

## **National Library of Greece: Annual report 1998-1999**

There are not any innovations concerning the finance, funding and legal status of the National Library of Greece.

Since 1998 there is a new law (2557/24-12-97) affecting the legal deposit. The publishers or the authors are obligated to deposit to the National Library four (4) copies, two (2) copies for the National Library, one (1) copy of the Library of the Greek Parliament and one (1) copy for the National Book Center.

There is an urgent need for a new building. The main building as well as the two other buildings we rent in the suburbs are not enough. Many discussions for the above need are in progress.

A project sponsored by the European Commission for the Modernization of the National Library of Greece aims to the rational solution of some of the problems of the library. Digitization of the Greek collections, retrospective cataloging, census etc. are included in the Working Packages of the project. Within this project we are right now in the process of changing our automated system ADLIB to a new version for Windows NT.

The National Library of Greece organized a big exhibition from March 4 to April 4, 1999 with the title "Treasures of the National Library". It was very successful.

In 1998 has been published the Greek National Bibliography of 1994, in hard copy. On December 1998 has been published a book which includes the history of the National Library of Greece, its organization, its collections, its roles and its services to the users. On April 1999 is published the CD-ROM "Greek National Bibliographies 1989-1994". In the above CD-ROM are included the authorities of Personal Names and the Subject Headings.

The collections of the National Library of Greece are classified according to an old classification scheme, Hallische System. The Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. are used for the bibliographic description. The Greek subject headings are based on the LC Subject Headings. UNIMARC is used as an internal exchange bibliographic and authorities format. For the needs of the Greek National Bibliography is used Dewey Decimal Classification.

The National Library of Greece is cooperating, in national level, with the Greek Academic Libraries for the creation of a Union Catalogue. In international level, the National Library is participating to the following projects, sponsored by the program "Libraries" of the European Commission:

CASA: For the creation of a european data base of periodicals

UNIVERSE: For the creation of a "logical union catalogue" to deliver a number of

advanced library services for both the end-users and the librarian.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education a program of training of the staff is in progress.