

ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL 2013

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

The Library obtained several donations with the purpose to renovate the building of the former French Embassy in which special collections are stored. The financial aid donated by the international organization *Regional Cooperation Council Task Force on Culture and Society* (RCCTFCS) served for emergency reparation of electrical wiring. The same organization is funding current work on the main building reconstruction project.

As of mid-2013 this building has hosted the "Frédéric Rossif" French Corner in accordance with the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by the National Library of Montenegro, the Royal Capital Cetinje and the French Embassy in Podgorica, with the financial support provided by Robert Schuman Foundation. The refurbished space has revived yet another segment of the national and cultural history of Montenegro, and at the same time, enriched the cultural content offered by the Library.

The most important result achieved in 2013 within the Montenegrin Virtual Library Project is that the remaining 18 libraries in Montenegro joined the COBISS3/Holdings platform. Currently all the libraries of the COBISS.CG system use COBISS3/Holdings software to manage their holdings.

The National Library of Montenegro has successfully completed the *Program for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage for 2013*. This program included conservation and restoration of three paleotypes from the Old and Rare Book Collection, and another particularly successful *Digital Collection Petar II Petrovic Njegos* has been created. This digital content is available at <http://www.petarpetrovic2nbcg.me> and its aim is to present the most famous works by, and about Njegos preserved in the National Library to the broader scientific and literary audience. Participation in the MANUBALK project (Preservation of Old Books in the Western Balkans) continued in

2013; it resulted in partial conservation and restoration treatment of Arab posters from the Old and Rare Book Collection.

Three online current bibliographies have been published as part of the *Bibliographies* edition, and they are accessible via the Library website: *Montenegrin Bibliography: monographs: 2005*; *Montenegrin Bibliography: monographs: 2010*; and *Montenegrin Bibliography: contributions published in serials and collections of papers: 2011*.

The Library's publishing program included several printed editions:

- Exhibition catalogs honoring important jubilees - 200th birth anniversary of Petar II Petrovic Njegos: Njegos's editions "The Cherub of Enigma", Paintings of Mihailo Mujo Jovicevic "Through the Complex World of Light and Chaos", and Irena Lagator: Opening of the book "A Night More Precious than a Century";
- Catalog for photography exhibition of the famous Montenegrin photograph "Marko Vujovic and images of a time";
- Novel "Homer's Archipelago" by Boro Jovanovic published as the 67th book of Special Editions;
- Report on the realization of the Protection of Cultural Heritage Program for 2012.

In 2013 numerous cultural events were organized by the Library: two book promotions, 11 exhibitions (of books, posters, paintings, sculptures, photographs), two concerts and a fashion show. The year of Njegos's jubilee was celebrated through various programs: exhibition of books and posters named "About Njegos – a poet, thinker, ruler", installation of Njegos's bust and the exhibition of Njegos's works "The Cherub of Enigma", the exhibition of paintings by Mihailo Mujo Jovicevic from his cycle called "Njegos's Celestial Light", and the exhibition of sculpture in the form of a book named "A Night More Precious than a Century" made by artist Irena Lagator. Through these events the Library presented the universal brilliance of this superb philosopher.

With the aim to acquire more sophisticated professional skills, three conservators-restorers from the National Library of Montenegro visited Arles, France, and two librarians visited the National and University Library in Ljubljana where they became more acquainted with the work of the digitization section and cataloging of special collections. Two representatives from the NLM attended the lecture given by German scientist Dr Timo Borst on "Opening up repositories for the semantic web" organized by Goethe Institute in Belgrade, Serbia. COBISS courses were attended by 55 librarians from the COBISS system member libraries. Within the MANUBALK framework a digitization training session was held, which focused on two topics:

metadata for digitization and accessibility of content over the Internet, and quality control of data and activities in connection with digital media during scanning. The training session was delivered by Adam Sofronijevic from the University Library "Svetozar Markovic", Belgrade.

Towards the end of 2013 the NLM contacted the Ministry of Culture and launched, through the National Commission for UNESCO, an initiative to disseminate information and media literacy through the national network of libraries. It has been envisaged to complete the procedure required for the establishment of UNESCO IFAP Committee in 2014, along with a range of fieldwork activities.

The second Conference of Directors of National Libraries of South-Eastern Europe was organized by NLM and was held in October 2013.

Representatives from the NLM took part in annual meetings of CENL, ISSN and SEEDI initiative.

- 2. The reporting *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.**

The National Library of Montenegro has drafted a document entitled *Information on the situation in the library and information system and the digital library of Montenegro with proposed measures for sustainable development*, which should, once adopted by the Government, ensure proper and full functioning of these segments in the following years. Taking into account that users of library services connected to the library-information system and the digital content are mainly schools, universities and wider community in general, the *Information* offers a proposal that the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and the Ministry of Information Society and Telecommunications jointly provide financial resources for activities that would allow full functionality and sustained development of the COBISS.CG system and the Digital Library of Montenegro. This document was scheduled for review at the Government's session before the end of 2013, but had to be rescheduled for the beginning of 2014.

The Government appointed the new Library Council of five members in December 2013.

- 3. Key facts and figures** (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc).

In 2013 the Library acquired the following material:

1. 3,156 titles of various library material (books, serials, maps, CDs, DVDs) on legal deposit;
2. 1,680 titles (books, photographs and postcards, photographic plates, photo paper, city plan) through donations;
3. 1,005 books and 2,786 issues of serials on exchange. NLM sent 1,622 books and 8,751 issues of serial titles published in Montenegro to foreign libraries.

Cooperative bibliographic database COBIB.CG

On the 31st of December 2013 this database contained 327,810 bibliographic records, whereas the local NLM database contained 190,750 records.

NLM E-catalog

The total number of new bibliographic records for monographs created in the Library's electronic catalog is over 11,000.

In the existing records for serial titles inventory numbers were entered (COBISS/3 Holdings) for 185 serial titles (2,648 volumes).

As for the cataloging of monographs from the Collection which are edited in the electronic catalog, the total number of new records is 47, downloaded 86 and 4 loc. data.

In 2013 a total of 1,781 monographs from the Collection of Legacies were cataloged and classified.

Collection of Printed Music - the total number of records created for individual bibliographic items in 2013 is 724.

Collection of Cartographic and Geographic Material – the total number of records created for bibliographic items (shelf mark Kr I) is 687. Under the shelf mark Kr II 350 bibliographic records were created.

A total of 1,059 CIP records were created (1,014 for monographs, 44 for serials and 1 map). The number of ISBNs assigned is 1,014; 97 publishers were included in the ISBN database; and 814 barcodes were created and sent to the publishers.

There were 79 staff members employed by the National Library as of 31st of December 2013.

The total budget of the National Library amounted to € 1,042,337.11.

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

Due to the fact that this year's priority was given to the process of scanning, all human resources available were focused on that work, therefore, microfilms have been produced only for the following titles: Boka kotorska, 1882 and 1883; Bokeski vjesnik, 1944; Boka: glasnik, 1909.

The Center for Digitization produced scans and processed the material required for the Portal dedicated to the 200th anniversary of birth of Peter II Petrovic Njegos. The Portal is available at <http://www.petarpetrovic2nbcg.me>. This digital collection contains Njegos's works, correspondence, manuscripts, translations, literature about Njegos, bibliographies, paintings, posters, adaptations and photographs.

In 2013 9,981 digital objects was scanned and processed, referring to 100 book, journal and newspaper titles.

As of December 2013 the Bibliography of Articles for 1012 has become available online, comprising 4,249 bibliographic entries.

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

The last year's records show 1,198 titles on the desiderata list, which refers to the books requested because they are still missing in the *Montenegrina* Collection. A database of desiderata has been established, and during the visit to the large regional book fair, the Belgrade Book Fair in October 2013, the list of requested titles was completed by adding new editions.

By sending book requests to publishers and printers, the Library acquired 553 monographic titles (869 copies).

Reorganization of storage of holdings and collections in NLM refers primarily to the ongoing work on the reorganization and innovative presentation of the so called Museum Department collections in such a way that part of the currently published Montenegrin journals (1946-2012) have been transferred to the General holdings storage space.

Following the positive experiences and achieved results, the Project of reorganization of locations in the general holdings continued in 2013.

Conservation and restoration of posters and old books, and restoration and conservation of bindings (circa 100 items) has been completed.

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

The union catalog of the Montenegrin libraries available at <http://vbcg.vbcg.me> was searched 102,234 times, while CNBCT – the National Library's online catalog had 30,554 searches. COLIB.CG – database of Montenegrin libraries had 2,211 searches.

The number of "virtual" users of the online catalog has been on the rise in recent years, unlike the number of users visiting the Library. The Library was visited by 1,050 single users (multiple visits) and they were provided with 14,500 library items and approx. 11,250 pieces of information of various kinds (catalog, bibliographic and other information retrieved from COBISS and the Internet), while the number of visits of the website www.cnb.me in 2013 was 242,335.

From the General holdings and the *Montenegrina* collection 9,224 books, 2,824 newspaper items and 2,429 journal items were borrowed. Interlibrary Loan service handled 20 requests. Other libraries borrowed 319 publications.

Digital Montenegrin Bibliography 1494-1994 Project which provides online access and search of this essential edition containing over 230,000 bibliographic entries is available at www.nbcg-digitalnabibliografija.me and aroused great interest among numerous users. Before the end of 2013, 3,792 visits to this site were registered.

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

This year the National Library of Montenegro paid special attention to the implementation of projects involving cooperation with other libraries and cultural institutions:

Library's exhibitions were hosted in galleries in Kotor and Bijelo Polje; throughout the year NLM supplied public and school libraries with books from its duplicate stock; as part of the MANUBALK project, the training sessions were held on 18-19 November 2013, which were attended by public librarians involved in digitization; numerous training courses and lectures were organized for librarians in Montenegro; professional supervision was conducted over public libraries (21 libraries) and the University Library.