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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The period under review was particularly significant because in 2012 the National Library of Moldova (NLRM) celebrated its 180th anniversary. At the jubilee meeting of the Scientific Council of the National Library dedicated to the anniversary, the President of the Republic of Moldova Mr. Nicolae Timofti awarded the National Library the "Order of the Republic" as a sign of high appreciation of the special merits in the development of libraries and substantial contribution to safeguarding the national documentary heritage. At the festive meeting of the Scientific Council, an envelope with a postage stamp "*BNRM - 180 years since its foundation*" was launched.

The anniversary program included a number of more than 30 cultural and scientific events, the most important of which were:

- the *XXI-th edition of the International Book Fair*, dedicated to 180-th anniversary of the National Library and to the Year of Ion and Doina Aldea-Teodorovici. Over 300 publishers from 18 countries participated at the fair, and more than 700 books were exhibited.
- the second edition of the *National Festival of Books and Reading*. The Festival was held in all public libraries of Moldova.
- the International Conference "*National Libraries in the Digital Era*".
- the International Librarianship Colloquium "*Guidelines and strategies of national and public libraries*".
- a round table "*Technology guidelines and strategies in the context of CENL. New SIBIMOL strategies*".
- a round table dedicated to the current stage of the implementation of the National Programme "*Memory of Moldova*".
- an anniversary symposium of the cultural, historical and scientific polyptych "The Bessarabians the world."

- a festive meeting of the Athenaeum Moldova with the major BNRM's readers. Awards were given to the most active readers of NLRM.
- Gala of the awards for the National Contest Ex-libris "NLRM – 180".
- the launch of the Virtual Museum of NLRM.
- a round table on the history of the National Library of Moldova.
- the exhibition "*Chisinau in the years of the BNRM's inauguration*".
- an allocution in European post-modern librarianship delivered by Adolf Knoll, a member of the Management Committee of the CENL, for the members of the Eternal School for young librarians.
- the inauguration of the Artists' Gallery.
- the launch of some anniversary editions, the most notably of which were the volume of Ion and Tatiana Varta "*History of the National Library of Moldova in archival documents*", volume three of the general catalogue "*Moldova's books*", the catalogue of the ex-libris contest "*BNRM at its 180-th anniversary*", the catalogue "*Moldova's stamps (1954-1996)*", etc.

During the reported period, there were organized a number of other significant events that have attracted a large audience:

- The second edition of the *Gala of the National Awards GALEX*. Each year this award is given to distinguished personalities in Moldova and from other countries for their essential contribution to the activity of Moldova's libraries and book promotion. In 2012, twenty-four people were nominated in twelve categories.
- a number of events that commemorated the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the warfare to defend the integrity and independence of the Republic of Moldova (1991-1992).
- events organized by Moldova's Pro-European Centre of Communication and Services in connection with the European Day:
 - an informative seminar entitled "*Discover Europe*" for colleges and high schools students.
 - donation of books on European issues from the reserve fund. Thirty high schools received literature.
 - a roundtable entitled "*European dimension of Moldova: options and prospects for integration.*" The event was organized in cooperation with the Resource Centre "*Dialog-Pro*" and the European Movement in Moldova. The discussion centred on the Europeanization of Moldova, educational attractiveness of Moldova, European and / or Eurasian option of Moldova's integration, etc.
- the Moldovan-Polish Conference entitled "*The Holocaust in Poland*", an event organized in collaboration with the Polish Embassy in Moldova and the Union of Polish Youth in Moldova.
- a special event organized in collaboration with the OSCE in Moldova, dedicated to combating human trafficking. The central issues at the event was the exhibition of photographic works by children from boarding schools in the Republic of Moldova. The event was attended by the OSCE's representative in Chisinau, Maria Grazia Giammarinaro.

CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

Total collection holdings: **2,555,929** items including:

- ◆ Books and serials - 2192597
- ◆ Microfilms, microfiches - 4640
- ◆ Audiovisual documents - 25 864
- ◆ Sheet music - 62015
- ◆ Maps, atlases - 800
- ◆ Graphic documents - 138318
- ◆ Manuscripts - 221
- ◆ Electronic documents - 2898

Structure of collection by content

FIELDS	%
Philosophy. Religion. Social sciences	29,7
Mathematics. Natural Sciences	11,8
Geography	0,9
Technique	12,4
Medicine.	3,9
Agriculture	7,0
Arts. Sports	13,4
Language. Linguistics. Literature	16,9
Other fields	4,0

Printed items received in 2012 via legal deposit: 48,6 %

Storage: kilometres of shelving and percentage occupied: 798 lin km (100%)

DIGITAL LIBRARY

Electronic Collection. The digital collection, as an essential component in the provision of electronic services, is growing all the time. In 2012, the number of digitized documents amounted to 1,000 items, and the purchased and donated electronic documents amounted to 2,900 documents.

National Digital Library "Moldavica". Given the mission and general objectives for 2012 that also involve further integration of the NLRM into the European Digital Library, the NDL *Moldavica* continued its development through ongoing digitization of printed national heritage included in the Register of the National Programme "*Memory of Moldova*".

During 2012, the National Digital Library "Moldavica" enriched its collections of digital objects with 1,000 items in addition to those 2,600 in the year 2011. There were two collections that were enlarged, namely "*Old and rare books*" filled up with 15 new titles such as *Chisinau City Public Library. Reports for 1897 – 1912 years; Gabriel Banulescu Bodoni, the Exarch of Moldova and Valahia (1808-1812) and the Metropolitan of Chisinau (1813-1821); An aid for the Moldavians in the initial study of the Russian language, etc.*, and the collection "*Old national periodicals*" which was enriched in 2012 with 25 new titles, including "*Statistical Dictionary of Bessarabia. Chisinau 1923*"; "*The ant*", "*The thoughts of the nation*", "*Christian notes*", "*Veterinary Chronicle of Bessarabia*", "*The collection of the Bessarabian Zemstva*", etc.

PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

The total number of users: **88605**

In 2012, the socio-professional structure of the readers did not changed significantly in comparison with the previous years:

- intellectuals, officials - 22%
- workers - 1%
- students, high school students - 64%
- pensioners, unemployed persons - 12%
- other clients - 1%

One of the main parameters that illustrate the relationship with the community is the library visits: In 2012 the number of visits was **988,000** including:

- 68,900 onsite visits (visits for documents consultation and visits to events)
- 919,100 remote visits.

In order to improve the users' satisfaction the reader registration office and the cloakroom were modernized.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

In the reporting year, the Library attended the annual meeting organized by CENL in Vaduz. It also participated in many important meetings and events of international level:

- the Conference "The European Library / Europeana Libraries" entitled "Looking to the future: how do we place our service at the heart of Europe's research communities?", hosted by the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, in partnership with TEL (The European Library) and the Europeana.
- the meeting of the CENL technical group, which took place in Madrid.
- the Librarians' Forum, Kazakhstan, Astana.
- the meeting of BAE, Belarus, Minsk.
- the International Book Fair in Iasi.
- the training courses organized by the International Academy of Young Librarians, Latvia, the town of Venspils.

Collaboration Agreements. The external collaboration of the Library is based on special bilateral agreements. Library has bilateral cooperation agreements and protocols with:

Cluj County Library (1996)
 Iasi County Library (1996)
 National Library of France (since 1999)
 National Library in Warsaw (2001)
 State Library of Russia (since 2003)
 National Library of Belarus (since 2004)
 National Library of Romania (2007)
 Library of Congress
 National Library of Azerbaijan
 National Library of the Czech Republic
 National Library of Kazakhstan

The cooperation with other libraries is based on:

- international exchange of publications;
- loan of international publications;
- organization of joint events;
- exchange of editorial production edited by libraries;
- exchange of experience.

The collaboration with embassies is the key to success in terms of promoting National Library's image abroad. Last year the library organized in cooperation with the embassies of the Czech Republic, Azerbaijan, Byelorussia, Turkey and the Republic of China a number of events that contributed to the expansion of the knowledge about the culture and socio-political life of both countries and to the enrichment of the Library's collections.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES (SIZE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS, NUMBER OF STAFF, TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET, ETC.).

- Staff: **267** full-time equivalents
- Documents receipt: **14467** (m. u.)
- For 2012/13, the Library received **616,5 euros** from the government budget. This was supplemented with **80,3 euros** of other self-generated funds, including donations, grant and sales income, letting of empty premises and service delivery.