

Name of Country : SERBIA
Name of Library: NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SERBIA
Name of Chief Executive: Mr. Sreten Ugričić, Director

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Statistical survey

	2007
holdings – number of items (total)	5.700.000
new acquisitions	105.000 items
library registered users	7000 ¹
visitors per year	80.000
loans (circulation)	110.000 items
NLS website visits during the year 2007	2.750.000
publishing activities	33 titles
number of PC	280
number of servers	17
staff – full-time employees	255
staff – employees on contract	31
Annual budget of Ministry of Culture	3.200.000€
Ministry of Science – acquisition of foreign databases and journals	1.500.000€
Financial resources provided by different international foundations and donators	350.000 €
Self-generated Income - 13,00 %	416.000 €
Total budget	5.466.000 €

Reconstruction of the interior of the Library

The general project of reconstruction was finished in 2006, one of the famous contemporary architect was selected on public invitation. After very complicated procedure of public tender, realized during the year 2006 and first half of 2007, the NLS selected the company which will renovate the Library and works started on 1st October 2007. From this date the NLS is closed for users, unfortunately, it will be closed about one year and half, except in cases of unique documents which is possible to find only in the NLS.

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.

The Reconstruction of the NLS Interior includes following segments:

- the main entrance hall for users with exhibition space,
- the stairway of the entrance hall for users,
- the toilets at the ground floor and on floor,
- the Coffee Bar with the kitchen,
- the NLS Atrium,
- the main hall on floor level (floor, ceilings, lighting, information desks for users),
- the main and other reading rooms at floor level,
- 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,
- the official entrance at the level of higher ground floor, hall and stairs,
- the cafee and bookshop,
- the CIP, ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, ISAN and DOI Agency,
- the appartement for foreign guests-researchers at the level of lower ground floor,
- 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,

¹ Because of the reconstruction of interior, the Library is closed for users from 1st October 2007, the number of “physical visitors” is less than last year, contrary, the number of “virtual users” is growing enormously.

- Elaboration of the Project of reconstruction of the NLS Safe Room for the conservation of the Medieval Cyrillic Manuscripts.

The number of user seats will be increased for about 50%. The NLS will have more than 700 user seats and each of them will have the Internet connection.

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>

Reconstruction of the Department for conservation and restoration

The NLS has the most important laboratory for conservation, restoration, microfilming and scanning from microfilm in Serbia. But, during more than 20 years the equipment for conservation and restoration of manuscript and old and rare books was not renovated. The Ministry of culture donated the financial resources for the complete architectural renovation and for new equipment. The project started on December 2007 and was finished in June 2008. Now it is really the most modern and well equipped laboratory for conservation and restoration in Serbia.

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 2005-2007 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 in total 122 libraries from Serbia. During the year 2007 we included 15 new public libraries in the VLS system. The Ministry of culture gave the support for the creation of this central national cataloguing system by paying the membership and maintenance fees for each library and the trainings for librarians. In the union database we have about 1.900.000 records. One of the very important task is to train all librarians at the system, so we have about 30 different courses per year and now we have about 320 trained librarians with licences to work in the system.

The NLS staff on trainings for COBISS and ECDL

The management board of the NLS has decided to use the “free time” of reconstruction and to offer to all NLS employees to pass two courses:

1. Cobiss courses on the processing of materials – each librarian can participate in one week course, of different professional levels, and can obtain the licence to work in the VLS union catalogue. Until this moment about 70 librarians from the NLS obtained the licences.
2. The NLS is licensed ECDL (European Computer Driving License) center. During the year 2007-2008 about 120 employees of the NLS participated in two weeks ECDL courses and obtained the driving license to work in 7 offered modules: 1. IT Basics, 2. PC Usage and databases, 3. Text processing, 4. Spreadsheet calculations, 5. Database, 6. Presentations, 7. Information and Communication.

National ISAN agency

During the year 2007 the NLS signed the agreement with ISAN in Geneva and became the National ISAN Agency for Serbia. This new function is added to all other international standardization functions on which the NLS is working during some last years. Now in one Agency we have several services for publishers - CIP (Cataloguization in Publication), ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, ISAN and DOI.

Digital Library of Serbia

The most important progress during the period 2006/2007 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- 2004 (in total about 550.000 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 wich has about 70 different collections and more than one milion digital documents. It has the following content:

- Cyrillic manuscripts (about 400 manuscripts)
- Epic national poetry (8 collections, 21 volumes, 1254 poems searchable by titles, by words, by group of words)
- Old and rare books (about 150 books)
- Books (Serbian literature in 100 books, Serbian Children’s Literature in 130 books, book collection of Milutin Milankovic -38, book collection of Slobodan Jovanovic – 20)
- News papers and magazines (Politika 1904-1004 – 550.000 images, Zenit 1921-1926, Belgrade illustrated review from 1866, Serbian illustrated review 1881-1882, and other 20 old periodical titles),
- Cartographic materials (Atlases - 839, Belgrade in old maps - 20, Headquarters map of Serbia),
- Engravings and art material (Graphics from Mount Athos – 170, Belgrade on old graphics, graphics of Anastas Jovanovic, 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.),

- 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 10.000 titles with more than one million of digital images and documents. In the portal of the project The European Library (TEL) we included 5 searchable digital collections (in OAI PMH format) and 5 browse only digital collections.

Consortia KoBSON and Institutional open repository

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 2007, in the framework of the Consortia and with the important support of the Ministry of science (about 1,5 milion of euros) the Library provided more than 700 foreign printed journals and subscribed to 22 foreign electronic services for journals. Now, 130 Serbian research libraries are members of the Consortia and they all can access about 35.000 electronic journals in full-text form in their libraries and researchers from their homes. During the year 2007 Consortia organized about 50 training courses concerning the access to scientific and technical electronic information in Serbia.

During the year 2006 KoBSON started to create the Institutional open repository of Serbian scientific journals. In the first year we had 10 titles and now we have already 35 titles. The project was realized in cooperation of Ministry of Science, NLS and scientific publishers. Each article has DOI number and the complete collection of articles presents the open archive.

New publications

During the year 2007 the Library published 33 new publications: translations of foreign professional books, Guide of the NLS in Serbian and English, Guide on the Digital collections of the NLS in English and Serbian, Guide on the KoBSON Consortia, reviews: the NLS Herald and Archeographic supplements; Michael W. Hill: The Impact of Information on Society; Policy secrets / secret, secret service, state security service; Radoman Stanković : Watermarks from Chilandar Serbian Manuscripts XIV-XV Century; Kenneth A. Megill: Corporate Memory; ISBD (NBM); Concise AACR2; ISBD(ER); What Makes a Good Book / Editor: Svetlana Gavrilović; How to Read: On Strategies of Reading Cultural Traces / Prepared by Saša Ilić; Serbian retrospective bibliography 1868-1944 volume 19, etc.

eIFL General Assembly

In November 2007 the NLS organized the Seventh eIFL General Assembly. It was the biggest international conference until now organized by the Scientific department of the NLS. eIFL is international consortia – Electronic information for libraries. The NLS is member of this Consortia from 2002. In the conference were 180 participants from 60 countries.

International cooperation

The Library signed the agreements on the cooperation with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, National and University Library of Bulgaria, National Library of the Slovakia and prolonged the agreements with national libraries of China, Iran, Czech Republic. 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 – about 50 employees of the NLS. Library received in professional visits about 100 foreign experts. Internationally recognized experts as Adolf Knoll from Chzecz Republic and Peter Brophy from UK organized workshops for Serbian librarians in the NLS. The NLS became partner in some new project: ENRICH with the Chzecz Republic, World Digital Library with the Library of Congress and Unesco, Internet archive from USA. The NLS has contributed a lot to the project the European Library.

Web statistics

- Digital library of the NLS has about 1600 virtual visitors per day, in total about 600.000 per year.
 - Website of the NLS has about 1000 visitors per day, in total about 400.000 per year.
 - Portal of KoBSON has about 3000 visitors per day, in total 1,1 milion per year (47% more than in 2006).
- From the Kobson portal Serbian researchers downloaded 824.478 articles in full text (25% more than in 2006).
 -The VLS Union Catalogue is searched 639.328 times (34% more than in 2006).
 In total for the year 2007 it is about 2.750.000 virtual visitors.

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