm.

5. Staffing Matters

In 2004 Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine calculates 905 workers; among them are 469 library experts, 195 scientific workers, 241 engineer and other specialists. 87% of the VNLU workers have high education. 7 doctors of sciences and 63 masters of sciences work in the VNLU.

6. Main Advances in IT and New Technologies, Project

During the year the Library provided the readers with online access to its informational resources, represented on Website of the VNLU. There has been continued the work at the National electronic Library formation, improvement of its informational components: bibliographic, adopted and full texts; their amount is:

- the VNLU electronic catalogue – 312046 records;

- the state adopted data base "Ukrainika Naukova"
- 130.000 records;
- electronic documents fund – 30.000 publications.

In all 50 thousand sites (6 GB) have been situated on the Web-site (<http://www.nbu.gov.ua/>).

There were founded the e-portal in humanitarian, where the profile electronic library (10 thousand publications) were situated, acts of Ukraine in social sphere, references to the other Internet sources: electronic libraries, sites of scientific establishments, institutions of higher education.

The VNLU takes part in corporate projects fulfillment:

- National electronic library of Ukraine
- National system of Ukrainian scientific literature adoption;
- National format of bibliographic data representation;
- System of electronic scientific publications "The Library for the society";
- State record "Ukrainian book monuments";
- Scientific-informational portal of Ukraine - the Internet portal;
- Corporate scientific-informational net.

Computer park of book depository (over 300 PCs) is used for the creation of National electronic library of Ukraine and informational, electronic-informational service of readers and subscribers. The on-line access to the indexes and data bases is supported by the program module WWW ISIS (UNESCO).

7. National Bibliography

The VNLU is the main organization taking part in realization of the on creation of national bibliography of Ukraine. It systematically publishes the index system of Ukrainian bibliographic repertory, which Ukraine has never had during the history. In 2004 in "National Bibliography of Ukraine" there were published the 6th volume and is going to be published the 7th one of bibliographic index "Book in Ukraine. 1861-1917: Materials for Ukrainian Book Repertory". There have been continued the formation of computer databases of retrospective national bibliography, including common index of Ukrainian book.

8. Legal Deposit of Materials

There were inserted amendments to the Instruction of the cabinet

of Ministers of Ukraine from 05.10.02 K2608 "On rules of getting document legal deposit", which determined the list of receivers of legal deposit of publications, audio-, visual and audiovisual production (www.nbuv.gov.ua/iaw/02.html). Vcmadsky National Library of Ukraine has been returned the right of receiving of publications legal deposit of Ukraine for father formation of special collection "Archives of the Printed Texts of Ukraine" (it has being gathered since 1918).

According to the law of Ukraine "On legal deposit of documents" (1999) the VNLU received legal deposit of printed publications in all languages, but also audio-, visual, audiovisual documents, which were printed in Ukraine. During 2004 the Library received from publishing houses and other organizations over 48 thousand of document copies.

9. Acquisition

1.01.2005 the VNLU fund placed 13,92 mln. of document copies on different information bearers. During the year 168 thousand copies, among them are 43 thousand foreign, were taken to the Library Fund.

The basic sources of acquisition were: legal deposit (30%), grants of different establishments, organizations and people (20%), subscription (25%), book exchange (10%). Traditionally, books and magazines (84%), and also dissertations (3%), newspapers (2%) took the main place among all acquisition.

10. Special Collections

The unique cultural meaning has one of the richest ancient collections of Slavonic manuscripts, handwritten books of XI - XVIII centuries, historical documents of XVI - XVIII centuries; among them are seven pages of "Kyiv glagolic pamphlets" (X century), "Orshans'k Gospel" (XIII century), famous "Peresopnytsia Gospel" (1556–1561),¹ which is the unique Ukrainian manuscript because of its beauty and valuable ornamentation.

There is also great collection of ancient Slavonic books, printed in Cyrillic alphabet (over 8000 volumes).

Among the foreign collections there are the ancient monuments of West-European book-printing of XV–XVI centuries, including the collection consisting of 524 '*inkunabula*', books of the initial period of book-printing, printed till 1500 year.

The VNLU Manuscript Institute preserves over 400 document collections of III-XX centuries, archives of national scientific researches, scholars of literature and art of XIX-XX centuries.

The real treasure of the VNLU collection – almost 220 thousand fund of notes publications - is the most valuable note- store in Ukraine. Here there were situated the best monuments of musical culture of Ukraine and Russia of the end of XVII century-the beginning of XIX century, musical culture of different epochs and nations. The collection of printed line materials in the VNLU funds calculates over 250 thousand of copies. The special value of the album fund is the collection of so called "Kunst Bucher".

In the unique specialized fund of cartographic publications, where the literature in geodesy, geology, geography and other sciences about the Earth is concentrated, there were gathered 42 thousands of native and foreign cartographic materials since XVI century, including over 5 thousand of informational publications. The fund also includes a lot of rare documents as printed, so handwritten.

The UN publication fund is the Ukrainian centre of depository preservation of the UN documents and the UN establishments. The specialized collection "Fund of the Presidents of Ukraine" includes the documents, which reflect the state, social-political activity, art and the life of the Presidents of Ukraine. The national Legal Library forms the resources, which contain legal information (since 2002 receives legal deposit of materials of Ukraine on state and law issues).

The Jewish Fund (collection of Jewish printed publications and manuscripts), Austrian Library, Iranian Library (specialized collection in Farsy) are also the VNLU special collections.

11. Preservation and Conservation

According to the state "Program of Preservation of Library and Archives Funds for 2000–2005" and realization of the state program "Documentary memory of Ukraine" the VNLU carried out the integrated works aimed at ensuring of funds preservation. There has been continued the creation of national cultural acquisition record.

The system of preventive measures for ensuring of document physical preservation includes: keeping of proper temperature-humid, sanitary, light and fire-prevention conditions of document preservation, ecological fund security.

For preservation of intellectual content of rare, valuable publications and documents with unstable basis there were carried out a special work aimed at microfilming and making copies (making of insurance copies). There have been continued work aimed at

digitalization of waxed cylinders with records of Jewish music folklore. There was begun digitalization of copies of rare publications and documents from the VNLU music fund.

12. Services to Readers and Users

For 1.01.2005 the number of the VNLU readers was 366 939 people. During the year 24 119 scholars, specialists, teachers of institutions of higher education and students became the readers of the VNLU. 3 880 867 document were given to readers' usage, 1 668 426 document copies were made for their order. The readers were supplied by 22 reading-halls, free access to the Internet resources is given in the Centre of Bibliotheka-Informational Technologies. The access to the VNLU electronic catalogue resources is given by the majority of structural departments.

During the year 480 thousand of subscribers, who received 6,8 mln. of files, applied to the VNLU informational resources of the Internet-server (Electronic Library, electronic catalogue).

The special category of book-store subscribers is informational services of State Bodies; among them are the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Administration of the President of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. During the year the service of informational-analytic supplementation prepares special informational-analytic materials and daily reports on efficient information for the VNLU subscribers of this category.

13. Cultural Events and Exhibitions

As the VNLU is a scientific establishment of the NAS of Ukraine , it annually holds the international scientific conferences. In October 2004 there was held the professional international scientific conference "Libraries and informational centres in the system of scientific accompany of social reforms". During the year there were held 5 scientific conferences (among them are: international conference to the Day of Slavonic writing and culture "Slavonic cultures of XIX-XXI centuries: condition and perspectives", to the Independence Day "Development problems of Ukrainian state in modern times"), the 2nd international scientific-practical seminar "Informational technologies in libraries and education of librarians", seminar "Informational-librarian resources of the UN depository in Ukraine". During the year the VNLU held the 14th scientific conference by academician V.I. Vernadsky – "Volodymyr Ivanovych Vernadsky is a nosopher and a citizen".

There were solemnly opened: book exhibition to the science days of Republic of Macedonia in Ukraine; to the year of Poland in Ukraine - book exhibition "Poland: history and present -day" and there was hold the round table "Ukraine - Poland: European society". During the year there were hold 124 subject book exhibitions, 19 presentations of publishing house projects, 14 art- and photo-exhibitions. There were hold Illexcurtions for readers, the VNLU guests, students, teachers, post-graduated students. Cultural events and exhibitions were announced in " VNLU News" on the Library site.

14. Library Co-operation

In 2004 the Library co-operated with 1203 libraries and establishments of Ukraine and 61 foreign countries. The foreign partners of the Library were Academies of Sciences, National libraries, scientific and public libraries, universities and institutions of higher education, publishing houses, editorial offices, museums and other establishments.

During 2004 the international book exchange was an important source of popular foreign scientific literature. This basic non-currency source of acquisition ensured the obtaining of new scientific information including foreign small circulation publications. Thanks to the international book exchange the VNLU obtained 17 thousand publications.

The VNLU is a member of the international organizations: IFLA, IAML (International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Document Center); a member and a founder of Association of Libraries of Ukraine, a member of the ELNIT (International Association of Users and Eleborators of Electronic Libraries and New Informational Technologies); a member of non-commercial partnership "Library Assembly of the Eurasia", a member of Directory Council of scientific libraries and informational centres of Academies of Sciences, which are the members of the International Association of Academies of Sciences. And the VNLU is a participant of the Conference of National Libraries of Europe (CENL).

15. Scientific and Publishing Activity

In 2004 the prior scientific activity of the VNLU were: "Formation and usage of scientific-informational resources. National Libraries information", "Creation of national bibliography. Ukrainian biograpfist", "New technologies of preservation, conservation and restoration of the library funds", "Research, preservation and publishing of Ukrainian historic-cultural inheritance".

There have been finished carrying out of such scientific works: "Technology and Organization of Formation and Usage of Scientific Library Informational Resources", "Formation and Usage of Electronic Library Resources"; continued carrying out of such subjects: "Informational-Analytic Supplementation of Management Processes of Ukrainian Society Information", "Data Base Formation of National Bibliography of Ukraine", "Models and Technologies of Consequences Liquidation and Prevention of Emergency Situation in Libraries", "Book and Handwritten Monuments: Historical-cultural Researches of Library Collections and Rare Publications". There were begun the work on the project "Resource creation of Ukrainian electronic bibliographic vocabulary.

In 2004 the VNLU workers published 29 collective and personal scientific works, including 3 monographs, 16 scientific-informational, bibliographic, referential, methodical publications, 396 scientific articles. Under the aegis of the VNLU there were printed 4 issues of scientific works collections ("The VNLU Scientific Works" (2 issues), "Handwritten and Book Inheritance of Ukraine", "Library science and regional ethnography". The VNLU published 6 issues of the scientific magazine "Library Herald"/ "Bibliotechny Visnyk".

In 2004 there were organized publications of a new series "Medicine. Medical Sciences", Ukrainian referential magazine "Source"/ "Dzherelo". On the whole, in 4 series there were published 24 numbers. During the year there have been appeared 21 number of the computer magazine "Ukraine: actions, facts, comments", 239 daily reviews of operative information "Regions today" and 146 reviews of operative information from electronic publications "Rezonans".