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Annual Report

of

the activities of the National

Academic Library and Information

System Foundation

in 2018





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<u>The National Academic Library and Information System Foundation</u> (NALIS) was founded in 2009 with the financial support of the <u>America for Bulgaria Foundation</u>. Its three founders are:

<u>The Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</u> – the oldest and largest academic library in Bulgaria;

<u>The Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"</u> – the earliest Bulgarian university with the biggest university library in Bulgaria – <u>The Sofia University Library</u>; and

<u>The American University in Bulgaria</u> – one of the leading private universities in Bulgaria with its <u>Panitza</u> <u>Library</u>.

These three institutions have united their efforts in solving some of the crucial problems of the information milieu in Bulgaria:

• The lack of a platform to provide access to quick and accurate information about the Bulgarian libraries' holdings;

- The growing need to create a centre for the preservation of the literary cultural heritage and to provide access to it by means of digitisation;
- The library software used in the majority of the libraries in Bulgaria does not meet the modern

requirements and repels the readers.

The **main activities** of the NALIS Foundation in this respect are as follows:

1. The <u>NALIS Union Catalogue</u> (NALIS UC):

Unique for Bulgaria, the catalogue allows searching through a single platform and permits retrieving titles among nearly 3.6 million bibliographic records from the electronic catalogues of over 45 libraries in Bulgaria; it also grants access to full-text documents which are integrated into it thorough the NALIS repository. All this makes it the **National catalogue of Bulgaria**.

During the reported period the online catalogues of the following institutions were integrated:

- Krastyo Sarafov National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts (contact signed on 22th January 2018);
- St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo (contract signed on 14th March 2018) The National catalogue of Bulgaria also enjoys growing popularity (over 2,700 searches per day).





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29.07% of its users are between 25 and 34 years of age.

The graph shows the number of searches in the NALIS UC by months and years





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The database was kept up to date and efforts were invested to integrate data from the online catalogues of new big libraries.

2. The NALIS repository

It includes diverse and rich digital collections of leading academic institutions – online materials, including medieval manuscripts, books of the Bulgarian National Revival, old photographs and full-text items. This is the largest digital library in the state, which, by the end of 2018, comprised 359 745 files (28 460 titles).





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The graph shows the distribution of digital items accessible through the NALIS UC

3. NALIS provides the libraries in Bulgaria with maintenance of various types of software as a service (SAS) for:

• Integrated Library System (ILS), based on KOHA – (<u>https://koha-community.org/</u>). During the reported year the following libraries joined KOHA's family:

- Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" under a contract singed on 17th December 2018 for the purpose of learning objectives of the Department of Library and Information Science Library Science, Scientific Information and Cultural policies at the Faculty of Philosophy.
- Digital Collections Management System, based on DSpace (<u>http://www.dspace.org/</u>). During 2018 the following libraries joined the NALIS repository;
 - Technical University Sofia under a contract signed on 9th August 2018;
 - Trakia University Stara Zagora under a contract signed on 7th September 2018;
 - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" under a contract singed on 17th December 2018 for the purpose of learning objectives of the Department of Library and Information Science Library Science, Scientific Information and Cultural policies at the Faculty of Philosophy.

The aim is to raise information services in Bulgaria to the level of world-wide established standards and to ensure international cooperation in the field of the library-information and communication systems.

4. Participation in other Projects:

The international EU project **ART NOUVEAU:** <u>Sustainable protection and promotion of Art Nouveau heritage in</u> <u>the Danube Region</u>. This partnership has arisen from the need of sustainable and cooperated preservation, restoration and popularisation of the Art Nouveau architecture, art and design in the Danube region. Within this project, the NALIS Foundation has coordinated the compilation of a list of movable and immovable Art Nouveau



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heritage in Bulgaria, the digitisation of these objects and their provision for the project's web repository (<u>http://and.civitat.com</u>), interactive map and mobile app. The ready objects, prepared by NALIS can already be seen in the NALIS Repository: <u>http://digilib.nalis.bg/xmlui/handle/nls/27058</u>.

5. Fundraising campaigns:

During the reporting period the following fundraising campaigns were launched:

- <u>Support NALIS Foundation!</u> webpage;
- the DMS campaign "St. Cyril and St. Methodius";
- #MoreVisibleLibrariesForAll on Facebook and Instagram;
- We applied to the initiative of Lidl "You and Lidl for better life".

Annex: Balance sheet at 31.12.2018 According to it:

- 1. Operating expenses: 188 000 BGN
- 1.1 Business activity expenses: 12 000 BGN
- 1.2 Non-business activity expenses: 176 000 BGN
- 2. Income from the provision of paid services and other fundraising activities: 13 000 BGN
- 2.1 paid services: 13 000 BGN
- 3. Type, size, value and purpose of donations received and provided as well as donors' data:
- 3.1. Revenues from conditional donations: 175 000 BGN

- The Carbetz Foundation, Inc.; 950 3rd Ave., 30th Fl.; New York City, NY United States 10022-2705; EIN: 133431027; BRIDGE Number: 3488735902

3.2. Revenues from unconditional donations: 9 000 BGN

- American University Bulgaria, UIC: 000019449, with headquarters and management address Blagoevgrad, Georgi Izmirliev Square 1

- 4. Financial result: positive 11 000 BGN
- 4.1 from economic activities 1 000 BGN
- 4.2 from non-economic activities 10 000 BGN