

**CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL LIBRARIANS**  
**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SERBIA / NARODNA BIBLIOTEKA SRBIJE**  
**REPORT 2005**

Name of Chief Executive Mr. Sreten Ugricic, Director

**Statistical survey**

	<b>2005</b>
holdings – number of items (total)	5.500.000
new acquisitions	125.500 items
library registered users	9200
visitors / year	106.000
Loans (circulation)	136.000 items
NLS website visits	7000 per day
publishing activities	36 titles
staff – full-time employees	260
staff – employees on contract	25
total annual budget (Ministry of Culture)	2.300.000 €
Ministry of Science – acquisition of foreign databases and journals	1.400.000 €
Financial resources provided by different international foundations and donators	350.000 €

Following the long-term development strategy, during the year 2006 the National Library of Serbia realized many very important objectives, projects and programs: development of the union shared catalogue, of the digital library, improving of the existing professional functions and performances, new publications and translations of international standards, development of international cooperation. The most important work is the beginning of the reconstruction of the interior of the NLS.

**Reconstruction of the interior of the Library**

During the year 2006, the NLS started the project of the reconstruction of the interior of the Library. The Library building is from 1973 and it was not reconstructed more than 30 years. From the National Investment Plan, the Government of the Republic of Serbia donated to the NLS the fund for the reconstruction of about 2,5 million of euros. After the public invitation and concours, we selected the architect, the main project was finished and now we are in process of the selection of company and enterprise which will realize the project during the year 2007.

The Reconstruction of the NLS Interior includes following segments:

- Reconstruction of the main entrance hall for users with exhibition space,
- Reconstruction of the stairway of the entrance hall for users,
- Reconstruction of the toilets at the ground floor and on floor,
- Reconstruction of the Coffee Bar with the kitchen,
- Reconstruction of the NLS Atrium,
- Reconstruction of the main hall on floor level (floor, ceilings, lighting, information desks for users),
- Reconstruction of the main and other reading rooms at floor level,
- Reconstruction of the scientific reading room, reading room for blind persons, for legacies, for special collection at the gallery level,
- Upgrading of the reading room - mediatheque at the gallery level,
- Reconstruction of the official entrance at the level of higher ground floor, hall and stairs,
- Reconstruction of the appartement for foreign guests-researchers at the level of lower ground floor,
- Reconstruction of the complete lighting of the NLS - interior and exterior lighting,
- Revitalisation of the balconies for users at the level of the main hall and floors,
- Elaboration of the Project of reconstruction of the NLS Safe Room for the conservation of the Medieval Cyrillic Manuscripts.

The Virtual tour through the new 3D interior is available in our web site at the following address (slide show of the project):

<http://www.nbs.bg.ac.yu/pages/article.php?id=11579>

## **Virtual Library of Serbia**

The VLS is the project of building of library information system and integration of different library catalogues. During the year 2003 the union national catalogue was created of the four main libraries in Serbia. During the year 2005-2006 many other university and public libraries in Serbia became the members of the national system based on the Slovenian software platform Cobiss. Now, at the system we have 52 public libraries and 37 research and faculty libraries from Serbia. The Ministry of culture gave the support for the creation of this central national cataloguing system. In the union database we have about 1.800.000 records. One of the very important task is to train all librarians at the system, so we had about 30 different courses and now we have about 270 trained librarians with licences to work in the system.

## **Current National Bibliography**

During the year 2003 the National Library transferred the activities of the publishing of the current bibliography from Bibliographic Institute. During the year 2004 the Library started to publish the following series of the current National Bibliography:

- Bibliography of Serbia – Monographs (4 volumes per year),
- Bibliography of Serbia – Monographs – Annex and Indexes (2 volumes per year),
- Bibliography of Serbia – Translations, 1 volume,
- Bibliography of Serbia – Serials, 1 volume,
- Bibliography of Serbia – Non-book materials, 1 volume,
- Bibliography of Serbia – Official publications, 1 volume,
- Articles and Supplements within Serial Publications:
  - Serie A. Social Sciences,
  - Serie B. Natural, Applied Art, Medical and Technical Sciences,
  - Serie C. Art, Sport, Philology, Literature.

During the year 2005, we decided to publish only on-line edition of the Current bibliography, for all series, and to publish print and CD-Rom editions only on demand. The new software was created and the Current Bibliography of Serbia is now available free of charge on our web site <http://www.nbs.bg.ac.yu/pages/article.php?id=1384> .

## **National ISBN and DOI agency**

During the year 2003-2005 the Library also transferred some other activities from former Yugoslav Bibliographic Institute and became ISBN, ISSN and ISMN Agency.

At the same time, with the development of the Consortia of research libraries, we have established very good cooperation with research libraries and publishers of scientific journals. The Library introduced the DOI system for the first time in Serbia, we have signed the agreements with some most important scientific publishers concerning DOI system, as well as the agreement with CrossRef. At the same time, the Library became the "open archive" for online journals of these publishers members of the DOI system. In the web site of Consortium KoBSON, the open archive of 11 scientific journals is available for last 5 year with articles in full text format. <http://nainfo.nbs.bg.ac.yu/Kobson/page/>

## **Digital Library of Serbia**

The most important progress during the period 2005/2006 was done in the field of the Digital Library of Serbia.

During the year 2004 at the Library was established the new digital center with 9 specialists. We purchased the new hybrid line for microfilming and scanning and one professional scanner of high resolution - Book Eye.

We created microfilms and digital copies of old newspaper *Politika* for the period 1904-1945, 1945-1975 and 1988-2004 (in total about 350.000 digital images). Our specialists created the adequate application for searching digital images and its metadata.

In the home page of the Library, we included the separate link to the Digital Library with the following content:

- Serbian children's digital library (130 digital books),
- Journals and reviews (DOI Serbia -11 scientific journals in full text for last 5 years, newspaper "Politika", 2 professional reviews 2000-2006, "Zenit" 1921-1926, Belgrade illustrated review from 1866, Serbian illustrated review 1881-1882, Tanju Daily News, Ebart documentation..),
- Cyrillic manuscripts (650 Medieval manuscripts),
- Cartographic materials (Atlases, Belgrade in old maps, etc.),
- Printed music and sound records (150 digital gramophone records on 78 rpm),
- Photographic documents (Belgrade in old photos, Collection of albums, Collection of old postcards, Famous Serbs from 19th Century, etc.),
- Engravings and art documents (Saint Athos engravings, Belgrade in old engravings, etc.),
- Posters and documentary materials (theater posters from 19th to 1945, documents on Serbian kings, etc.),
- Catalogues and bibliographies (Catalogue of books 1868-1972, Catalogue of books 1519-1867, Retrospective Serbian Bibliography of books 1868-1944, Current Serbian Bibliography),
- Miscellaneous.

We created also the database for retrieval of digital documents as a central index and separate collections documents retrieval. In the database we have about 2.000 titles with more than one million of digital images and documents.

In the portal of the project The European Library (TEL) we included 4 searchable digital collections (in OAI PMH format) and 4 browse only digital collections.

### **Consortia KoBSON**

During the year 2003 the National Library of Serbia formally established the Consortia of Serbian Libraries for coordinated acquisition of foreign databases and full-text services (KoBSON). The National Library of Serbia is the Centre and the coordinated body charged for all activities concerning the cooperation with ministries, publishing houses in the world and the financial resources, as well as the centre for promotional and educational activities concerning provided electronic resources. During the year 2005/06, in the framework of the Consortia and with the important support of the Ministry of science, the Library provided more than 500 foreign printed journals and subscribed to about 16 foreign electronic services for journals. Now, 130 Serbian research libraries are members of the Consortia and they all can access about 17.000 electronic journals in full-text form in their libraries and researchers from their homes. During the year 2005/06 Consortia organized 72 training courses concerning the access to scientific and technical electronic information in Serbia.

### **New publications**

During the year 2005/06 the Library published more than 50 new publications: translations of international standards ISBD (CR), ISBD(M), ISBD(ER), ISBD (NBM), AACR2, Bibliography of translations of USA literature in Serbia 2000-2005, Bibliography of translations of Serbian literature in USA 1995-2005, Retrospective bibliography, vol. 18, etc., the book "How to read – collection of essays", bilingual book "Old Serbian Photography", etc.

### **International cooperation**

During the year 2005 the National Library of Serbia organized with the Faculty of Philology and other main libraries in Serbia the international scientific meeting on the topic of "Children and Libraries". The Library signed the agreements on the cooperation with the National Library of Ukraine, National Library of China, National and University Library of Bulgaria, National Library of the Czech Republic on the exchange of specialists, etc. The special agreement concerning the exchange and free download of catalog records was signed between libraries in the region: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro. Many specialists from NLS were at the different conferences and trainings abroad. The National Library of Serbia became the full partner of the most important European project for national libraries: TEL – The European Library. The Library is also the partner of the CALIMERA project. Our specialists participated in the eIFL General Assembly 2006 in Jordan, in IFLA Congress 2006 in Seoul. The National Library of Serbia is receiving annually about 150 foreign guests.

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