Results and benefits from the participation of Macedonian libraries in the COBISS.Net network

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About NUL

• founded in 1944
• holds more than 4 mil. titles/items
• 9 collections
• National Center for Digitization of printed materials
• National Center for conservation and restoration of paper and parchment
• Referral Center
• ISSN, ISBN, ISMN
COBISS.MK - Beginnings

- former Yugoslavia's SNTIJ/BIS
- from 1991 locally at National and University library
- renewal since 1996
2003 – COBISS.Net

- increase of quality and enhancement of regional co-operation among libraries
- > 40,000 bibliographical records downloaded into COBISS.MK (~10% of records in union catalog)
- exchange of cataloger's experience
- harmonization of cataloging standards
2005

- implementation of COBISS.MK and foundation of National COBISS Center in NUL
- 44 libraries in Macedonia's LIS today
2006 – the second phase of COBISS.Net

- 15 higher education and specialized libraries joined COBISS.MK
- establishment of E-CRIS.MK and bibliographies of researches
- financial support of postgraduate studies in librarianship
- so far 10 with Master's degree
About NCC

- Moved to the new building in 2010
- New ICT equipment and infrastructure (servers, firewall, network, new monitoring systems, Internet 35 Mb/ps, backup power supply)
- System administrators training for Windows and Linux servers (2010)
- Preparations for implementing COBISS3
- Training of librarians for COBISS3
Digital Library of Macedonia was officially on-line, November 2010

Implementation of Dublin Core meta-data with custom built meta-data schemas

Over 180 digitized objects from 3 collections presented to the general public

Awaiting publishing for new collections such as maps, music etc...
Benefits & Results

• upgrade quality of the work
• standardization and unification of catalogization
• time and cost savings
• rediscovery and revival of libraries
• increase of the number of users
• transforming into info-points
Benefits & Results

- continuous international co-operation
- standardization and unification of catalogization
- introduction and implementation of new library and ICT standards
- procurement of computer and communication equipment and continuous staff education
- other benefits of membership in COBISS.Net (agreements concluded with OCLC, ISSN Register, Thompson-Reuthers)
Thank you!