

THE CYPRUS LIBRARY

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Management of the Library

The placement of the Library under the direct authority of the Director of the Cultural Section has not been very successful. It did not lead to the integration of the Library with the rest of the Department and also resulted in its relative isolation from the Ministry. That together with the absence of a new Consultative Committee to advise the Minister and the Library Director restricted the potential of the Library to influence the decision-making process.

Funding

The major change was the inclusion in the budget of a small sum (about 9000 euros) for the establishment of a conservation/preservation lab. A similar amount was to be included in the budget for 2006. Until the setting up of our lab, an assistant librarian was employed in the lab of the State Archives learning preservation techniques and applying them to Cyprus Library material.

Buildings

Negotiations continued with the Archbishopric for the rental of the Phaneromeni Library building, to house the Reading Room of the Cyprus Library. At the same time the search went on in order to find adequate warehousing facilities. This will function as a book depository and will help to relieve the space pressures on the central building. The division of the Library into three parts will unfortunately also create new problems due to increased staffing requirements. Unless new staff is added, there is no way to continue the present opening hours schedule.

Information Technology and Networks

The Government Computer Department has created two home pages, one for the Library and another for the TELMEMOR project. They would be tested by the Library staff before going live.

Acquisitions

In 2005 our collections grew by more than 10,000 books, out of which 2480 were donations, 936 were deposited to the ISBN collection and 2552 were UN documents. There were also 369 CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes.

Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

The *Bulletin of the Bibliography of Cyprus (2004)* was published.

Library cooperation

The Cyprus Library began its participation 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. In June 2005 it organized a national workshop in the context of the project entitled "TEL-ME-MOR : European Library, Research and the Information Society"

It had a good working relationship with the University of Cyprus Library, especially in the area of developing the name and subject authority files and with the State Archives in the area of book preservation.