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1. Management

Library activity was under Director General & scientific council control. Two streams of Library activity were basic:

1. researches;
2. theoretical & practical professional activities & service.

The Library worked out & continued to make research in 4 basic scientific topics:

- I. "Formation & using of scientific & information resources Informatization of Research libraries";
- II. "Founding of national bibliography Ukrainian biographistics";
- III. "New technologies of preservation, conservation & restoration of library book-stock";
- IV. "Studding, preservation & publishing of Ukrainian historic & cultural heritage. Chapter: Manuscript heritage of Ukraine"

The goal of theoretical & practical professional activities was to develop & to renovate the universal technological instruction "The Way of a Document in the Process of a Library Treatment at V.Vernadsky National Library" (Part I). This instruction is a constitutive part of document covering the problems of Library's organization and its technological activities. Part I of the Instruction regulate the way of documents which are processing in a fixed centralized regime at Library's basic technological departments.

1. Legislation

In 1999 the Library was financed more stable in comparison to the previous year. no foreign periodicals subscription nor books exchange were cutting.

1. "Law Libraries & Library Science" (adopted in 1995) was supplemented in accordance with up-date tasks of Ukrainian libraries.
2. Law "On Legal Deposit of Documents" was adopted.
3. Decree of the President regulating customs procedures for libraries.
4. Decree of Council of Ministers "On Regulating of Distribution of Control Deposit of Published Works".

5. Decree of the President on "Law National Library" which is structural division of V.Vernadsky National Library.
6. Decree of Council of Ministers "On approving the Program on Preservation of Libraries & Archives in 2000-2005 years".

1. Information Technology

The Structure of a Format of bibliographical records of music publications was working out in 1999. Specialists librarians decided the tasks on a complex of linguistics measures for intellectualization of search in electronic catalogue. D-Bases of the person names of Ukrainian & Russian writers were founded.

Last year V.Vernadsky Library Center for library & informational technologies worked at a departmental project "Elaboration of Architecture and Information Technology of Electronic Library".

2. Library Cooperation

There are 2 basic ways of cooperation:

1. professional Library. Common project (Poland, Russia, USA, Israel, England) fulfilled & International Conferences;
2. business

Well organized cooperation with publishing houses, information (home & foreign) & subscription companies can be regarded as a characteristic features of the Library activities in 1999: EBSCO, SWETS International, Martinus Nijhoff, ISI.