

**Annual Report**

**of**

**the Activities of the**

**National Academic Library**

**and Information System**

**Foundation**

**in 2019**

[The National Academic Library and Information System Foundation](#) (NALIS) 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 48 libraries, of which 41 are university and 7 public. They support NALISF initiatives and vision of for the development of Bulgarian libraries.

For more than 10 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:

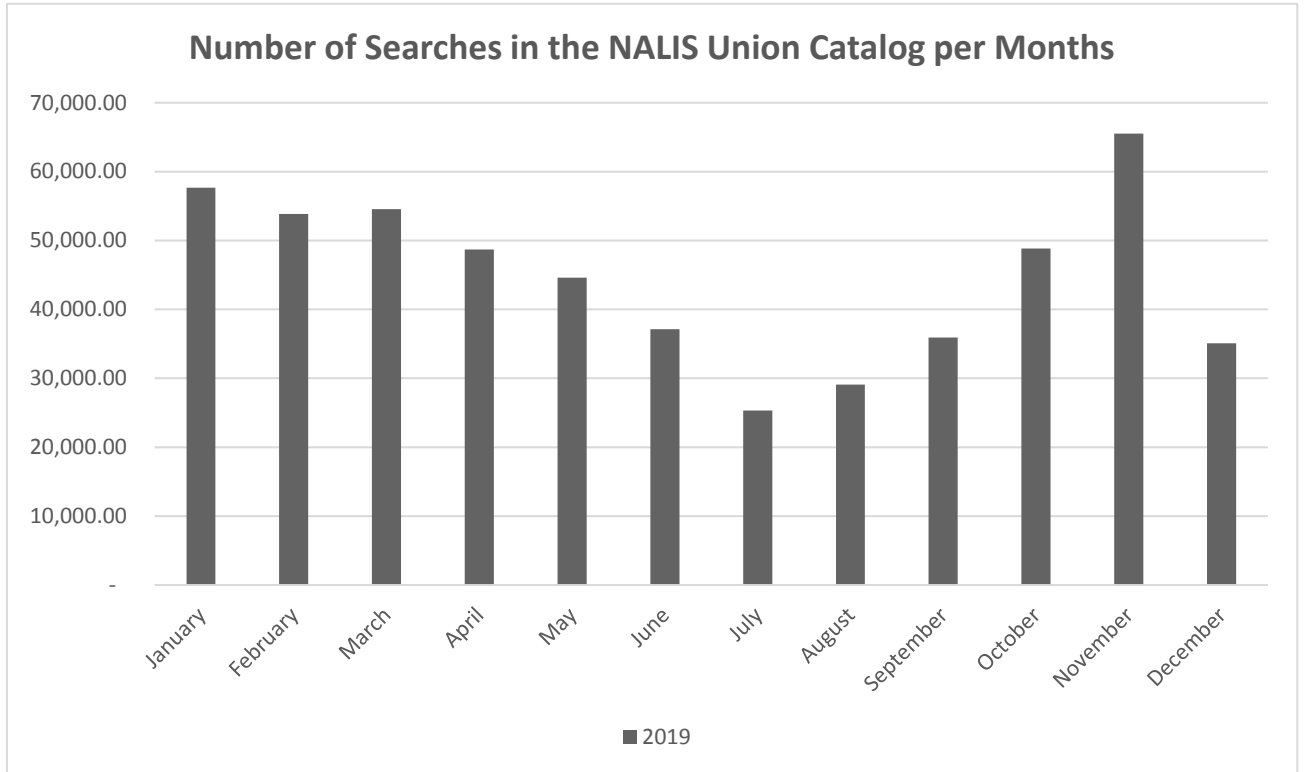
1. In order to meet the need for a single platform which provides quick, precise and accurate access to the content of library collections in Bulgaria, NALISF offers [NALIS Union Catalog](#), which contains more than 3.6 million bibliographic records;
2. In order to satisfy the growing need a center 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 30 thousand titles (over 604 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 support of the integrated library system based on Koha open source software and also support for a digital repository based on DSpace open source software on a NALISF server (shared use) or on a library-owned server.

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

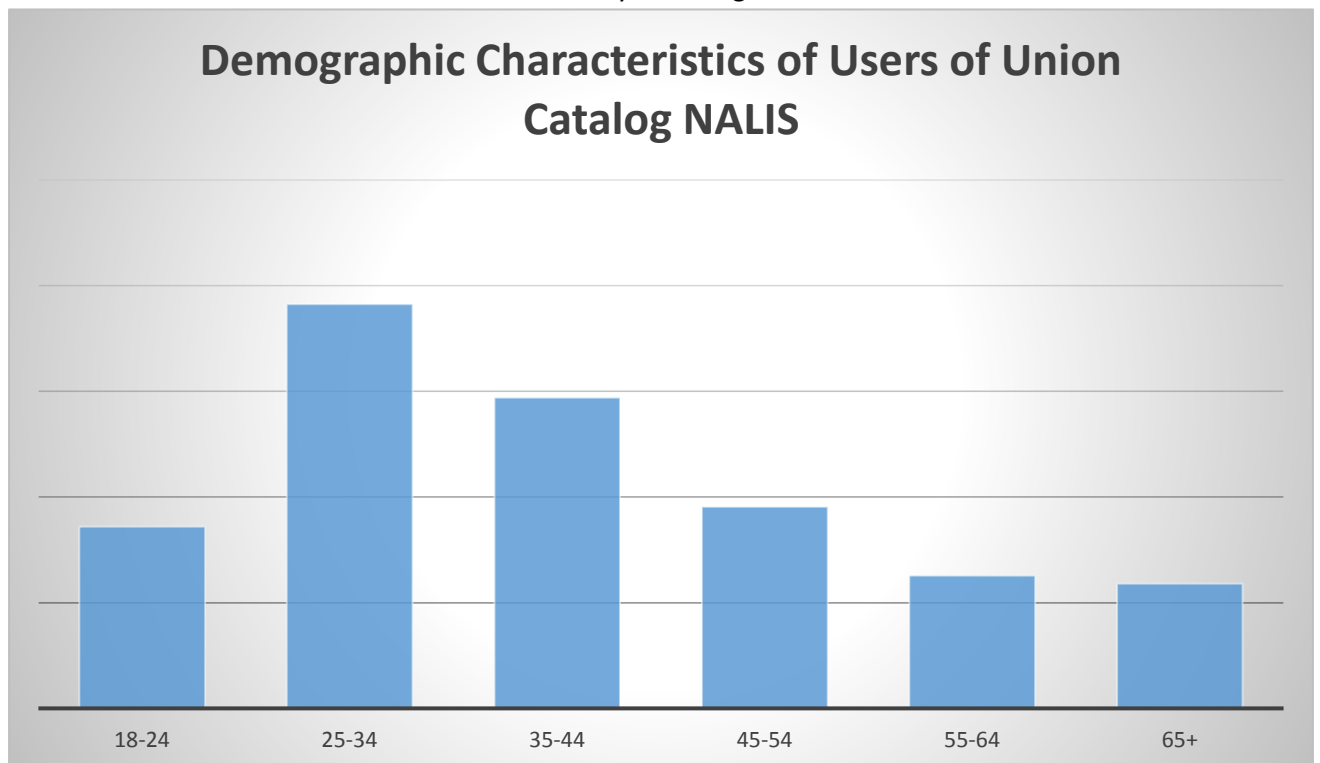
1. [NALIS Union Catalogue](#):

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 41 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.

Over the past year, the catalogue contents has grown by over 480,000 bibliographic records and enjoys enviable popularity (over 60 searches per hour):



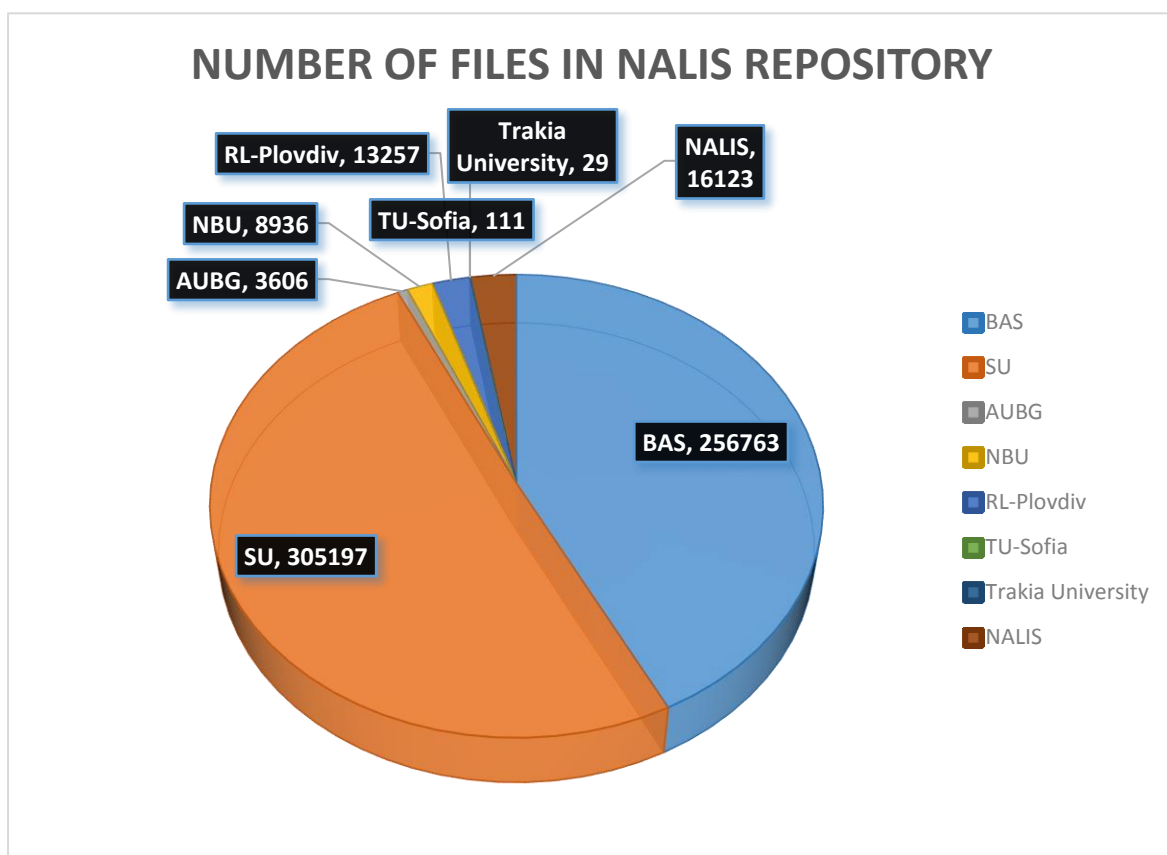
The graph shows the number of searches in NALIS UC by months for 2019.  
 29.44% of its users are between 25 and 34 years of age.



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 2019, comprised 30160 titles (604 078 files).



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

## 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:

- The library of the Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski";
- Union of Architects in Bulgaria;
- American Research Center in Sofia.

- During the reported year the library of Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna with installation on its own server, according to a contract from April 1, 2019. with NALIS EOOD **joined** the KOHA's family.

- The library of the Higher School of Telecommunications and Posts **terminated** their contract as of November 25, 2019. Outputs from the system have been transmitted.

- **Staff training** courses were held at the following libraries:

- Higher School of Telecommunications and Posts – 13 – 14 February;
- Union of Architects in Bulgaria – 25 June;
- The Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - 26 September;
- The library of Medical University – Varna – 26-29 November.

- "How to work with the integrated library system Koha v.19.05.04.000" - 5 **guides** and **Presentations** helping libraries to learn about MARC21 and create their own websites and online catalogs were published.

- A **complete translation of the official interface** and online catalog of the integrated library system Koha v.19.05.04.000 was made.

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

- During the reported year the following libraries **continued** their contracts:
- The Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" ;
  - Ivan Vazov National Library;
  - Technical University – Sofia ;
  - New Bulgarian University;
  - Trakia University - Stara Zagora;
  - Union of Architects in Bulgaria;
  - American Research Center in Sofia.

- During the reported year the library of Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" - Varna with installation on its own server, according to a contract from April 1, 2019 with NALIS EOOD **joined** the DSpace's family. Installation, configuration, migration were performed by June 25. On September 1, the Academic Archive of the Medical University - Varna was released for use by readers and can be viewed at the following URL: <https://repository.mu-varna.bg/>.

- **Staff training** courses were held at the following libraries:
- The Department of Library and Information Science at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – 22 March;
  - Union of Architects in Bulgaria – 27 June;
  - The Library of Medical University – Varna – 22 August.

The aim of these trainings 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.

- A rich [technical documentation](#) has been published in the NALIS repository, which assists the libraries in mastering and working with the Koha library system, MARC21 format. It is accessible from the IP address space of the libraries that use Koha).

- "How to Creating an Online Catalog Using Google and Awesome-Table Capabilities" was published this year, targeting libraries with small holdings and modest financial resources. They can learn how to publish their website and build an online catalog for FREE. This initiative also helps the regional libraries to be better informed about the content of the funds in the municipal, community centers, school and other libraries in the region.

**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:

- **The international EU project ART NOUVEAU: [Sustainable protection and promotion of Art Nouveau heritage in the Danube Region in partnership](#)** with NALISF. The project 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. It included 10 partner organizations from 7 countries.

The role of NALIS in the project was to coordinate the compilation of a list of movable and immovable Art Nouveau heritage in Bulgaria, the digitization of these objects and their provision for the project's web repository (<http://and.civitat.com>), interactive map and mobile app. The ready objects, prepared by NALIS can already be seen in the NALIS Repository: <http://digilib.nalis.bg/xmlui/handle/nls/27058>.

2019 was the last for the project and for its promotion the following steps were organized:

- At [the Annual Meeting of NALISF Associate Members](#) (May 21) information materials were distributed. The representative of the leading organization of the project (City Hall of Oradea, Romania) - Sebastian Bonis, made a presentation introducing to the NALISF associated members the work and results of the project. A film about Art Nouveau, one of the result of the participants' joint work was screened.

- On May 21, the exhibition "[Waves of Art Nouveau](#)" was opened on the territory of the "Outdoor Gallery" (the garden of the National Palace of Culture). 30 panels - photographs and texts - related to the Art Nouveau architecture in the Danube region were presented. The influence of different architects and their works, the interrelationships between teachers, students and collaborators in architecture of this type were traced. Apart from the city of Sofia, the exhibition has been presented in 7 cities in the region.

- **International European project REviveEU** with *NALISF* is funded by the European Commission within the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. In 2019, 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 main goal of the project, defined by the European Commission, was to engage in the preparation of exhibitions young and old people, who usually are not involved in the processes of cultural heritage.

On April 20, with the cooperation of representatives of the Association "Society for Culture and Empathy THE STORKS" a [workshop](#) for making letters-dolls with children from APCHI (Association of Parents of Children with Hearing Impairment) living in Sofia was held. The children were photographed with their works and the photos became a part of the exhibition "Kirilicata", which was prepared by NALISF.

A second [workshop](#) was held on May 3 at Elieff Center for Education and Culture, in which participated children with hearing impairments and our project partners from Belgium and the Netherlands, with whom the interactive exhibition was jointly prepared. Our partners presented the project and demonstrated how the exhibition can be visualized and managed. The children took an active part in its arrangement.

On May 15, 2019 in the lobby of St. Kliment Ohridski University Library, the "[Kirilicata](#)" Exhibition was opened. It is [a virtual interactive installation](#) dedicated to the celebration of the letters' feast during different periods of Bulgarian history. Photos of drawings and dolls, dedicated to the Bulgarian alphabet, created by hearing impaired children are presented. The exhibition lasted until June 30.

On May 21, at the annual meeting of NALISF, the exhibition "Kirilicata" was presented to the associated members.

In February 2020, a joint exhibition based on the 10 exhibitions presented in the 10 European countries will take place in Brussels (Belgium) at the House of European History.

- **National Scientific Program "Cultural and Historical Heritage, National Memory and Social Development"** - CHHNMSD - Agreement №D01-229 / 06.12.2018 between the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Education and Science. On March 18, 2019, a contract was signed between NALIS EOOD and the Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for the creation of a bibliography on Cyril and Methodius in the library and information system

ALEPH500. The integration of the bibliographic records was completed on September 24 according to the Acceptance-Transfer Protocol signed by both parties.

#### 5. Promotion:

- Participation in the opening of the International Scientific Conference "To Him be Glory, Honor and Respect", dedicated to the 1150th anniversary of the death of Constantine-Cyril the Philosopher, organized by the Cyril and Methodius Research Center at BAS and the National Museum "Earth and People" (13 February);
- Participation in ANKOSLink2019 International Conference (April 2 - 5) (<https://ankoslink.org.tr/2019/en>), organized by ANKOS - the largest Turkish consortium for subscription to periodicals (founded in 2000) and the third largest in Europe. Its members are National Library of Turkey, university libraries, libraries of scientific institutes, the National Bank, the Turkish Atomic Energy Foundation, etc. As a library consortium, ANKOS is a member of the Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC), the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), the Southern European Libraries Link (SELL), and the international initiative COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources). Sabina Aneva presented a report on "The Open Source Library Software - a Challenge (Based on the Experience of the NALIS Foundation - Bulgaria), sharing the NALISF' experience with open source software. All costs were covered by the organizers.
- [The 10th annual meeting](#) of the associate members of NALISF took place on May 21. A balance of the achievements since the establishment of NALISF was made. The meeting was broadcast online on Facebook and a video copy was posted on YouTube.
- XXIX conference of BBIA (June 7) - Sabina Aneva presented a report "10 years in help to libraries". After a discussion on the state of art of Bulgarian libraries, she promised to prepare and publish a guide to "Creating an online catalog using the capabilities provided by Google + Awesome-table", which was published in the NALIS repository at the following address: <http://digilib.nalis.bg/xmlui/handle/nls/31121>. The publication has been read more than 150 times;
- Uwekind International School (June 20) - Sabina Aneva met with the school management. She gave a presentation, introducing the activities of NALISF to students from 5th to 10th grade.
- On September 25, at the Zahariy Knyazheski Regional Library, Sabina Aneva gave a presentation on "Creating an online catalog using the opportunities provided by Google + Awesome-table" as a part of the seminar on "Regional Identity and Diversity. Exchange of good practices for local lore research" in front of the representatives of public libraries from Stara Zagora, Gabrovo, Kardzhali and Haskovo.
- Sabina Aneva – the Executive Director of FNALIS, took part in:
  - 150th anniversary of BAS – a solemn celebration at the National Palace of Culture (October 12);



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- 140 anniversary of the National Library "Ivan Vazov" - Plovdiv - a solemn celebration. Congratulatory address on behalf of NALISF was presented (October 15).
- National Forum of the Global Libraries Foundation "Libraries Today 2019", entitled "Challenges for Libraries in the 21st Century. 25 years after the UNESCO and IFLA Manifesto for Public Libraries" (November 7).
  - 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.

Annex: Balance sheet at 31.12.2019

According to it:

1. Operating expenses: 176 000 BGN
  - 1.1 Business activity expenses: 16 000 BGN
  - 1.2 Non-business activity expenses: 160 000 BGN
2. Income from the provision of paid services and other fundraising activities: 16 000 BGN
  - 2.1 paid services: 16 000 BGN
3. Type, size, value and purpose of donations received and provided as well as donors' data 167 BGN:
  - 3.1. Revenues from conditional donations: 136 000 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 Art Nouveau project: 22 000 BGN
  - 3.3. Revenues from unconditional donations: 9 000 BGN
    - American University Bulgaria, UIC: 000019449, with headquarters and management address Blagoevgrad, Georgi Izmirliiev Square 1
4. Financial income: 2 000 BGN
5. Financial result: positive 9 000 BGN
  - 5.1 From economic activities: 0 BGN
  - 5.2 From non-economic activities: 9 000 BGN