

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

National Széchenyi Library
Budapest, Hungary

1. MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY: PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, PLANNING, DECISION-MAKING, EVALUATION, MISSION STATEMENT

The most important event in 2002 was the series of events held to celebrate the library's bicentenary. Our programme of exhibitions, international relations and scholarly events were all arranged in this spirit.

In the anniversary year civil organisations recognised the work of our library with two awards: the name of the National Széchenyi Library was entered in the Golden Book of Hungarian Heritage (Hungarian Heritage Prize) and on world intellectual property day (April 26) declared by the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), we received the Millennium Prize for the protection of intellectual property.

2. HANDLING OF ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS AND FORMATS, INCLUDING NEW LEGISLATION

The library continued to fulfil its task in the field of electronic publications: to store, register and make available all types of electronic documents received as deposit copies, and to manage and make available the electronic documents created through the complex digitisation activity in the library.

We have opened our Multimedia Reading Room with Internet connection, and we have improved the connection by using new hardwares.

3. FUNDING

The funds from our maintainer for 2002 made possible only to fulfil the library's basic duties, i.e. to pay the overhead expenses and the wages, which was leading to a drawback to the professional work. The library made efforts to compensate this lack by getting hold of financial support from other sources, i.e. through applications, sponsoring agreements/contracts.

The limited available funds for renovation were hindering us in introducing more economical methods and technologies.

Revenue earned by the library from sales of goods and services amounted to 5,8% of total resources.

4. LEGISLATION

No major changes in legislation.

5. BUILDINGS

During the year a modern, air-conditioned and controlled humidity store was completed, unfortunately at a considerable distance from the building. In addition to organising technical and personnel security, we have begun to move the holdings of museum value. The store's capacity of 7500 linear metres of shelf space will temporarily solve our storage problems.

6. STAFFING MATTERS

Major changes in establishment numbers

Persons in the employment of the library

on January 1, 2003, by qualification:

Academic doctor (Dsc)	2 person
Candidate (Csc), PhD	12 persons
Tertiary librarian	285 persons
Tertiary specialised (information science, communication specialist)	13 persons
Tertiary, non-librarian (economics, technical, administration)	11 persons
Tertiary restorer	8 persons
Secondary librarian (assistant, assistant librarian)	27 persons
Secondary restorer	16 persons
Secondary, other (storage, economic-technical administrative worker, employees in administration, maintenance, operation, skilled worker, etc.)	177 persons
Other (unskilled labourer, auxiliary worker, etc.)	<u>36 persons</u>
Total:	587 persons

Major changes in management structures

There were no constitutional changes in our library in 2002.

Major changes in contractual arrangements / salary structures

In 2002 the newly elected government increased the salary of public employees by 50% as from 1 September 2002, and by that contributed to stop the fluctuation at the NSZL.

Staff development and training programmes

Training programmes for the library staff are realised within the framework of a Plan of further education (2000–2006) based on a ministerial decree of the Hungarian Ministry of Culture. That means that employees under 55 can participate in some form of education (college, university, postgraduate studies, language course etc.) if the qualification in question is related / needed to his/her work.

The library organised free in-house *IT further training* for staff with the participation of the Training Department of the Library Institute.

7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

Important new investments in hardware/software/systems

Thanks to co-operation between our maintaining body, the National Library Board and the Library, decisions were made during the year which enabled us to raise the standard of the IT system with a one-off, special support. As a result, all our librarians now work on modern PC workstations, the speed of the Intranet is a uniform 100 Mb/sec, and our external connection has been raised to 155 Mb/sec. We have been able to purchase the latest version of our service-providing software and add new modules to the integrated system. MOKKA program, the Hungarian Shared Cataloguing System, has become part of our Library and the necessary funding is part of our basic budget. By the end of the year we completed the database test runs and in early 2003 we will begin joint work with 1.7 million records.

Retrospective conversion of catalogues

A decision has been made on the retrospective conversion of the library's catalogues, but the financing of this work did not begin in the course of the year.

8. THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Digital programmes / digitising of text/images

The Hungarian Electronic Library Department (HEL Department) continued its work started in 2001, i.e. to generate and complete the long-planned 2.0 version of the new server, and to sort, supervise and recatalogize the entire electronic library.

Due to a support from the IKB (Government Commission for Informatics) the department could purchase softwares (e.g. QuarkXPress, Page Maker, Adobe) making possible to convert the format of the documents provided by publishing companies.

Acquisitions of the HEL in 2002: 662 documents

The HEL's collection consists of totally 4652 documents.

Visitors of the HEL's website in 2002: 1 810 680

Sources of accession:

- - documents found on the Internet
- - documents sent by the author
- - documents offered by the author and digitised with own devices
- - electronic documents sent by publishing companies
- - works digitised by volunteers

Electronic library services

Within the frame of the HEL 2.0 we started a new service called *Book search*, a search engine communicating with the database of other library catalogues (NEKTAR, ODR, MOKKA), online bookstores and the Neumann Digital Library. Moreover we have developed a database for electronic periodicals.

9. LEGAL DEPOSIT OF MATERIALS

There were no major changes in legal deposit law in 2002.

Tasks of the Deposit Copy Service in 2002:

Receiving and recording the deposit copies supplied by Hungarian printing houses and publishers (around 2.5 million documents) and distributing them among the libraries entitled to receive such copies. Directing the copies remaining in the national library to the appropriate processing areas and submitting claims for known publications that have not been provided. Introduction of measures to achieve greater respect of the rules for the provision of video and DVD deposit copies.

Provision of national library statistical data for the Central Statistical Office.

Maintenance of the ISBN and ISMN number systems (issuing and keeping a record of 22,000 numbers a year). A software has been made for the specification of the ISBN/ISMN registration. The software will be finally tested and put to use in 2003.

Figures in Numbers at the Legal Deposit Service				
Types of Documents	Work/Title		Total number of copies received	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Books and CD-ROMs (in inventory)	12.000	13.000	71.583	77.396
Periodicals	5.587	4.492	491.136	589.582
Material in groups	6.490	6.359	38.940	38.154
Hired service	1.278	1.077	4.362	3.231
Musical compositions, scores	213	292	1.025	1.593
Maps	552	808	3.312	1.616
Technical small prints	4.327	4.642	25.962	27.852
Other small print (invitation cards, postcards, match	68.000	34.346	204.000	137.384

labels, death notes etc.)				
Poster	483	715	1.627	2.259
Separate print	765		2.595	
Supported books	183	195	1.086	1.170
Books from abroad	44	116	1043	367
MC	293	166	879	517
CD (audio)	773	581	2.320	1.667
VHS	683	405	687	429
DVD	31	201	31	212
Film script	26		26	
Floppy	20	9	44	95
The total number of documents received	101.748	69.404	849.758	883.524

10. ACQUISITIONS

Based on the acquisition statistics we can point out that the actual number of the acquired books and periodicals exceeded the planned numbers in 2002.

Purchase from abroad has been difficult due to financial and staff-related problems.

The straitened circumstances caused great anxiety in the field of international exchange, in purchasing book for free usage in the reading rooms and purchase by auctions. Financial support from different sources (see the table below) lightened the situation, but it also required an extensive organisational work for our staff.

Details of the Growth of the Stock with Reference to the Mode of Purchase								
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Books		Periodicals		Special Collections		Total of Library Items	
Purchase	2.214	1.495	577	539	11.493	11.282	14.284	13.316
Exchange	832	838	652	630	1.045	4.194	2.529	5.662
Present	2.331	2.443	954	1.054	10.095	10.788	13.380	14.285
Legal Deposit Copy	27.875	29.551	8.270	8.893	14.475	19.585	50.620	58.029
Made at the NSZL	31	10			4.453	577	4.484	587
Total	33.283	34.337	10.453	11.116	44.561	46.426	85.297	91.879

The 2002. expenditure from the yearly growth budget				
	Budget Spent	Left	Overspent	Budget Accepted
NSZL Collection	21 631 065 HUF			
Museal Library	324 478 HUF			
Other books and periodicals (copies for use)	1 296 537 HUF			
International Exchange	8 323 223 HUF			
Total:	31 575 303 HUF			

2002. Other section of the budget used for the year				
	Used	Left	Overspent	Accepted
ITHAKA Promotion	300 000 HUF			300 000 HUF
Promotion from the Ministry for auctions	3 378 500 HUF			3 378 500 HUF

Corvina Foundation	10 884 250 HUF			10 884 250 HUF
National Cultural Found Programme - Periodicals abroad	8 006 248 HUF		6248 HUF	8 000 000 HUF
Total:	22 568 998 HUF		6248 HUF	22 562 750 HUF

Outstanding new acquisitions relating to national heritage / culture / patrimony / European heritage

- - CZEISEL György: Igazságok a szeszes italról. Trencsén, 1907.
- - DERCSÉNYI Kálmán: Bem tábornok téli hadjárata 1848-49-ben Erdélyben. /Naplójegyzetek./ Bp. [1896].
- - EKEBERG, Carl Gustav: Ostindische Reise in den Jahren 1770 und 1771. Dresden-Leipzig, 1785.
- - GABÁNYI Árpád: Kakasülön. Bp. é.n. /Monológok. Víg és komoly magánjel./
- - GEBHARDT Xavér Ferenc: Békösöntő beszéd... Pesten, (1824.) Koll.6.
- - Geheimmisse aus der vornehmen Welt, dem Volks- und Klosterleben in Wien. Prag und Pesth. Bd. 1-2. Leipzig und Meissen, 1844.
- - HORVÁTH, Joan. Bapt.: Institutiones physicae particularis... Ed.4. Augustae Vindelicorum, 1780.
- - KITAIBEL, Paulus - TOMTSÁNYI, Adamo: Dissertatio de terrae motu in genere... Budae, 1814.
- - Közönséges historia. Rövid előadása minden nevezetes történeteknek... Kassán, 1834.
- - LICHT, S[amuel]: "Asi lo veo yo..." - Ahogy én látom... "Értekezéseim. Montevideo, 1943.
- - Millenniumi ünnepi beszédek. Kiad. Kecskemét város. Kecskeméten, 1896.
- - MORRIS, Elizabeth Keith: Hungary: the land of enchantment. [London], Hartley, [1931].
- - NAGY Imre: Aradi Atletikai Club 40 éves története. Arad, (1940).
- - ROTHMAN, Armin: Pathohistologie der Zahnpulpa und Wurzelhaut. Stuttgart, 1889.
- - SUTOR [Varga Lajos, F.]: Nefeletsek a holt idény virányairól. Pozsony, 1891.
- - ZÁCH József: Fehér megye politikai-egyházi és nemzetgazdászati statisztikája és topográfiaja. Székesfehérvár, 1883.
- - ZAMINER, Eduard: Geschichte des Waldwesens der kön. freien Stadt Kronstadt-Brassó. Kronstadt, 1891.
- - ZELENYÁK János: A természetes gyógymód. Bratislava-Pozsony, 1925.
- - ZIEGLER Anton: Dr.Emil Zsigmondy. 1-5. Tausend.München, 1926. /Erschliesser der Berge 3./
- - ZSOLDOS János: Egység regulái... Győrben, 1817.

11. PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION

The year 2002 was of outstanding importance in the history of the library as it marked the 200th anniversary. Accordingly, the tasks of the Collection of Microfilms and Photographs, the Restoration Department and the Bindery were in line with the priority tasks of the national library.

Preservation and Conservation Activities of the Restoration Department in 2002

	2001 Actual	2002 Planned	2002 Actual
Works for the Special Collections Department (restoration and conservation)	9702 hrs. 4052	9400 hrs.	9499 hrs. 2066
Works for the Readers' Service and	7681 hrs.	8200 hrs.	8675 hrs.

Information Department			
Repairing or Restoration of Periodicals before Microfilming Number of repaired volumes: Number of repaired pages – – (1-2) restored by steeping and/or deacidation – – restored by lamination	7085 hrs. 229 volume 19285 (1) 4145 pages 104 pages	7800 hrs.	7835 hrs. 262 volume 24762 (2) 2272 pages 24 pages
Reparation of book bindings, rebinding of books, restoration – – Leather binding	216 hrs. 6 volume 3 volume	-	248 hrs. 36 volume 7 volume
Cleaning and conservation of the Book Collection of Count Ferenc Széchenyi	380 hrs. 37 fm	400 hrs.	592 hrs. 56 fm

Preservation and Conservation Activities of the Bindery in 2002

<i>Partial Bookbinding Activities</i>		
lamination/page	1.891	2.942
repair/volume	3.875	4.376
overall repair/volume	1.319	1.327
paper making/page	245	266
restoration/volume	85	151
restoration/letter	293	1.127
acid controll/page	10.697	7.475

Preservation and Conservation Activities of the Collection of Microfilms and Photographes in 2002

	<i>2001 actual</i>	<i>2002 planned</i>	<i>2002 actual</i>
Protection of collection			
Newspaper processing			
(RFE material 10 000 + Newspaper 200 000 + Hist. of period 500 000)	860 048 pages	850 000 pages	788 333 pages
Film processing	432 708 shots	600 000 shots	610 052 shots
Catalogue cards	1000 cards	1 000 cards	1 000 cards
Film positives	518 scrolls	1 000 scrolls	775 scrolls
Negative microfilm processing			
Film negative making for the protection of the stock (see in details below)	15 206 exposures	150 000 exp.	123 848 exp.
FM1 Manuscripts	102 exp.	15 000 exp.	1735 exp.
FM2 Early Prints			772 exp.
Eruditio	4 233 exp.		12 390 exp.
FM3 Periodicals	500 351 exp.	500 000 exp.	471 976 exp.
FM3 Hungarica replacement photographs from abroad			
ML3 Periodicals	1 140 microfilm sheets.	1 000 mfs.	1 086 mfs.
63 800 pages			31 900 exp.
FM4 Musical Compositions	1 946 exp.	10 000 exp.	5 472 exp.
FM5 Maps	-	-	-
FM6 Dramas	1 157 exp.	10 000 exp.	1 093 exp.
FM7 Modern Prints	1 345 exp.		1 760 exp.

	<i>2001 actual</i>	<i>2002 planned</i>	<i>2002 actual</i>
FM 8 Posters (colour)	1 500 exp.	1 500 exp.	1 500 exp.
FM9 Monographs (published after 1711)	3 510 exp.	5 000 exp.	626 exp.
FM1 Manuscript (colour)	-	-	-
FM2 Hungarica replacement foreign maps (RMNY) Prague			1 800 exp.
Photographing of Eszterházy Collection in Keszthely			2 400 exp.
Total:	533 403 exp.	601 500 exp.	503 272 exp.
	1 140 mfs.	1 000 mfs.	1 086 mfs.
Making Microfilm Positives			
Microfilm Positives for the Protection of Collection (see in details below)	10 973 exp.	50 000 exp.	11 458 exp.
FM1 Manuscript	102 exp.	15 000 exp.	1 735 exp.
FM2 Early Prints	2 913 exp.	15 000 exp.	772 exp.
FM3 Periodicals	565 527 exp.	550 000 exp.	557 821 exp.
ML3 Periodicals	1 140 mfs.	1 000 mfs.	1 086 mfs.
FM4 Musical Compositions	1 946 exp.	10 000 exp.	5 472 exp.
FM5 Maps	-	-	-
FM6 Drama	1 157 exp.	-	1 093 exp.
FM7 Modern prints	1 345 exp.	-	1 760 exp.
FM8 Posters (colour)	3 000 exp.	3 000 exp.	3 000 exp.
FM1 Manuscript (colour)	-	5 000 exp.	-
Total:	572 975 exp.	648 000 exp.	583 111 exp.
	1 140 mfs.	1 000 mfs.	1 086 mfs.
Ozalid microfilm			
FM3 Periodical publication	-	150 scrolls	64 scrolls
ML3 Periodical publication	1 087 mfs.	1 000 mfs.	1 086 mfs.

New equipment purchased

The PC stock of the Collection of Microfilms and Photographes has been considerably developed by purchasing 18 new COMPAQ computers, 2 NIKON photofilm scanners, 2 printers and 1 Mikrotech scanner.

12. SERVICES TO READERS

Tasks of the Readers', Information and Document Provision Services at the NSZL in 2002

- Providing information on the location of documents in Hungary for outside enquirers in person, by phone, fax, mail and e-mail, on request forms for Interlibrary lending on the basis of its own catalogue and other common and individual databases accessible on the Internet. Within the framework of the National Document providing System complying with 11 919 requests, most of them concerning interlibrary loans (both originals and in form of copies) in Hungary and abroad.
- In co-operation with MOKKA, entry of bibliographic and location data for libraries not building an online catalogue.
- Daily receipt and registration of requests arriving on printed request forms, by mail, fax and electronically (e-mail, WWW, Ariel);
- Maintaining the union catalogue of books and using it to provide information on locations in Hungary.
- Preparing the functional further development of our electronic partner and request registration and invoicing system together with Integra Rt.
- Forwarding requests in Hungary and abroad, as far as possible in the form of online search and document orders;
- Registration of activity in the electronic records.

- - Registering and invoicing documents arriving at the department by mail, fax and electronically (e-mail, FTP, Ariel), forwarding them to the clients, wherever possible electronically. The return in time of documents received as loans, sending reminders to late returners, invoicing penalties for lateness.
- - Building contacts with old and new partners in Hungary and abroad, seeking out and testing new possibilities for providing electronic services, registering and informing new partners as web users.
- - Seeking and testing mutually advantageous financial constructions (deposit, collective account).
- - Providing documents from our own holdings sent either electronically or in traditional form.
- - Creation of the organisation for the national MIT-HOL / LibInfo (WHAT-WHERE) Internet information system through the formation of a consortium, establishment of foreign contacts, collection and classification of Internet sources of use in the service.

LibInfo: Number of questions and answers 2002

	Number of questions	Number of answers	At the OSZK	Answers from elsewhere
Total:	4357	4881	2896	1985

Number of Readers at NSZL in 2002

Readers with yearly card	Readers with daily card	Total
101.662	101.228	202.890

13. CULTURAL EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLISHING

Bicentennial and other events and exhibitions of the National Széchényi Library in 2002

January 22

Celebration of the Day of Hungarian Culture

The events of the day began with laying a wreath at the statue of Ferenc Széchényi and continued with the official declaration of the National Museum's garden as a historical park. Patron of the celebration: Mr Zoltán Rockenbauer, minister.

In the afternoon the customary celebration of the Day of Hungarian Culture focused in 2002 on the initiatives of the Széchényi family for the creation of culture. A lecture was given by László Szörényi. The event was organised jointly with the Petőfi Literary Museum.

February 15 – April 30

Garden of Muses –200 years of museums in Hungary

The exhibition was organised jointly with the Pulszky Society. Organised museum activity began 200 years ago with the intention of Ferenc Széchényi to establish a museum. In the period of the "long 19th century" (up to 1914) around 100 museums were founded in the territory of historical Hungary, in most cases through civic initiatives, by social societies and private persons, and to a lesser extent by towns and counties. The aim of the exhibition was to show the earlier comprehensive cultural mission of our public collections by presenting the main collections (around 50–60 institutions), some of which are now outside the territory of Hungary, formed during the period of museum foundations.

February 22-23

Conference on Péter Bod

The National Széchényi Library, the Institute of Literary Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Péter Bod Society were holding a scholarly conference for the 290th anniversary of the birth of Péter Bod. The main theme of the conference was the literary work of Péter Bod.

March 22 – April 27

Beautiful Hungarian maps 2001– exhibition

The 25 most beautiful Estonian books and 5 most beautiful children’s books of 2000 – exhibition

Lithuania on old maps – exhibition

March 23

Internet Fiesta

The conference on “Traditions and new challenges” was organised around the new services of the 200-year-old national library by the Internet Society with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the HUNGARNET Association, the NIIF Programme Office, the Neumann Kht and the National Széchényi Library.

April 29

Ferenc Széchényi memorial day

Venue: Hungarian National Museum and National Széchényi Library

The events of the day began by unveiling two marble tablets in the museum’s ground-floor rotunda to commemorate the museum’s former directors and outstanding donors. In the afternoon of the Széchényi memorial day, the national library’s Széchényi memorial medal and the Dezső Keresztury prize were presented in the library’s conference hall. Besides the presentation of prizes there was also talks on the work of Ferenc Széchényi, founder of the library, to be given by members of the library staff. To mark the anniversary, Ferenc Széchényi’s original library of several hundred volumes with which the library was founded was displayed in fine cabinets in a permanent exhibition in the corridor leading to the director general’s office on Level V. A marble tablet commemorating the directors of the library has been unveiled.

May 16 – August 16

Potentates and corvinas

The exhibition presented the most beautiful manuscripts from the world-famous library of King Matthias, in particular the 24 Florentine codices recently identified by researchers as having been made for the Corvina library. The most splendid corvinas following the Antique style from Vienna, Wolfenbüttel and Hungary was displayed. A lavish catalogue was produced for the exhibition and the presentation of the digital version of the 35 corvinas in the possession of the library also aroused great interest.

June 3-8

Exhibition of entries in the Oxford University Press children’s drawing competition and presentation of prizes

Theme of the drawing competition: “My dictionary”.

July

The history of the Cistercian order and the Antal Reguly Library

The exhibition was held in the library in Zirc.

August 8-10

Conference of the Association of Hungarian Librarians

After a period of many years the Association of Hungarian Librarians was again holding its annual meeting in Budapest, in the National Széchenyi Library, also involving the other cultural institutions in the castle as venues.

September 25-28

Conference of heads of European national libraries

The meeting of heads of European national libraries is held in a different place each year. In 2002 Hungary and the Széchenyi Library was the hosts for the first time for this meeting of around 45 experts. In addition to presenting professional achievements, it was important for the guests to become acquainted in a fitting way with the library, Hungarian culture and our national values.

November 21-22

Conference on the founding of national libraries in Europe, and gathering of director generals of libraries in the Carpathian Basin

The conference dealt with the question of the founding of national libraries in Europe through the national cultural movements. Co-organisers: Committee on Cultural History of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institut des études classiques de l'Académie des sciences (Prague), Centre français de recherche en sciences sociales (Prague), Österreichisches Ost- und Südosteuropa-Institut (Brno), Maison des sciences de l'homme (Paris), Gesellschaft für Buchforschung in Österreich (Wien). The heads of libraries with substantial Hungarian holdings in the Carpathian Basin were holding their annual gathering for the third time.

November 22 – 2003, February 28

Exhibition on the history of the National Széchenyi Library and the Hungarian National Museum

Structurally, the exhibition consisted of two parts. The first used original documents to show the founding of the two institutions, their long common history and then their independent history: the most important events affecting them, the expansion of the collection, organisational development, the professional and scholarly achievements of the library's most prominent heads and staff members. The second part, linked to the tradition of the grand centenary exhibition, gave a cross-section of the treasures in the collections of the Museum and Library with the help of original objects, documents and authentic copies.

November 25

Commemoration

Venue: Hungarian National Museum

The two institutions were commemorating the 200th anniversary of their foundation with a special commemoration, combined with the opening of the Museum's new permanent archaeological exhibition "In the wake of millennia". The opening was attended by the director generals of national museums and libraries, delegates from UNESCO, ICOM and the Council of Europe, as well as representatives of Hungarian cultural and political life and staff of the institutions.

Television productions linked to the bicentenary

Film on the history of the Hungarian National Museum

People, events, historical moments in the life of the Hungarian National Museum

Renovation of a neo-Classical building

One of the prides of Central European architecture

History of the National Széchenyi Library and its collections

Other anniversary events

Issue of a postage stamp for the anniversary
Issue of special coins for the anniversary
Laying a wreath on the grave of Ferenc Széchenyi

Our library issued publications worthy of the anniversary year, of interest to specialists in the humanities and the general public. Our series of publications are gaining popularity, not only for their attractive appearance but also for their contents.

14. LIBRARY COOPERATION

Our extensive network of international relations is most active in the territories in the Carpathian Basin that once formed part of Hungary. Without this network it would be impossible to locate, catalogue and obtain documents of Hungarian relevance found outside Hungary.

Unfortunately, it must be said that there was no improvement this year either in the weakened position of the national library within the system of institutions operated to provide cultural services for Hungarian communities outside Hungary.

During the year we held two big manuscript exhibitions jointly with Italian libraries. The first was held in Budapest – in co-operation with the Austrian National Library and the Herzog August Bibliothek of Wolfenbüttel – the second was in Modena in the building of the Biblioteca Universitaria Estense. Books from the 15th century library of King Matthias were exhibited in both. In Hungarian cultural policy the cult of Matthias and the history of the Bibliotheca Corviniana have always been linked with the idea of a Hungarian national collection. The choice of theme was therefore intentional: while Count Ferenc Széchenyi established the national library in 1802, Hungarian cultural awareness links the idea of the „first national library” with the Corvina library. The Italian, Austrian and German co-operation shows that Hungarian cultural history is most closely linked to these three European cultural communities. This does not mean that French, Dutch, English or other influences have not come to the fore in different periods of our history, but it is important to emphasise that, after co-existence and co-operation with the peoples of Central Europe, these three cultures have exercised a continuous and active influence on our culture.

15. MAJOR CELEBRATIONS

The two national institutions (the National Széchenyi Library and the National Museum) celebrating their bicentenary in 2002 would like to pay tribute in 2002 to the founder, Ferenc Széchenyi and to this outstanding date in Hungarian library and museum affairs, with a series of events lasting for the whole year.

The motto for the anniversary year has been chosen from a letter written by Ferenc Széchenyi on his deathbed to his son István: **“Be conscious of your values”** which all Hungarians living in the early 21st century can still proudly embrace as a basic idea for the preservation and cultivation of our national values.

For the list of bicentennial events see §13 (Cultural events, exhibitions etc.)

16. OTHER NOTABLE INFORMATION

17. ORGANISATION CHART

See our website:

http://www.oszk.hu/frame_en.htm?/eng/konyvtar/szervfel/szervfel_index_en.htm