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TEMPLATE FOR COUNTRY REPORT

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Name of Country

SWITZERLAND.....

Name of Library..... **SWISS NATIONAL LIBRARY**

Name of Chief Executive..... **DR. JEAN-FRÉDÉRIC JAUSLIN**

ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2003

*Please provide an overview of **national developments** since your last report including highlights and issues of relevance to CDNL members. Insert no more than 500 words below:*

a) Archiving electronic publications - SNL

Information about the eHelvetica project (online and offline digital documents produced in Switzerland) is now available in four languages at <http://www.e-helvetica.ch> .

Within the offline-Helvetica segment of the project, disks threatened with being demagnetized are being transferred to a hard disk storage system (under Swiss copy right law, one copy of a work may be made to protect and maintain that work for archival purposes).

b) Archiving electronic publications – federal level

In order to coordinate the various plans for long-time archiving of electronic documents within the Federal Department of Home Affairs, the [GS-FDHA \(Federal Department of Home Affairs General Secretariat\)](#) initiated the project SIPELDA (FDHA strategic IT planning for long-term storage of digital data and files). The Swiss National library has played an active role in this project since summer 2002. The objective of the GS-FDHA is to avoid redundancy of effort, use synergies between institutions such as the SNL and the Swiss Federal Archives and to take interfaces between the systems into account. Although the SFA archiving objectives and strategies differ from those of the SNL, there are common factors in the technical sector. SNL and SFA will determine whether a common WTO tender should be conducted for the “Storage” sub-sector of a future archiving system (according to the [OAIS](#) model)

c) Electronic publications – nationally

In cooperation with the Conference of Swiss University Libraries, the SNL is carrying out a study for the coordination of the management and deposit of electronic theses in university libraries and the SNL in Switzerland.

d) National cooperation: readers' cards

At the beginning of 2003, the Conference of Swiss University Libraries decided to group together the library card schemes practised in the BibliOpass network and IDS (Informationsverbund Deutschschweiz) thus giving users access to nearly 600 Swiss libraries, including the Swiss National, Library providing they are a member of one of the partner libraries. The reader card of any one of the libraries is recognised by all others: users are allowed to join any of the other partner libraries without having to sign up for another card. Lending practices are not unified: the rules pertaining to each institution are applied. The BibliOpass logo enables users to see which institutions are part of this network. See <http://www.BibliOpass.ch> for more information. A centralised, updated list of banned or problem users ensures that a reader may not sign up in different libraries if there is an outstanding problem in any other institutions (fines, lost items etc.)

e) National cooperation: digitisation

SNL is project leader for a project to digitise and catalogue Swiss posters. Partners include both museums and libraries. The database contains descriptions and images of around 11'000 posters with plans to add at least 5'000 more in 2003. <http://www.snl.ch/posters>

f) National cooperation: archives

The new Index of Archival Collections held in Swiss Libraries and Archives is now available on line at <http://www.snl.ch/repertoi/alsrep.htm> .

It is a union catalogue of over 7000 short descriptions of manuscripts collections and fonds kept in 260 institutions in Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

It is integrated into a database in which the SNL manages the addresses and contact information of Swiss libraries with which it cooperates.

Migrated from an ancient system specifically developed in the 1980s, the Index has still a format of its own but has now an authority file.

In addition to the database and its web access, the Index will be accessible via Z39.50 and linked to the MALVINE server. Participating institutions can add data via HTML forms sending XML-coded records, which the SNL uploads after authority control.

g) National cooperation - serials

In 2002, the SNL and Trialog AG carried out a study into the future of the Union List of serials (full report – in German -at the <http://www.trialog.ch/> site).

The study showed that the current database, its organisation, infrastructure and interaction with partner libraries no longer met the expectations of users nor participants: many institutions were unable to send automatic updates with the result that data had to be keyed in manually, leading to duplication of effort and outdated information in the database. The SNL decided to freeze the database from summer 2002 onwards. This database will be migrated to Virtua in Spring 2003 and will remain online until the new solution is up and running. In the long term, the goal is to cooperate with the German union list Zeitschriftendatenbank (ZDB) but this is unlikely to be possible before 2005. In the meantime, with the agreement of the Commission of University Libraries, the SNL has opted for an interim solution: a portal giving access to serials held in Swiss libraries will be set up in cooperation with the Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog (KVK).

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