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## NALIS project – short and long term targets

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## University and Research sector in Bulgaria

- 52 Universities (state funded and private): ca. 300,000 students, 13,766 professors.
- 1 Research network – BAS: 3,100 researchers.
- The libraries at SU (29 + 1 central): 2,000,000 items.
- The libraries at BAS (49 + 1 central): 2,000,000 items.
- More than 2/3 of the academic library collections belong to the Libraries of SU and BAS.

## University and Research sector in Bulgaria

- The Library of SU – ALEPH300 from 1992; ALEPH500 – 2008; MARC21 based processing from 2008; 340,000 records.
- The Library of BAS – ALEPH500 from 2002; MARC21 and AACR2 based processing from 2002; 145,000 records.
- VTLS in AUBG; Q-series in NBU
- All other University libraries two systems which are locally developed and not MARC21 processing

## R2 – Report of the Library of Congress

- Increasing gap between what IS and what SHOULD be processed
- Libraries in general have human resources to overcome this problem
- The cooperative cataloging still does not realize its potentials.
- A lot of libraries and librarians still are not inclined to use the records of other libraries.



## Identification of the models by OCLC

Three basic tendencies characterize the library user of today:

- Self-sufficiency
- Satisfaction
- Seamlessness

In most of the cases the today's users are looking for a certain information in the WEB rather than the library catalogs despite the fears of the librarian that his findings will be inaccurate and even not true.



## NALIS project

- ✓ 2008 - System analysis and development
- ✓ 2009 - Support of the America for Bulgaria Fund (<http://www.americaforbulgaria.org>)
- ✓ 2009, June – Beginning
- ✓ Founders:
  - Central Library of BAS,
  - Sofia University “St Kliment Ohridski”
  - American University in Bulgaria

## NALIS targets

- ✓ Union catalog of the universities and research libraries of Bulgaria:
  - Integral search via Internet
  - Electronic access to the information resources
- ✓ Implementation of the modern standards for processing
- ✓ Unification of the level of automation of the academic libraries
- ✓ Increasing the level of quality of the services in general

## Similar project initiatives

**HealLink** - HELLENIC ACADEMIC LIBRARIES LINK , the Consortium of Greek Academic Libraries: 37 Academic Institutions (22 Universities and 15 Technological Institutions); 14 Research Institutions .

**LABT** - Lithuanian Academic Library Network: 16 universities, 18 colleges, 39 research institutions.

**Copac**, UK - freely available library catalogue, giving access to the merged online catalogues of many major UK and Irish academic and National libraries, as well as increasing numbers of specialist libraries.

Copac has c.36 million records, representing the merged holdings of: members of the [Research Libraries UK](#) (RLUK). This includes the catalogues of the British Library, the National Library of Scotland, and the National Library of Wales .



## Software Platform of NALIS

- ✓ **Primo** – за откриване и предоставяне на библиографска информация
- ✓ **Aleph** – интегрирана библиотечна система за управление на книжни колекции
- ✓ **DigiTool** – за управление на дигитални колекции
- ✓ **MetaLib** – за метатърсене
- ✓ **SFX** – за изграждане на връзки към информационни източници, предоставяни по електронен път



## Software Platform of NALIS

Virtual library is e-libraries, telecommunication facilities and unified user interface.

It includes all possible e-library levels from a home library to the global sources of information.

Setting up of the Bulgarian Academic Virtual Library is based on such software products as [Aleph](#), [Primo](#), [DigiTool](#), [MetaLib](#) and [SFX](#).

## NALIS staff qualification goals

- ✓ Still the library education in Bulgaria is not compatible with the modern technological tendencies. Continuous technological qualification courses for:
  - Librarians
  - System Librarians
  - System Administrators
- ✓ MARC21 – translation and adaptation for the Bulgarian academic libraries.
- ✓ Qualification courses for the ExLibris software platforms



- Members of NALIS will share not only metadata.
- They will share and will have common infrastructures and services
- Usually the expenses when acting cooperatively are less than when you are acting alone

THEN:

“A model based upon the value in the creation and control of data”

NOW:

A model based upon the value in the exchange and linking of data

## NALIS - Some questions that are worth to thinking over and over again

- Cooperative forms and practices – which are the most suitable to be implemented by NALIS. Cooperative generation and sharing of metadata, infrastructures and services. Financial aspects?
- What are the most suitable legislative forms for the realization of these best practices?
- Which of these legislative forms should be conditional and which ones unconditional?
- What type of relations should be developed between NALIS and the libraries that are not members of NALIS?
- What could foster the stability of these forms as stable structures in the near future time perspective?



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Thank you very much!