



## THE SPANISH NATIONAL LIBRARY INITIATES TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE TO AUTOMATE ALL ITS SERVICES

The Spanish National Library has just signed an agreement to acquire **Corinthian**, a product marketed by the company **Sirsi-Dynix**, in order to implement an Integrated Library Management System, that will replace the existing Ariadna system, a tool designed over fifteen years ago that limited to computerising the catalogue. This new system represents a key element for the technological change needed to overcome future challenges. This innovative solution incorporates the most advanced technology and allows the development of a wide range of services for users. Its selection was the result of a public tender designed to find the most suitable response to the exhaustive technical specifications defined by the Spanish National Library.

This project will be developed over two years, with an initial phase devoted to the migration of over 3,000,000 bibliographic references that are currently available and to the implementation of the cataloguing and authority control module and the Internet user consultation module (OPAC). The second phase of the project will include the implementation of purchase, traffic and serial publications management modules.

This ambitious project will allow the automation of all library tasks and will provide more and better services for its users. This will be done by taking advantage of the potential offered by Internet and by significantly expanding the remote services offer.

**Corinthian** is an integrated system that has all the necessary modules for library management, offering at the same time great flexibility for defining, maintaining, and configuring the information structure. Its design is multi-layer and uses Java 2 Enterprise Edition (J2EE) standard technology as well as independent servers (applications, OPAC, and databases) and OPAC and library clients developed in Java and accessible through a web navigator. It is compatible with Unix, Linux, and Windows operating systems, and supports a wide range of databases (Oracle, MSOL Server y DB2). It also supports the major international standards related to management, dissemination and access to information.

**Sirsi-Dynix** is a market leader company in the field of library automation, with over 4,000 clients among libraries and library networks worldwide

With this acquisition the Spanish National Library will count on a powerful, flexible and user-friendly tool that will allow it to satisfy the information needs of all citizens, offering an indispensable professional support to all Spanish libraries, thanks to its multiple functions devoted to library cooperation (such as management of collective catalogues, authorities and on-line Spanish bibliography, powerful and flexible record downloading, etc.).