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### 1. General review of major events of the last year

In 2013, the Presidential Library participated in providing assistance for the holding of a number of major events of social importance: for example, the G20 summit in Saint Petersburg, meetings of intergovernmental panels, and the high-profile conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency «Atomic energy in the XXI century». The Library's representatives co-chaired the «Culture and Art» group of the 3rd «Russia-Republic of Korea Dialogue» forum. The Library is also one of the co-founders of the Russian Historical Society department in Saint Petersburg, providing cooperation in the running of the International Legal Forum's plenary session in Saint Petersburg, and also, the final meeting of the 2nd Saint Petersburg Cultural Forum's Organizing Committee, which was successfully conducted in the Northern Capital, having been held in the Presidential Library's building.

For the information support of the G20 summit which took place in Saint Petersburg on 5-6 September 2013 the «Russia in External Trade: History and Present» and the «Saint-Petersburg and Russian Avant-Garde Art» collections were realized. Also the specialists of the Presidential Library prepared documentary «Chairman of the space» and 3 multimedia exhibitions: the «Russian Pavilions at the World Exhibitions», the «Russia in External Trade» and the third, the «Saint Petersburg and Russian Avant-Garde Art».

In the frameworks of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Library prepared the «Constitution of the Russian Federation. 1993» thematic electronic collection; in cooperation with Russian Historical Society and Academic Teaching and Research Center of

Moscow State University and Russian Academy of Science the project of «Electronic Museum of the Constitutional History of Russia» was realized; a round-table meeting «Russian Constitution in the context of historical and legal researches (on the 20th anniversary of the Constitution of the Russian Federation)» was held; the young lawyers took part in the first Senate readings on the topic: the «Constitution of the Russian Federation: the unknown known»; the video lecture hall session, devoted to the principal law of the country and the presentation of the book authored by S. M. Shakhray «About Constitution» were held; in Desember 2013- May 2014 160 thematic excursions «Multimedia Constitution Lesson» were held in the Presidential Library, 3300 pupils took part in it.

New digital collections: “The History of Sochi in postcards and photos” and “Olympic Games in collectibles” devoted to XXII Olympic Games in Sochi were presented in the portal of the Presidential Library in February 2014.

432 license agreements were signed, digital copies of the editions enriched the holdings of the Presidential Library in the framework of “National library Resource”.

By the beginning of 201 Presidential Library collaborated with 200 state and public organizations and institutions, including institutions of science , culture and education , radio and television, publishing houses , church organizations and institutions, as well as individuals .

## **2. Note of the reporting library’s relationship to government, and citation of legislation which sets out the library’s mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library’s operations.**

The Presidential library is created in accordance with the Order of the President of the Russian Federation dated June, 18th, 2007 №326 «On Creation of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library» and the order of the President of the Russian Federation dated November, 5th , 2008 №1615. According to the paragraph 2 of the order the main purpose of the establishment is to create national repository of digital resources represented in digital form of documents and works devoted to history, theory , practice, and the Russian statehood and Russian language as the state language of the Russian Federation.

The main document which identifies the activities of the Presidential Library is the Charter approved by the Governmental Order of the Russian Federation dated December, 28th, 2011 №1189. According to the point 7 of the Charter the Government of the Russian Federation has the following functions and authorities of the founder :

1) approval of the charter, amendment of it ;

2) support of legal and logistic conditions of institution activities, security, integrity and inalienability of the property provided to the institution, including holdings, collections of cultural values and digital collections of the institution.

According to the paragraph 2 of the Charter the Institution is the national library of the Russian Federation. In the Presidential Address to the Federal Assembly on April 26, 2007 is said that the Presidential Library is an information and linking part for the entire library system of the Russian Federation.

The basic normative-legal act, regulating the work of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library and determining its status as the National library, is the Federal law «On Librarianship» dated December, 29th, 1994 №78-FZ.

Paragraph 13 of the Federal law «On Legal Deposit» dated December, 29th, 1994 №77 determines that publishers should deliver one digital legal deposit of each document to the Presidential Library.

### **3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, etc.)**

In 2013, more than 70 thousand documents from various sources were received and downloaded into the information system of the Presidential Library, more than 49 thousand bibliographic entries were edited and cataloged over the course of the reporting year; the whole amount of digital holdings is 32,2 million scans. By the end of the 2013 the total amount of documents in the Presidential Library's holdings is more than 300 thousand and 100 thousand of them are presented on the web-portal. The total volume of the Presidential Library's primary file increased to 13 thousand main entries. 2000 thousand of news articles were published, 50 new historical essays were presented in the section "One Day in History". 1 million 200 thousand readers visited the portal of the Presidential Library during 2013. Each day 5 000 readers visit the portal. 35 thousand users registered and now have their personal cabinets. The administrations of the subjects of Russia provided support in creation of a network from 23 regional centers and 68 electronic reading rooms with an access to information resources of the Presidential Library, 10 regional centers and 45 electronic reading rooms of which were opened in 2013 only. Total number of staff: 248 persons.

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

In 2013 the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library continued to develop digital collections. 26 new digital collections were prepared, it is about 3000 of documents.

During Russian Language Year the portal released a basic digital thematic collection the «Russian Language» dedicated to the Russian language as the official language of the Russian Federation. The materials of the collection reflect

the main historic stages of the development of the Russian language (from its origin to our time), the researches on the Russian language, the methodology of learning the language in educational institutions and without professional assistance, the government policy in the field of the Russian language. The collection included manuscripts and published issues of the masterpieces of Russian, archived files, scientific works (including theses and authors' abstracts), dictionaries and reference books, different teaching guides, aimed at people with different language proficiency.

In 2013, Russia celebrated the 400th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Mikhail Fedorovich Romanov, the founder of a new royal dynasty. The 1613 Zemsky sobor and the representatives of the House of Romanov became the key figures of the collection, including 900 units of storage.

On December 12, 1993 a new Constitution of the Russian federation was adopted according to the results of the nation-wide vote. The materials of the collection, which coincided with 20th anniversary of the event, reflect the direct participation of the President of the Russian Federation in the work at the project, the activity of the Constituent Assembly of Russia, which opened in the Kremlin June 5, 1993.

The Russian Museum and the Presidential Library prepared a joint digital collection the «Saint Petersburg and Russian Avant-Gard» for the G20 summit which was held in Saint Petersburg. This collection included general researches on the history of the Russian avant-garde school, albums and catalogues of the exhibitions, dedicated to this art division, works of several abstractionists. Much interest was paid to the materials, reflecting the atmosphere of the epoch. Among these materials are a newsreel, showing Petrograd of the first quarter of XX century, rare postcards with examples of the avant-garde design for decorating festivals

Presidential Library prepared a special digital collection which includes publications and archival documents devoted to the development of trade relations between Russia and the European and Asian countries in the period from the XVII to the beginning of the XXI century. The collection consisting of 272 items includes the legal materials (international trade treaties and agreements, customs legislation, etc.), statistical overviews, monographs and abstracts. The main emphasis is made on the history of the development and implementation of customs policy of the state as one of the most important forms of state regulation of foreign trade.

Two collections were dedicated to the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi. The collection "History of Sochi in postcards and photographs" includes 110 postcards and photos of the late XIX - early XX century. The material from the Children's Museum of postcards, Library of Congress (USA) and private collections were used to prepare the collection. The collection "Olympic Games in collectibles" presents digital copies of various objects united by the Olympic topic and aimed to

preserve the memory of the important sporting events. The collection includes 141 units (badges, stamps, coins, postcards, programs, tickets, etc.) with the image of the traditional Olympic symbols, mascots of the Olympics, certain kinds of sports, the participants and winners of sports competitions. The main part of the collection is dedicated to the XXII Olympic Summer Games of 1980 - the first Olympic Games that took place in our country.

Also in the 2013 the funds of the Presidential Library were actively replenished with video materials. Their number increased by more than 120 units. These are movies, videos clips, video tours, videos of lectures, lessons and presentations during various educational projects, scientific conferences and social events.

### **5. New developments in provision of access to the collections**

In 2013, the Presidential Library continued to further develop the network of remote reading rooms, including those using the collective remote access facility based on digital signature certificates.

In various regions of Russia 48 organizations were connected to the library resources, including Ryazan Regional Universal Scientific Library named after Maxim Gorky, Tula Regional Universal Scientific Library, State Universal Scientific Library of Krasnoyarsk region, Murmansk State Regional Universal Scientific Library, etc. In addition to the 12 existing centers of access to the resources of the Presidential Library, new ones were opened in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture under Rosstrudnichestvo abroad: in Astana, Vientiane and Budapest. In June 2013 a remote reading room of the Presidential Library was opened on the basis of Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine in Kiev.

In 2013, in addition to the resources from the Presidential Library's holdings, permanent or trial access to 12 external resources was provided. Among them are the databases of integrators of academic periodicals and media, legal information and retrieval systems of various producers, as well as humanities-oriented digital library systems.

### **6. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national Institutions**

In 2013 the Presidential Library has organized and participated in more than 30 international events. The delegation of the Presidential Library has participated in the work of such international forums as the Russian-German forum "St. Petersburg Dialogue" in Kassel, as well as in the international conferences in Germany, the U.S., Singapore, Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Ukraine.

On July 19, 2013 the Presidential Library hosted an international scientific conference "Modern digital libraries in the information environment of Russia and China". The event, which was attended by 39 experts from Russia and China, was held in accordance with the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Department of Affairs of the President of the Russian Federation and the State Council of the People's Republic of China. 10 reports on the experience of creation of digital collections and libraries were presented.

Experts of the Presidential Library held a series of educational events for the specialists of the National libraries of Kazakhstan and Ukraine in St. Petersburg, as well as a training seminar on the topic of formation and cataloging of electronic resources of digital libraries in "Nazarbayev Center " in Astana. In October 2013 the specialists of the Presidential Library were having a training seminar in the Library of Congress as a part of a joint project with the World Digital Library. During the International Conference "Crimea 2013" the specialists of our library have organized a round table "Integrated electronic resources in the modern information environment".

In 2013 specialists of the Presidential Library translated into Russian language the scientific publication titled "Cataloguing Cultural Objects: A Guide to Describing Cultural Works and Their Images" (CCO). The document is available on the web sites of the Presidential Library and the Association of visual resources (USA).

Over the past 12 months the Presidential Library carried out preparatory work and signed a memorandum and two agreements with foreign partners: the National Historical Library of Ukraine (agreement), Dnepropetrovsk Regional Universal Scientific Library (agreement) and the National Library of Azerbaijan (memorandum). Consultations and negotiations on cooperation with international libraries, archives, and cultural centers of Japan, Finland, Uzbekistan, Norway, Austria and France were held.

In 2013 within the framework of the Russian- American working group on library cooperation interim sessions of subgroups "Joint digital projects" and "Technology and best practices" took place in Washington. In November 2013 the delegation of the library visited the U.S. National Constitution Center and the Presidential Library of John F. Kennedy, and discussed the future cooperation, namely, a joint conference on constitutionalism and statehood in Russia and the United States, the creation of content for cooperation within educational activities for young people.

As a part of the US-Russian bilateral dialogue a movie «Russian fleet at the American shores" was demonstrated in the Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States at an event marking the 150th anniversary of Russian naval expedition to the shores of North America.

Within the framework of the 7th International Conference of European National Librarians (CENL) and the 15th meeting of the Library Assembly of Eurasia

(BAE) a Memorandum on cooperation between the Presidential Library and the National Library of the Republic of Azerbaijan was signed. Also in 2013 the Presidential Library and the Museum of Ethnology of Hamburg have implemented a joint exhibition project "Circassians: from the Caucasus to the world."

Throughout the year, the interaction with the centers of access to the information resources of the Presidential Library in Rossotrudnichestvo centers abroad, opened in 2010-2012, was sequentially developing. The specialists of the Presidential Library prepared a number of collections timed to the activities carried out in the Russian Centers of Science and Culture. Visitors to the Centers can also take part in video lectures on the history of Russia.