

## ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL 2014

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Name of library: **National and University Library of Iceland - NULI**

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

The Library is both the National Library and the library for the University of Iceland. The aim is to be a source of knowledge for everyone. It serves the Icelandic community in all areas of reference and academic discipline and plays a leading role in the collection, preservation and dissemination of information, thus making a vigorous contribution to culture, research and creative work. In accordance with performance target agreement between NULI and the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, the Library's position as a knowledge provider has been underlined. With reference to the dual functions, emphasis has been placed mainly on *a digital national library* and *a digital research library*. The Library was established in 1994 with the union of the National Library of Iceland (founded in 1818) and of the library of the University of Iceland (founded 1940).

### 2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and legislation which affects the library's operations.

Early in 2013 the NULI started work on a new policy. The purpose was to develop guidelines for the employees of the Library while focusing on the Library's activities for the years to come. In forming the policy, there was extensive consultation with employees, partners, stakeholders and university students. The policy is based on services, electronic solutions, collection and organization of electronic material, as well as cooperation. More emphasis will be placed on research, innovation and changes in the use of the Library's premises. The new policy was published as: *Knowledge Source for Everyone: Policy of the National and University Library of Iceland for 2013 – 2017*. The Ministry of Education published a *Cultural Policy for Iceland* in 2013, based on a Parliamentary resolution on cultural policy. It was used as a background material in forming the Library's policy. Another document used, was *Governmental policy on the Information Society*, also from 2013.

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

<b>Holdings:</b>	
– general collections – units	980.000
– manuscripts – units	15.800
– music and film collections – units	25.000
– web archive – documents	2.550.000.000
– digitized material – pages	5.100.000
– born digital material – units	19.500
<b>Access:</b>	
– national licences – journals	20.000
– national licences – databases	13
– NULI licences – journals	2.800
– NULI licences – databases	29
<b>Staff (FTE)</b>	<b>68.78</b>
<b>Operating expenditure - in million ISK</b>	<b>958</b>

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

##### *Digitization*

The total number of digitized pages of journals and newspapers available on *timarit.is* at the end of the year was 4.5 million. All the pages have been OCR-read. Digitization and cataloguing of manuscripts continued on *handrit.is* and 1.153 manuscripts have been digitized, a total of 329.000 pages. At the end of the year 883 book titles, a total of 289.000 pages, were accessible on *baekur.is* and 771 maps from the years 1544-1951 were accessible on *islandskort.is*. Work on mobile and tablet interfaces for the websites is in progress.

##### *Web Archiving*

NULI has harvested the Icelandic web domain .is and other Icelandic related websites since 2004. The web archive, *vefsafn.is* was opened in 2010. Copies of Icelandic websites from 1996-2004 from the Internet Archive were also added, 47 million pages and 287 gigabytes. *Vefsafn.is* currently contains about 2.550 million documents. The quantity of data is 47 terabytes, with a back-up copy. At the end of the year about 45.000 URL's belonged to the .is domain.

##### *Repositories and Open Access*

The Library operates *skemman.is*, an open-access repository for Icelandic universities, containing dissertations and staff research papers. It hosts nearly 16.000 works. *Rafhladan.is* is a repository for the purpose of preserving Icelandic born digital, legal deposit materials. The material is either collected by library staff or individuals, institutions or companies can deliver material over the web. It hosts around 3.500 entities.

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

Icelandic universities now use the SFX link solver and A-Z list to enhance access to the content of ICES and their own subscriptions. The subscription list of NULI is called *Finna timarit*. The majority of the content is also searchable in *leitir.is*

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

A discovery service under the name *leitir.is* was opened in 2011 using Primo and Primo Central Index. Users can now search Gegnir, the union catalogue, various digitized collections, e-subscriptions of the universities and resources of The Iceland Consortium for Electronic Subscriptions (ICES), *hvar.is*. The bX scholarly recommender service was also installed.

The library runs several Facebook pages, a general one for the library, and also for manuscript collections, national collections audio-visual collections, ICES, The Oral History Center and the Women's Archives.

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

NULI is an active partner in the Icelandic library system, Gegnir (Aleph from ExLibris). Gegnir hosts the national union catalogue and national bibliography and gives access to information about material in most libraries in the country. The discovery service *leitir.is* and related products are also run on a collaborative basis. The NULI also runs a consortium for access to Web-Dewey.

- NULI runs The Iceland Consortium for Electronic Subscriptions (ICES), *hvar.is*. The licences are funded by institutions and majority of libraries in the country.
- NULI is partner of the European projects TEL, Europeana, Europeana Newspapers and Medioevo Europeo COST, EURIG and web archiving projects run by IIPC.
- NULI is a partner of IFLA, IIPC, CDNL, CENL and LIBER.

Minutes of July 16 KM Leaders meeting

Attending: Leda, Xuemo, Sally, Wilda, Elizabeth and Mary Augusta.

**Agenda review:** no new items

**Lyon conference preparations:**

- a. Chair's letter. Chair's letter to section was reviewed and the committee thought that it was both welcoming and informative about the conference sessions and meetings.
- b. Two SC meeting agenda: When reviewing the proposed agenda, members of our committee recommended that some of the most crucial issues are moved forward. Since our sessions do. It takes place until after our SC meetings, last minute issues can be addressed. Looking forward to Capetown and the plan for a Satellite conference needs time for discussion. Full committee members receive an agenda and an invitation to the next conference.
- c. Dinner is on August 20 at Le tire bouchon. Committee members and guests are welcome if they notify Leda quickly. Thank you Julien for locating the venue.
- d. Other programs: Julien reported that the satellite conference has 65 registered attendees. Lunch that day will be in the amphitheater at the museum and coffee will be supplied by the roman department of the university, all the papers are in hand. Klaus was not on the call but has reported that the open session is also under control with all papers in place. The open session will have a translator for French (only French?). The Asia session papers have not been uploaded yet, but Leda has them. Mary Augusta did not have further details of the knowledge cafe, but was reassured that it has been organized in the past at the last minute.
- e. Leda will bring 400 brochures to the conference for distribution at the sessions. Printing these was the only conference expense.

**KM Web Portal Project:**

The km wiki space is up and available to the acclaim of all. Stuart and Sheila will add content to sections. Each member needs to take responsibility for some part of the site. Emily Thornton, an intern is willing to continue her work on home site. Eva will update information based on the survey of the committee, The KM Portal is "the KM section living beyond the conferences." Before Lyon, Wilda will gather all the pieces so we can all take part without too much stress. Once we have an update of needs, we can select sections to maintain. Hosting the portal is undecided. Right now it lives in the cloud and since it's WordPress that might be good. We cannot manage to offer translations into IFLA's 6 languages but Xuemo reminded us that we could imbed google translator into the pages. In the future, there may be subscriptions fees; we will talk more at conference.

**News about publishing a volume based on proceedings:** No further information on a publication at the moment. Waiting for an answer from IFLA HQ.

**Other items:**

The Summer *Newsletter* is out and everyone appreciates Wilda's efforts. Julien and Klaus secured great interviews with our sessions keynote speakers and thanks also for Enrico's comments.

We have received the offer of a location for the satellite conference in Cape town. The concern lies with the distance and possible difficulties of travel. KM committee members want to locate the satellite conference close to the host city to encourage wider attendance. Location and contents will be further discussed at Lyon.

Xuemo has offered Cincinnati as a nearby location for a satellite conference in 2016 as it is close to Columbus, Ohio. 😊

The Section membership mailing list was reviewed. We have 65 people and institutions listed but have e mail for only about 35 or so. Those lacking were considered lapsed however this doesn't seem a good explanation. Wilda will ask for more information and Leda will follow up if needed.

The meeting concluded with good wishes for safe travels to Lyon. For some of us, it will be the first time face to face with colleagues with whom we have been working profitably for many months.

Bon voyage.