

Name of country: ROMANIA

Name of library or equivalent national-level organization: THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ROMANIA

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Management of the library: performance indicators, planning, decision-making, evaluation, mission statement

The National Library of Romania has the mission to identify, collect, organize, research, develop, preserve and promote the national heritage and the Românica collection of printed and other types of documents published abroad, referring to Romania, Romanian people and Romanian culture, works of Romanian authors published in any language, Romanian language publications of foreign authors published abroad. Organize Legal Deposit, the main documentary source regarding knowledge of Romanian culture and civilization. Provides quality access to its collections, for the contemporary generation, as well as for the future ones, with the purpose of research, study or informing.

For the National Library of Romania 2011 could be summarized as a year of assessment of its institutional mission and at the same time, as a new beginning in a higher stage of development of its specific activities, occasioned by the inauguration of its new building. The completion of the new National Library's building, after waiting more than 40 years, has led the institution to focus all efforts on the work of moving the collections in the new space and the reorganization of the activities so that patrimonial activities were not interrupted and the library could be reopened to the public after a short period of closure. We can observe that over time there has been a constant concern for the use of standards, the professional norms and procedures, as well as for the real involvement of library staff in training and professional development, thus the creation, processing, preservation, conservation of the national heritage documentary is realized using modern librarianship principles

Funding

In 2011 the National Library of Romania was approved a budget of 8 979,52 thousand lei (1 983 328 EUR), recouped as follows:

For “Staff expenses” = 7 089,02 thousand lei; (1 565 769 EUR)

For “Goods and services” = 1 890,50 thousand lei. (417 559.36 EUR)

From 01.01 to 31.12.2011, the National Library of Romania achieved an income totaling 47.776,86 lei (10 552.4 EUR) from various activities (publishing activity, reversing publications, imputations for lost books, etc.) which were later transferred to the state budget in the legal term.

Buildings

In December 2011 was inaugurated the new building of the National Library of Romania. The building was designed to meet the functions of a National library, but also to feature cultural and leisure functions. The numerous reading rooms, multipurpose rooms and training spaces for laboratories and special collections storage areas integrated into a unified architectural concept has led to one of the most modern national library buildings in Europe.

Put into service by the end of 2011 the new building of the NLR will operate at its full potential in 2014.

Staffing matters

The number of personnel employed by the NLR in 2011 was 250 :

Specialized staff = 173

Auxiliary staff: administrative and maintenance = 77 persons

Unfortunately in 2011 filling the vacancies in the public institutions was temporarily restricted by legislation

Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

The institution's cultural agenda express the support, promotion and valorization for the written national heritage and for the interculturalism, cultural message through different forms of artistic and documentary representation. The involvement of our institution in the "Libraries Night" event is representative for this idea. The "Libraries Night" offered the opportunity of expressing the cultural message, starting from text and the book and continuing with other forms of artistic expression such as theater, music, dance, visual arts and film. We notice a constant and convincing visibility of our institution in the community and in cultural and information media.

The scientific agenda of the National Library focused on supporting the library professions, promoting institution's specific, and its methodological function.

The scientific and professional activities have resulted from participation at scientific meetings, in numerous studies and articles in specialized publications and from involvement in various scientific projects.

In 2011, the National Library of Romania has become a provider of training in librarianship certified by the Minister of Labor.

Library co-operation

Professional collaborations and partnerships with institutions in the country and abroad continued in 2011 and allowed the institution to be involved in the following projects: The European Library - TEL, The European Library resulted from the integration of resources from national libraries in Europe; ENRICH-Manuscriptorium, digital library and virtual research environment of manuscripts, incunabula, old books and rare historical documents and the participation in a new project: Balkan Itineraries, a project which valorizes the Francophone collections in the Balkan area.