

**Die staatlich wissenschaftliche
Bibliothek Košice
(Kaschau), Slowakei**

**State Scientific Library,
Košice (Slovakia)**

**Государственная научная
библиотека Кошицеб Словакия**

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The State Scientific Library in Košice belongs to the biggest libraries in Slovakia. It was established in 1946 and it is a universal type of scientific library which by serving the clients participates in science, technology, industry, schools, arts, culture and in general educational development of inhabitants of East Slovakia and in some specific forms and aspects in a wider scope.

It accomplishes all Slovak projects particularly by participating in the Slovak national retrospective bibliography. Within the framework of nation-wide appointed specialization in the field of mining, metallurgy, applied geology and their linked-up ecology the library processes science databases of the mentioned science fields for the Slovak national bibliography published by the Matica slovenská. It forms the database ROMANO for the whole Slovakia concentrated on the Rom ethnic group. It participates in the research on the history of literary culture in Slovakia by processing its historical stock, especially books from the 16th - 19th centuries, and by giving it to the Matica slovenská for building up the database of slovacial books. Naturally, the library makes accessible documents from its stock on request for users showing interest in the whole of Slovakia through inter-library loan service and /or for users from abroad through international loan service. The library contributes to the all Slovak recording of foreign literature and union catalogues.

The position of the library within the framework of the East Slovak region is very important. Its dominant position is due to the Size of the stock, user hinterland but

especially to its activity. Beside regional bibliographical work it is mainly the building up and opening up the territorial stock of special technical literature, further more forming the database REOS - the regional personages of East Slovakia. At present the library joins in the research on "The History of Bishopric in Košice". In the interests of the coordination of the periodicals purchase into the biggest libraries of East Slovakia the library organizes their consultations and data gathering and on the strength of them the library issues "The List of foreign journals ordered by the libraries in East Slovakia" every year. These are only some examples from wider projects of the library. However, the elements of its activity are the daily service of users provided on their basis of extensive library stock.

The library stock is built up with the respect to the library background, from inland and foreign technical and specialized literature. The main effort of the library is to collect the Slovak production in its maximum extent /deposit copy/ and we get 2 copies from regional production of East Slovakia. At present, the library stock size is about 3 million library stock units and consists of books, periodicals, journals, pieces of music /music, records/, special technical literature /patents, firm publications, standards/, maps and other kinds of media, as microfilms microfiches, video cassettes.

Part of the stock is the historical stock in which there are incunabula too. From this stock, which is processed and protected to librarian rules, about 13.000 readers loan over 1 million units. Part of the loans is done by inter-library loan service, it means to readers out of Košice, by circulation service and some by disposition of the copy of original.

The reading rooms are visited by approximately 300.000 persons in a year. The library is used by general public, students and experts from various kinds of science fields.

The following rooms are at users' disposal:

- study room of scientific and technical literature with 62 places and with extensive reference library of encyclopaedias, dictionaries, language manuals, textbooks and scripts in the number of 10.000 volumes;
- study room of foreign periodicals with 15 places and 200 free accessible periodicals;
- German study room - built on the evidence of the contract with the *GOETHE-Institute* in München with the stock of 3.859 books, 32 titles of periodicals, 387 video cassettes and 254 magnetic tapes. There are 19 places at disposal;
- reading room of newspapers and journals with 25 places;
- information department with databases concentrated, including CD-ROM and with the possibility of joining

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to the Slovak academic net SANET /and through it also to INTERNET/, 20 places;

- research library of old books printed in Košice- that is the historical stock concentrated in an isolated building with an exhibition room and separately with a study room of historical books with 20 places. The above mentioned workplace will be opened on 15h March 1995;
- lending department - 43 places.

The information work of the library is closely connected with opening up the library units. There are about 40.000 specialized information in a year /various instructions, factography, documentography and other pretentious information/ given by our specialized employees.

To inform our readers and visitors on our latest increases in the stock we make periodica displays and specialized exhibitions. We issue informal lists on foreign books prepared also on computer diskettes and in a specialized Slovak periodical "*Additions of foreign books*".

The bibliographical work of the library is of wide extent. The results are of substantial contribution to the nationwide processing of Slovak retrospective bibliography, in frame of which series of volumes "*Bibliography of articles from Slovak newspapers and journals from years 1901-1918*" were issued. The regional bibliography at very high level and it participates in a substantial way in increasing the level of this kind of bibliography in East Slovakia. We issue annual review "*Eastern Slovakia in*

press". On request of various organisations, institutes, universities and other workplaces, we produce specialized literature reviews from library stock units and special documents.

On the basic of definite demands of users the library makes out retrieval on specific themes either from classic sources or from databases. It publizises its activity, but especially literature, in the form of exhibitions, by publishing pamphlets, in mass media and similar. It provides information education for students or other users showing interest by means of informal meetings, excursions and further forms of work with users. At present the library has 96 employees. It is situated in 4 buildings and another building is being reconstructed, from that 3 buildings are historical monuments. In addition there are deposits on further 3 places in Košice.

The library began with the application of automatization means in the 2nd half of the 1970s. As the first library in Slovakia in 1982 it introduced the lending system with the use of computer technique /RPP 165/. Regarding the development of the computer technique in 1991 it reconstructed the system to PC technique by drawing up own programme in DATAFLEX. Later it applied the system ISIS in bibliographical work and historical stock processing. At present it has introduced automatized processing / also own system/ into acquisition and cataloguing activity.