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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

During 2011 The National Library of the Republic of Moldova (NLRM) achieved the following:

- ◆ The organization of the first edition of the Gala of National Prizes GALEX awarded by the League of Librarians in Moldova and NLRM with the following nominations: "The best librarian of the national libraries", "The best librarian of public libraries", "The best politician who supports libraries", "The best founder of a library", "The best book writer and promoter of reading", "The best editor who supports libraries", "The most generous patron of libraries", "The best promoter and supporter of libraries, books and reading in the media", "The best library project", "The best book (publication) in the librarianship domain".
- ◆ The opening of the Pro-European Center for Services and Communication, which was organized with the support of the Council of Europe. It holds the info-documentary collection of the Council of Europe, an information and documentation section; it also provides users with such services as: counseling for citizens, access to European databases, including the digital collections of the national libraries of EU countries, access to the e-government services, virtual remote counseling.
- ◆ The organization of the *First National Book and Reading Festival* dedicated to Grigore Vieru. It was organized by UNESCO under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and the National Library. The festival took place all over the country, and during it exhibitions, poetry recitals, contests, writers' conferences, literary soirées, etc. were organized.
- ◆ The organization of the *International Book Fair 2011*, at which the production of about 300 publishers from 15 countries were exposed: Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary, Azerbaijan, Great Britain, Czech Republic, Italy, France, Bulgaria, China, Turkey, Germany and Japan.
- ◆ The development of the two strategic projects started in 2010 under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova, related to the cooperation and collaboration between national libraries, and to the encouragement of foreign donations of traditional and electronic publications supposed to enrich the collection of the Department of world literature (1055 volume of books were received).
- ◆ The organization of many cultural and scientific activities; the most significant were: *Symposium "Bibliologic Year 2010"*, the 20th edition entitled "*The state of facts, ways and means of the reconstruction of library services in the context of the knowledge society*", *Symposium "Bibliophile values"*, *Moldovan-Romanian-Italian Librarianship Colloquium*, *International communications session* entitled "*Family history in documents, old books and lithographs*" etc.

- ◆ The organization of the annual Conference of the Directors of Public Libraries (district, municipal, city public libraries) (CODIBIP) entitled: "*The Moldovan public librarian as the object and the subject of changes*".
- ◆ The development and publishing of a number of traditional and online bibliographic, methodological, advertising, etc. publications. The most significant of them were: "*National Bibliography (Exteriorica)*", "*Culture in Moldova*", "*The National Calendar*", "*The Librarian's Bulletin*" (27 titles/35 editions).
- ◆ The participation of the NLRM in the international meetings and other events (Denmark, Romania, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Russia).

BASIC STATISTICS

	2011	2010
Collections (January 1, 2011)	2546044	2534856
Registered users	7815	7636
Number of visits	131419	166268
Number of loans	415373	429726
Scientific research and information services	23113	24054
Exhibitions	158	169
Cultural activities	81	50
Publications issued	27	24
Total staff (equivalent to fulltime)	267	269
State budget	€629406	€480919
Paid services	€91146	€40121

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

The current collections of the BNRM amount to 2,546,044 items. The collections comprise:

- ◆ Books - 1520061 volumes
- ◆ Serials – 482234 volumes
- ◆ Microfilms, microfiches - 4700
- ◆ Audiovisual documents - 25 864
- ◆ Sheet music - 61936
- ◆ Maps, atlases – 765
- ◆ Graphic documents - 138253
- ◆ Manuscripts - 218
- ◆ Electronic documents - 2689

The main achievements in 2011:

- the reception of the legal deposit of Romania;
- the substantial increase in entries of documents;
- the improvement of the management of legal deposit copies;
- the increase of the number of grantors through cultural events, publicizing, etc.;
- the intensification of the international document exchange;
- publications purchasing directly from manufacturers.

DIGITAL LIBRARY

BNRM continued the development of the National Digital Library "Moldavica" (www.moldavica.bnrm.md), which is a part of the European digital library. Currently "Moldavica" contains 2600 digital units (250,000 pages). During this period the collection was enriched with 30 new titles (58,700 pages of old publications included in the Register of the National Programme "Memory of Moldova"), and represents the largest collection of records – 2384. In the previous year the following old magazines were made available to the users: "Missionary", "Literary Moldova", "Christian Notes", "The Justice of Bessarabia", the Literary and Scientific magazine of the Society "Mihai Eminescu", "Eagle of Bessarabia" "Life and Economy", "Prut and Dniester", "The Archive of the Romanian Railways", "From our Past", "Journal of Viticulture, Oenology and Horticulture", "Bulletin of the National Museum of Natural History in

Chisinau", etc. The digitization of the magazine "Kishinev Diocesan Gazette" was finished. It comprised 1166 issues. In 2011 one hundred DVDs were created (safety electronic copies).

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

The Library improved the access to its collections through exhibitions and online resources.

High priority was given to the maintenance and completion of the Electronic Catalogue. By the end of 2011 it contained 352233 records.

The National Library of Moldova kept working on the SIBIMOL project. SIBIMOL is one of the most important projects in the library science and culture of Moldova. Its goal is to use in common the information held by all Moldovan libraries via the Internet.

The Library constantly worked on the development of its WEB-site.

SERVICES TO READERS

7815 users including 5129 new registered during 2011 visited the library and used its services.

39% of all readers were students while researchers and specialists made up 55%.

131419 reader visits were made to the Library and 415373 documents were retrieved for users.

The reading rooms housed 425 working places, including 17 computerized.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

At the international level the Library carried out bilateral and multilateral cooperation, giving priority to the cooperation with national libraries, research libraries, professional organizations and international organizations, including those accredited in Moldova. The Library maintained the most fruitful relationships with the National Libraries of Romania, Belarus, Russia, France, and the Library of Congress.

The integration of the National Library into the international information system was achieved through permanent contacts and collaboration with CENL, IFLA, UNESCO, BAE, LIBER, EBLIDA etc.

During 2012 the National Library will continue to work with partner libraries in order to better meet the needs for library services. In the near future contacts with academic libraries, museums and the National Archives will be established in order to coordinate the work of documents digitization.

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