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Management of the Library

In order to overcome some of the administrative problems in the operation of the Library, the Minister of Education and Culture has temporarily transferred his authority over the Library to the Cultural Section of the Ministry. In effect, that means that we come under the direct authority of the Director of the Cultural Section. This arrangement has solved some problems in the running of the Library but has created new ones.

The above decision has led the Consultative Committee of the Cyprus Library to resign in protest.

Funding

The book budget has remained the same but the purchasing value has been affected by a 5% VAT charge on books and periodicals, effective from May 1, 2004 with Cyprus' entry into the European Union.

Buildings

The renovation of a building that was meant to temporarily house part of the Cyprus Library and part of the State Gallery was completed in the fall. A few days before the move to the building the Cyprus Library was told to wait for further instructions from the Ministry. It seems that the State Gallery will assume control of the whole building while negotiations began with the owner of another building, which formerly housed a special library, to cover the needs of the Cyprus Library.

Acquisitions

In 2004 our collections grew by more than 6679 books, out of which 1615 were donations, 857 were deposited to the ISBN collection and 1037 were UN documents.

Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

The *Bulletin of the Bibliography of Cyprus (2003)* was published.

Library cooperation

The Cyprus Library decided to participate in TELMEMOR, a European project whose major aim is to prepare the national libraries of the 10 new member states of the European Union for induction into the European Library.