ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF

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Introduction

The National Academic Library and Information System Foundation (NALISF) was founded in 2009 with the financial support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation.

Its founders are: The Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – the oldest and largest academic library in Bulgaria; Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – the earliest Bulgarian university with the biggest university library in Bulgaria – The Sofia University Library "St. Kliment Ohridski" and The American University in Bulgaria – one of the leading private universities in Bulgaria with its Panitza Library.

Associate members are 49 libraries, of which 42 are university and 7 are public. They support NALISF initiatives and vision of for the development of Bulgarian libraries.

For more than 11 years NALISF has been actively working towards overcoming the main problems of the information environment in Bulgaria, offering solutions that are the result of in-depth study of world experience (theory and practice) and are adapted to the Bulgarian environment by leading professionals with more than 20 years of experience:

1. In order to meet the need for a single platform which provides quick, precise and accurate access to the content of library collections in Bulgaria, NALISF offers NALIS Union Catalog, which contains more than 3.6 million bibliographic records;
2. In order to satisfy the growing need a center for the preservation of the literary cultural heritage to be created and to provide access to it through digitization, NALISF maintains NALIS repository, which offers more than 31 thousand titles (over 884 thousand files);
3. In order to overcome the inadequacy of library software used in majority of the libraries and which doesn't meet modern requirements and repel readership, NALISF offers maintenance of an integrated library system based on Koha open source software and also maintenance of a digital repository based on DSpace open source software on a NALISF server (shared use) or on a library-owned server.
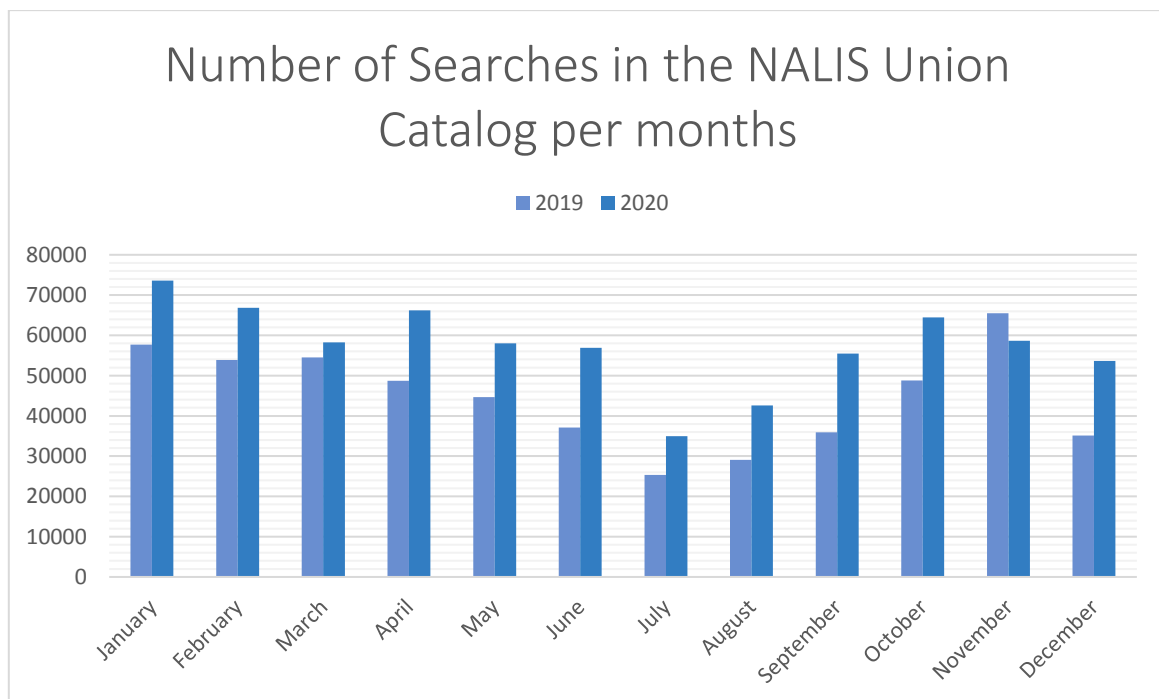
Main activities

The year 2020 was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. NALISF supported libraries to perform their basic functions as information centers. In a short period of time, a system for access to digital documents was developed in NALIS Repository, which complies with the provisions of the Copyright and Related Rights Act. An opportunity for full online training was provided. As a result, the use of the two main products of NALISF (the NALIS Catalogue and the NALIS Repository) increased manifold:
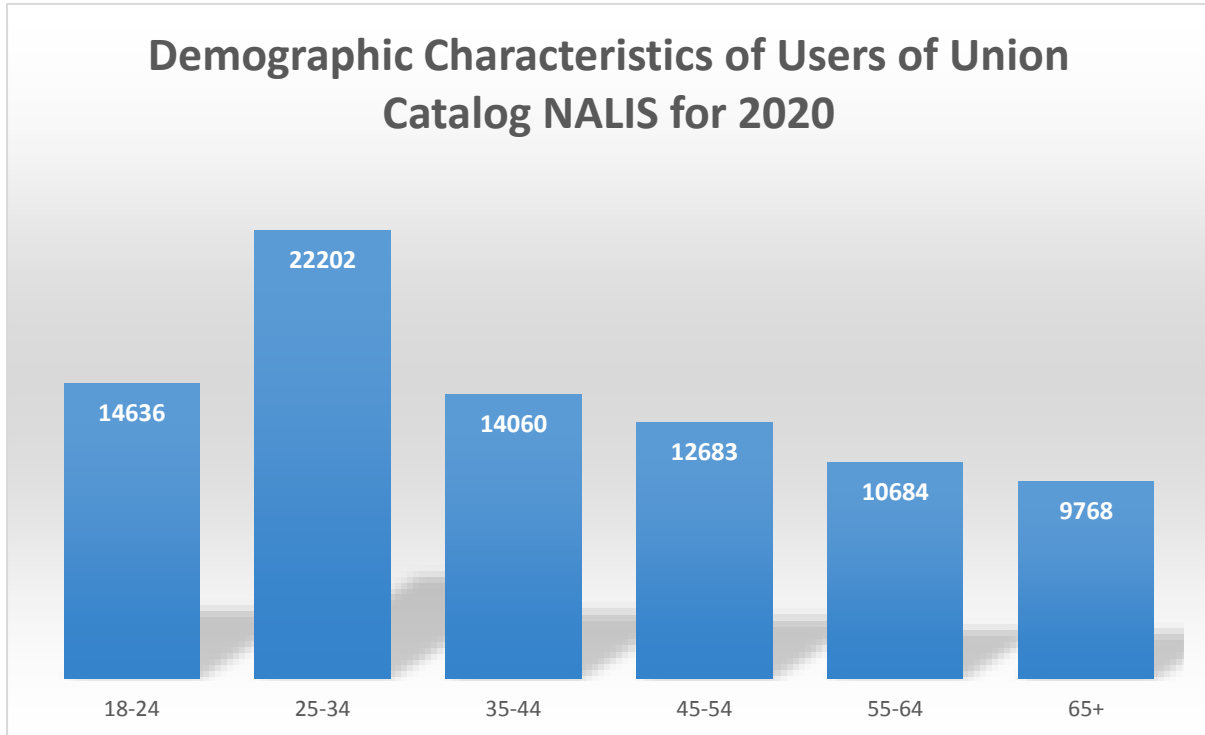
1. NALIS Union Catalogue:

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 42 libraries in Bulgaria; it also grants access to full-text documents which are integrated into it thorough NALIS repository. All this transforms it into the National catalogue of Bulgaria.

Over the past year, it has grown by 50,423 records and enjoys enviable popularity (over 80 searches per hour - 20 searches more than last year):

The graph shows the number of searches in NALIS UC by months for 2019 and 2020, with a clear increase in the number of searches (153143 more in total).
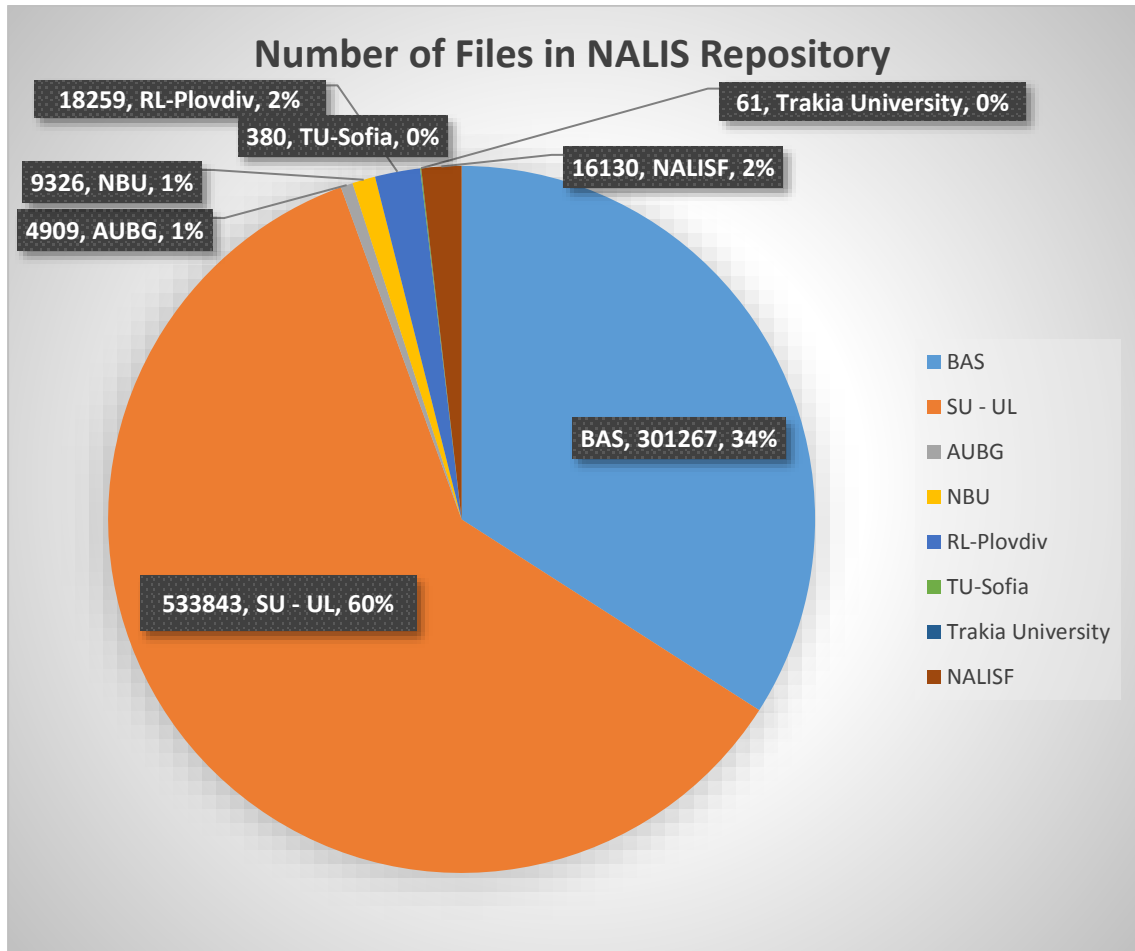
26.42% of the users are between 25 and 34 years of age.

Demographic Characteristics of Users of Union Catalog NALIS for 2020

Age group	Users
18-24	14636
25-34	22202
35-44	14060
45-54	12683
55-64	10684
65+	9768

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

2. 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, audio and video documents. This is one of the **largest digital libraries in the state**, which, by the end of 2020, comprised 31 803 titles (in 884 175 files), increasing in the last year by 1 643 titles in 289 097 files or by 32.7%.

Number of Files in NALIS Repository

18259, RL-Plovdiv, 2%

61, Trakia University, 0%

380, TU-Sofia, 0%

9326, NBU, 1%

16130, NALISF, 2%

4909, AUBG, 1%

BAS, 301267, 34%

533843, SU - UL, 60%

Legend:
- BAS
- SU - UL
- AUBG
- NBU
- RL-Plovdiv
- TU-Sofia
- Trakia University
- NALISF

The graph shows the quantitative participation (the number of files) in the NALIS repository of each of the libraries using NALISF servers.

3. NALIS provides Bulgarian libraries with maintenance of various types of software as a service (SAS) for:
  3.1. Integrated Library System (ILS), based on KOHA – (https://koha-community.org/).

  - During the reported year the following libraries **continued** their contracts:
  o The library of the Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski";
  o Union of Architects in Bulgaria;
  o American Research Center in Sofia;
  o Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov " – Varna.
    - During the reported year the library of the Sofia Theological Seminary "St. Ivan Rilski" with installation on its own server, according to a contract from May 18, 2020. with NALIS EOOD **joined** the KOHA's family.

3.2. Digital Collections Management System, based on DSpace - (http://www.dspace.org/).

- During the reported year the following libraries **continued** their contracts:

o The Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" ;
o Ivan Vazov National Library;
o Technical University – Sofia ;
o New Bulgarian University;
o Trakia University - Stara Zagora;
o Union of Architects in Bulgaria;
o American Research Center in Sofia
o Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov " – Varna.

We continue to work actively to raise the level of information services in line with world standards and to ensure international cooperation in the field of library information and communication systems:

- A rich technical documentation has been published in the NALIS repository, which assists the libraries in mastering and working with the Koha library system and DSpace; MARC21 format. It is accessible from the IP address space of the libraries that use Koha and DSpace). It is updated and improved based on the good practices of libraries and in 2020 3 documents for Koha and 4 for Space were added.

4. Participation in European and other Projects to enable the expansion of the thematic palette of documents, through inclusion of museums, galleries and other centers owners of visual media:

- PHOTOCONSORTIUM – NALISF is a member of the Photoconsortium (non-profit association) as a partner in the EuropeanaPhotography project.
On July 16, 2020, a general meeting of the Photoconsortium was held (Skype meeting). Antonella Freza, the manager of the Photoconsortium, submit a report on the activities for 2019 and the balance of the association and they were adopted unanimously.   The perspectives for development in the conditions of a pandemic from COVIT-19 were outlined.

- ART NOUVEAU*: (Sustainable protection and promotion of Art Nouveau heritage)*. The project "Sustainable protection and promotion of Art Nouveau heritage in the Danube Region" was funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the Danube Transnational Cooperation Program 2014-2020, Priority Axis 2 "Environment and Culturally Engaged Danube Region". It started on January 1, 2017 and has a term of 30 months.

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At the end of June 2019 the project was successfully completed, and on June 11, 2020. all funds spent by European funds were reimbursed. On February 8, 2021, the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works paid in full to NAlISf.

• REvivEU - The project REvivEU is funded by the European Commission within the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. In 2019 and 2020, a series of virtual interactive exhibitions were opened in ten European countries (Netherlands, Hungary, Bulgaria, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, Lithuania, Catalonia and Cyprus) as evidence of Europe's cultural heritage diversity. The opening of the joint exhibition "WeAre # EuropeForCulture", which is the result of the REvivEU project, took place on February 6, 2020 in Brussels (Belgium) at the House of European History. NALIS Foundation is actively involved in the project. The exhibition was attended by Joana Ilieva (winner, in the voting of the exhibition "Kirirlicata").

- REDIVE **(Richer European Digital Visual Heritage for Promotion and Exploitation)** - Preparation of documents for participation in the project. Not accepted for funding.
- DiTECH **(Digital Technologies for Empowering Cultural Heritage Institutions)** - Preparation of documents for participation in the project. Not accepted for funding.
- ECHOES-AI **(Empowering Cultural Heritage cOmmunities by integrating infraStructures in Artificial Intelligence) - H2020 call INFRAIA-02-2020 -** Preparation of documents for participation in the project. Not accepted for funding.

5. Promotion:

- The information of the Bulgarian and English versions of the site was updated.
- The current maintenance of FB, IG, youtube profiles continues, through which the public awareness and social proof of the activity and directions of development of NALISF is increased.
- Focused efforts are made for the proper functioning of advertising campaigns that are published through Google Ads.

6. Administrative work

- Following a decision of the Board of Directors (Protocol №71 / 05.03.2020 and Protocol №72 / 16.06.2020), a decision of the Board of Founders of 16 July 2020 and registration of the documents in the Commercial Register on 17 July 2020, as of Prof. Dr. Elisaveta Musakova became the new Chairperson of the NALIS Foundation replacing Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emilia Zankina, due to her departure to Rome (Italy) in connection with filling the post of Dean of Temple University Rome from May 2020.
- In relation to the Anti-Money Laundering Measures Act and the publication by SANS of model internal rules and risk assessment criteria for NPOs:

On August 18, 2020, a Notification (pursuant to Article 107 of the MIPA, in conjunction with Article 106(5) and 69 of the MIPA) was sent to the Director of the Financial Intelligence Directorate of SANS, as required by the MIPA.

On September 10, 2020, the Risk Assessment and Internal Rules of NALISF, as well as all documentation in compliance with our obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering Measures Act, the Anti-Terrorism Financing Measures Act and their implementing acts, were approved at the Board of Directors' Meeting.

On 14 September 2020, pursuant to Art. 101, par. 11 of the Anti-Money Laundering Measures Act (AMLA) and Art. 67 para. 1 (2) of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on Measures against Money Laundering (AMLML), in accordance with the requirements of Art. 101(1) of the AML/CFT, Art. 11 of the AML/CFT Act and Art. 1 of the AMLIPP, in the National Academic Library and Information System Foundation, UIC/BULSTAT 175673264, as an obliged person under Art. 4, par. 28 of the MIPA, a training was conducted for the employees or persons engaged in the activities of the organisation on a similar basis, who work with clients and are directly involved in the implementation of the organisation's business relationships, in order to familiarise the persons with the requirements of the MIPA, the MIFA and their implementing acts, as well as with the adopted internal rules (SCIPA).

- Staff Training:

On 17 August 2020, in connection with the publication by SANS of model internal rules and risk assessment criteria for NGOs, Sabina Aneva participated in a webinar on how to prepare a risk assessment and adopt internal rules in compliance with our obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering Measures Act, the Anti-Terrorist Financing Measures Act and their implementing acts.

Teofana Kirova took part in the online training program of the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law on "Instagram Marketing for NGOs" with lecturer Viktor Dinev on 13 October 2020.

Nikola Stoyanov joined the online training program of the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law on "Google Analytics" with lecturer Hristo Mitkov on November 26, 2020.

Sabina Aneva took part in the online training program of the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law on "Why it is important not to forget our "old" friends: traditional media and how to communicate with them" with lecturer Nina Alexandrova on December 3, 2020.

Teofana Kirova took part in the online training program of the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law on "Creating Social Media Campaigns. Digital Brand" with lecturers Nadia Shabani, Anna Adamova, and Boyana Stoilova on December 8, 2020.

- COVID-19

On 4 May, an extraordinary briefing on OHS and implementation of additional hygiene requirements on the measures of prevention of the risk of spread of COVID-19, information on the risks of infection, familiarization with instructions and information materials and guidelines was carried out.

Annex: Balance sheet and ODA of NALISF as of 31.12.2020.
According to it:
1. Operating expenses: 163 000 BGN

1.1 Business activity expenses: 14 000 BGN

1.2 Non-business activity expenses: 136 000 BGN

1.3 Financial expenses: 13 000 BGN

2. Income from the provision of paid services and other fundraising activities: 14 000 BGN

2.1 Paid services: 14 000 BGN

3. Recognised revenues from donations and funding received as well as donors' data – 158 000 BGN:

3.1. Revenues from conditional donations: 149 000 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 income: 0 BGN

5. Financial result: positive 9 000 BGN

5.1. From economic activities: 0 BGN

5.2. From non-economic activities: 9 000 BGN