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1. Management of the Library

Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine (VNLU) is the main scientific-informational centre of the country, national book-store and scientific centre of bibliography, studies in books and library science, which is under the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

The Fund of the Presidents of Ukraine, the National legal library, the Service of informational-analytical ensuring of the State bodies function in Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine. In the VNLU structure there are 39 departments, which according to their activity were grouped in the institutes (of library science, of Ukrainian book, of manuscripts, of archives science, of bibliographic researches), centers (of bibliotheka-informational technologies, of formation of library and information resources, of conservation and restoration, of cultural-enlightening, scientific-publishing).

The direction of the Library consists of: Director General, 5 Assistant Managers. The direction works out and confirms programs, strategic and financial plans, adopts and carries out the annual plan, budget and long-lasting capital investments. The V. Vernadsky National library of Ukraine scientific council is the collegial board of the Library scientific activity's managing. This board is responsible for the scientific activities main directions determination, analyzing of the scientific researches realization state, material, technical and financial providing of the scientific researches, for training of personnel, for approving of the programs and projects of scientific and researches activities.

2. Funding and Finance

The VNLU activity is financed by the State Budget of Ukraine. In 2007 the VNLU budget was 40,95 millions Ukr. Hryvna (national currency).

The costs for the staff salary (with extra charges) were 25,19 millions Ukr. Hryvna. The amount of assignments, spent for buying books and other documents was 5,79 millions Ukr. Hryvna, subscribing periodical publications and books for the exchange was 1,75 millions Ukr. Hryvna, for access to foreign Dbases, purchase of foreign scientific and technical periodicals in 2007 the State budget was 4,5 mln. Ukr. Hryvna. There were spent 1,1 mln. Ukr. Hryvna for the technical re-equipment, new computers acquisition. The rest of the money have been spent for the building maintenance in the proper conditions, bills, post-graduate students allowance, business trips, the other Library needs.

3. Legislation

Any changes of legislation in the field of library and information science have not taken place. The great meaning for the further VNLU development had the improvement of "Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine state development program for 2005-2010" (Instruction of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine №1085 from 08.25.04) (www.nbuv.gov.ua/law/04_dpmb.html).

A group of professional librarians from the leading libraries of Ukraine and specialists from the Ministry of culture and tourist of Ukraine are engaged in the process of further developing and improving the Law of Ukraine " On Library and Library Science". Scientists of the Library were involved into working out the Draft of changes and amendments to the Model Library Codex for the States of CIS.

4. Buildings

A complex of renovating works was performed at the main premises of the Library and № 1, № 2 Library Branches.

5. Staffing Matters

01.01.08 Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine calculates 891 workers; among them are 463 library experts, 211 scientific workers, 20 engineers and 197 other specialists. 91% of the VNLU workers have high education. 5 doctors of sciences and 71 masters of sciences work in the VNLU.

6. Main Advances in IT and New Technologies, Project

During the year the Library provided the readers with online access to its informational resources, represented on Website of the VNLU. There has been continued the work at the National electronic Library formation, improvement of its informational components: bibliographic, adopted and full texts; their amount is:

- the VNLU electronic catalogue – 390 000 records;
- the state adopted data base "Ukrainika Naukova" 234 000 records;
- bibliographical Data Bases – 3,4 mln. records;
- electronic fund for general access – 53 000 texts in html, pdf, rtf, doc, txt formats.

In 2007 there has been begun one of new resources - " The Scientific periodical press of Ukraine ". On a web-site there were information and analytical materials of service of information and analytical maintenance for 2007 - 152 releases in an electronic kind which are full analogues of 5 names of printed variants of editions. The 6 branch series of scientific electronic editions (natural, technical, sociological, medical, agrarian sciences and a series " Library business ") are generated. They consist from 5 - 8 thousand new text-through documents.

In 2007 the network technology of a supply with information of scientific researches on the basis of created corporate system with online access to foreign sources of the scientific information is updated. The scientists of Ukraine have received 500 000 full texts of publications in 2007.

The VNLU takes part in corporate projects fulfillment:

- National electronic library of Ukraine
- National system of Ukrainian scientific literature adoption;
- National format of bibliographic data representation;
- System of electronic scientific publications "The Library for the society";
- State record "Ukrainian book monuments";
- Scientific-informational portal of Ukraine - the Internet-project;
- Corporate scientific-informational net;
- "Intranet - Extranet" media project (was founded in 2007).
- Ukrainian scientific heritage
- The Pochayiv project

Computers which are used in library have the next operational systems: Linux, Windows 98, Windows XP, Windows 2003, MacOS, FreeBSD. For automation of library technology the specialised program systems Allegro (Germany), WWWISIS (UNESCO), IRBIS (Russia) are used. All computers are connected among themselves by three local networks (one is in the main building, anothers - in branches № 1 and № 2). The library has an output in global information networks by means of two fibre-optical channels with a technical carrying opportunity 100 Mbit in a second and a radio channel with a technical carrying opportunity 10 Mbit in a second. 63 personal computers were bought in 2007.

Computer park of book depository (over 470 PCs) is used for the creation of National electronic library of Ukraine and informational, electronic-informational service of readers and subscribers.

7. National Bibliography

The VNLU is the main organization taking part in realization of the on creation of national bibliography of Ukraine. It systematically publishes the index system of Ukrainian bibliographic repertory, which Ukraine has never had during the history. In 2007 the 10th volume of bibliographic reference book "Book in Ukraine.1861 - 1917. Materials for Ukrainian book repertoire was published in the frame of "National Bibliography of Ukraine". The 11th volume from this series was recommended to publishing. There have been continued the formation of computer databases of retrospective national bibliography, including common index of Ukrainian book.

Formation of databases of publications of the "Shevchenkiniana" project is continued . The scientific catalogue " The Ukrainian musical editions 1917 - 1923 from the VNLU funds" was published.

8. Legal Deposit of Materials

There were inserted amendments according to the law of Ukraine "About the legal deposit of documents" (1999) and to the Instruction of the cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine from 10.05.2002 № 608 "On rules of getting document legal deposit", According to the law of Ukraine " About the obligatory sample of documents " which determined the list of receivers of legal deposit of publications, audio-, visual and audiovisual production (www.nbuv.gov.ua/iaw/02.html). In 2007 more over than 70 thousand printed documents were received from publishing institutions.

9. Acquisition

01.01.2008 the VNLU fund placed 14 368 965 mln. of document copies on different information bearers. During the year 166,1 thousand copies, among them are 63,5 thousand foreign, were taken to the Library Fund.

Kinds of publications:

- books - 88 497 (31 697 foreign);
- journal - 47 158 (19 295 foreign);
- dissertations - 7503;
- notes - 860;
- atlases - 132;
- graphs - 561;
- maps - 469;
- standards (norms) - 1526;

- post cards - 1836;
- documents in microform - 603;
 - video documents - 4;
 - documents in electronic forms - 697;
- unpublished materials - 20;
- manuscripts - 20;
- newspapers - 4476 set;
- xeroopies - 32
- prints - 78;
- legislative and technical documents - 24;
- mimeographed items - 9606;
- archives - 1873.

The basic sources of acquisition were: legal deposit (45,3 %), grants of different establishments, organizations and people (14 %), subscription (10,9 %), book exchange (9,2 %). Traditionally, books (53,3 %) and magazines (28,4 %), and also dissertations (4,3 %) took the main place among all acquisition.

10. Special Collections

The unique cultural meaning has one of the richest ancient collections of Slavonic manuscripts, handwritten books of XI - XVIII centuries, historical documents of XVI - XVIII centuries; among them are seven pages of "Kyiv glagolic pamphlets" (X century), "Orshans'k Gospel" (XIII century), famous "Peresopnytsia Gospel" (1556–1561), ¹ which is the unique Ukrainian manuscript because of its beauty and valuable ornamentation.

There is also great collection of ancient Slavonic books, printed in Cyrillic alphabet (over 8000 volumes).

Among the foreign collections there are the ancient monuments of West-European book-printing of XV–XVI centuries, including the collection consisting of 524 '*inkunabula*', books of the initial period of book-printing, printed till 1500 year.

The VNLU Manuscript Institute preserves over 400 document collections of III-XX centuries, archives of national scientific researches, scholars of literature and art of XIX-XX centuries.

The real treasure of the VNLU collection – almost 230 thousand funds of notes publications - is the most valuable note- store in Ukraine. Here there were situated the best monuments of musical culture of Ukraine and Russia of the end of XVII century-the beginning of XIX century, musical culture of different epochs and nations. The collection of printed line materials in the VNLU funds calculates over 250 thousand of copies. The special value of the album fund is the collection of so called "Kunst Bucher".

In the unique specialized fund of cartographic publications, where

the literature in geodesy, geology, geography and other sciences about the Earth is concentrated, there were gathered 42 thousands of native and foreign cartographic materials since XVI century, including over 5 thousand of informational publications. The fund also includes a lot of rare documents as printed, so handwritten.

The UN publication fund is the Ukrainian center of depository preservation of the UN documents and the UN establishments. The specialized collection "Fund of the Presidents of Ukraine" includes the documents, which reflect the state, social-political activity, art and the life of the Presidents of Ukraine. The national Legal Library forms the resources, which contain legal information (since 2002 receives legal deposit of materials of Ukraine on state and law issues).

The Jewish Fund (collection of Jewish printed publications and manuscripts), Austrian Library, Iranian Library (specialized collection in Persian) are also the VNLU special collections.

11. Preservation and Conservation

The system of preventive measures for ensuring of document physical preservation includes: keeping of proper temperature-humid, sanitary, light and fire-prevention conditions of document preservation, ecological fund security.

For preservation of intellectual content of rare, valuable publications and documents with unstable basis there were carried out a special work aimed at microfilming and making copies (making of insurance copies). In 2007 two unique deposits of incunabula, 3 paleotypes, 3 rare Cyrillic editions, 9 value Poahayiv editions were digitized.

According to the state program "Documental memory of Ukraine" the VNLU carried out the integrated works aimed at stocking of state register of rare books of national cultural heritage.

12. Services to Readers and Users

For 1.01.2008 the number of the VNLU readers was 441 241 people. During the year 25 485 scholars, specialists, teachers of institutions of higher education and students became the readers of the VNLU. Almost 3 000 000 document were given to readers' usage, almost 2 000 000 document copies were made for their order. The readers were supplied by 22 reading-halls; free access to the Internet resources is given in the Center of Bibliotheka-Informational Technologies. The access to the VNLU electronic catalogue resources is given by the majority of structural departments.

During the year 1 million of subscribers, who received over 10 mln. of files, applied to the VNLU informational resources of the Internet-server (Electronic Library, electronic catalogue, reference DBases). 10 – 12 thousand subscribers are hosting the VNLU site every day.

The special category of book-store subscribers is informational services of State Bodies; among them are the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Administration of the President of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. During the year the service of informational-analytic supplementation prepares special informational-analytic materials and daily reports on efficient information for the VNLU subscribers of this category.

13. Cultural Events and Exhibitions

As the VNLU is a scientific establishment of the NAS of Ukraine, it annually holds the international scientific conferences. There were 14 scientific conferences, 10 seminars and trainings, 28 lectures, 3 round tables, 8 club meeting, 2 post-graduated students days during the year. Regular professional scientific international conferences: “Ukraine – Uzbekistan: the parallels of historical ways and the ways of cooperation in XXI century”, “Ukraine – Turkey: history and evolution of cultural relations and cooperation on present period”, “Intranet/Extranet-resources in the scientific libraries”, “Slavonic word and culture in a context of the world development”, “Ukraine in the globalized world” and Ukrainian scientific conference “Book year and century of knowledge”, book exhibition “Scientific literature of the Ukrainian publishing houses” were hold in 2007.

The 17th traditional scientific readings after academician V. Vernadsky and round tables “Gender circuit in Ukraine -2007”, “Stepan Siropolko and his contribution to Ukrainian library and book sciences”, “Belarussian library science and libraries” have place in the VNLU in 2007.

During the year there were held 302 subject book exhibitions, 107 thematically book exhibitions, 17 presentations of publishing house projects, 17 art- and photo-exhibitions. There were held 107 excursions for readers, the VNLU guests, students, teachers, post-graduated students. Cultural events and exhibitions were announced in "VNLU News" on the Library site.

14. Library Co-operation

In 2007 the Library co-operated with 167 libraries and establishments of Ukraine and with 867 establishments of 74 foreign countries. The foreign partners of the Library were Academies of Sciences, National libraries, scientific and public libraries, universities and institutions of higher education, publishing houses, editorial offices, museums and other establishments.

During 2007 the international book exchange was an important source of popular foreign scientific literature. This basic non-currency source of acquisition ensured the obtaining of new scientific information including foreign small circulation publications. Thanks to the international book exchange the VNLU obtained 11 000 publications.

Agreement on Scientific and Cultural Cooperation between National Library of Uzbekistan and V.Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine was signed in 2007. The VNLU have participation in the world book exhibition "Atena – 2007" in Warsaw.

The VNLU cooperation has been continued with a number of international organizations: IFLA, IAML – International association of music libraries, archives and documentary centers. The VNLU is the member and founder of the Libraries association of Ukraine, ELNIT – International association of users and producers of electronic libraries and new information technologies, noncommercial partnership "Library assembly of Eurasia", Scientific libraries and Information centers of the Academies of sciences (members of International association of the Academies of sciences) directors counsel, Conference of European National Libraries (CENL).

15. Scientific and Publishing Activity

In 2007 the prior scientific activities of the VNLU were: "Formation and usage of scientific-informational resources. National Libraries information", "Creation of national bibliography. Ukrainian biographies", "New technologies of preservation, conservation and restoration of the library funds", "Research, preservation and publishing of Ukrainian historic-cultural inheritance". There were 13 scientific projects carried out in 2007.

There have been finished carrying out of such scientific works: "Informational technologies in a system of innovation activities of a

research library" (2005 - 2007), "Formation resources for scientific and informational portal of Ukraine" (2005-2007); continued carrying out of such subjects: "Phase conservation and stabilization of the documents on paper bearers with weakened material base" (2006 – 2008), "History of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine 1946 – 1950" (2006 – 2008); it was started to work out of such projects: "Development of the informational and analytic libraries activity in a process of democratic changes of Ukrainian society" (2007 – 2009), "Forming of the Ukrainian book catalogue. Creation of the catalogue system of specialized deposits of VNLU" (2007 – 2009), "Development of Ukrainian biographistic and problems of biobibliographic resources formation in XXI (2007 – 2009), "The unique book and manuscript deposits: scientific, state registration" (2007 – 2009).

In 2007 year 36 scientific works (514,24 pages), 495 scientific articles (242,7 pages) were published by the staff of Vernadsky National Library. During the current year 3 individual monographs, 2 collected works of articles, 9 scientific collected works, 7 bibliographical and scientific and informational publications, 4 scientific and methodical publications, 11 autoreferats were published.

Traditionally such scientific collected works were published: the 5d issue of scientific practical and theoretical edition "Libraries of National academies of sciences: problems of functioning, tendencies of development", the 17th, 18th and the 19th issues of collected articles "Scientific works of V.Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine; 2 editions of scientific collected works "Manuscript and book heritage of Ukraine. Archeographical researches of unique archive and library funds" (11th, 12th).

Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine published 6 numbers of professional journal "Bibliotechny Visnyk", 24 numbers of Ukrainian refer journal "Gzerelo", 23 issues of a journal "Ukraine: events, facts, comments".