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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SERBIA
CULTURAL INSTITUTION OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

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Mission

The National Library of Serbia provides universal access to information by comprehensively collecting, cataloguing and making available the recorded knowledge from Serbia and other countries. The Library promotes multiculturalism and diversity of cultures and ideas. The National Library of Serbia supports true values in Serbian society, based on knowledge, culture, education, morality and tolerance.

Legal status

The Library has been founded and financially supported by the Serbian Government and reports to the Ministry of Culture and Information. The current Law on Libraries dates from 14 July 2011.

Management of the Library

The National Library of Serbia management includes Library Board, Director, Monitoring Board and three Deputy Directors.

Laslo Blaskovic has been appointed as an acting director in January 2016, as well as a new Library Board. After the roof Serbian Law on Culture, the Library Board has undertaken the competition for the director general in May 2016. The Library Board recommended to the Governemnt Laslo Blaskovic, as the best out of three candidates. Serbian Government appointed Laslo Blaskovic as a director general in June 2016 and the management crisis finally ended.

General overview of activities

The National Library of Serbia signed Europeana Data Exchange Agreement in August 2015, as a first step towards setting-up the National Aggregator for Europeana. Serbian National Aggregator for Europeana is also a part of the project *EU in Serbia information hubs in the libraries of Serbia* supported by the Delegation of the EU to the Republic of Serbia and launched in September 2015. From 12 to 16 October 2015, The NL of Serbia hosted global Annual meeting of ISSN Centres directors,



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<https://40thissnmeeting.wordpress.com/> with over 50 participants from 37 countries. From 2014, Serbia is the founding member of DARIAH-ERIC, <http://dariah.eu/> and the National Library of Serbia is a participating institution in this Consortium, <http://dariah.eu/about/our-partners/serbia/country-profile> and positioned itself as a stakeholder in digital humanities development in Serbia.

At the end of 2015, the National Library of Serbia made a programme of rationalization of FTE number, from 248 to 238 in the frame of the government's program. The prohibition of employment in public sector is in force for the third year. These two limitations made new Library projects more difficult than expected.

Acquisitions

Acquisition of library materials and information resources includes legal deposit, purchase, exchange and gifts. After the Law on Legal Deposit from 2011, National Library collects the e-copies of all printed publications, published in Serbia. Acquisition of e-resources is in charge of the national consortium KOBSON (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Scientific Information), member of the eIFL and ICOLC. In 2015 KOBSON provided access to 18 databases of scientific articles in full text, 3 index databases and 4 databases of e-books.

International projects and international cooperation

The National Library of Serbia has collaborated in the following international projects and actions:

- *Collections of South and East Europe's Digital Collections in Europeana* (CSEEE) – project launched in 2015 by CENL and TEL. The aim of the project is to enforce the South East European libraries to ingest their digital collections in Europeana. The project has been coordinated by the National and University Library in Zagreb, and national libraries of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldavia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia are partners. The National Library of Serbia is a leader of the WP for metadata. Through this project, about 1.250 new digital objects in five digital collections from Serbian NL should be included in Europeana.
- The publishing production of the National Library of Serbia has been presented in five international book fairs: in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Skopje (Macedonia), Baku (Azerbaijan), Zagreb (Croatia) and Sofia (Bulgaria).

Cultural events, publications

Cultural activities of the Library include lectures, discussions, workshops, book presentations, exhibitions, concerts, all with aim to promote culture and tolerance, to show the social responsibility, to bring more people in the National Library. The Day of the National Library of Serbia, 28 February, has been marked for the third time as the National Day of Book. The cycle of *Evenings at Kosancicev venac* (city site where the old national library was destroyed during German bombing in April 1941) with literary and musical programme has been successfully continued in 2015. National Library of Serbia presented its collections in several exhibitions.

Publishing production of the National library in 2015 includes eight new titles, six exhibition catalogues and the publication dedicated to the international book fairs on Serbian writers in Serbian, English, Russian, German and Chinese language.



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Key Facts and Figures

Acquisitions:

Books: 39.950

Journal issues: 25.273

Newspaper issues: 63.831

Non-book material: 4.789

e-legal deposit: 28.898 PDF files

Users:

13.736 Library members

362.813 accesses to Kobson (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Scientific Information) web site (kobson.nb.rs)

2.229.826 downloaded full text scientific articles/books through KOBSON

450.000 visitors of Facebook Library page (8.827 followers)

Staff:

238 FTE

Budget:

5.2M EUR