

# THE CYPRUS LIBRARY

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## **Management of the Library**

The Cyprus Library Board is promoting the revision of Law 51 or the passage of new legislation which would make the Library into a semi-governmental organization, in order to solve the administrative problems faced with the present system.

## **Funding**

The book budget in 2001 grew by 8.7% while the overall budget increased by 56.2%. All the funds came from the government.

## **Buildings**

Planning continued on the renovation of the former Philoxenia Hotel which will house the Cyprus Library in the future. The building will also house the premises of the newly announced Open University of Cyprus. While, on the one hand, this decision will constrain the potential library space, on the other, it will increase dramatically the number of potential patrons of the Library.

## **Acquisitions**

In 2001 our collections grew by more than 4850 books, out of which 1670 were donations, 753 were deposited to the ISBN collection and 616 were UN documents.

## **Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing**

The *Bulletin of the Bibliography of Cyprus (2000)* was published.

The Library cooperated with the Friends of the Children's Library in the organization of the annual Children's Literature Contest involving primary school children from all over the island. Its prime purpose is to promote reading in young people.

## **Library cooperation**

The University of Cyprus Library and the Cyprus Library organized a one-day Dissemination Conference on the results of the pilot project Accelerate, part of the Leonardo da Vinci program of the European Union. Its aim is to facilitate access to library resources for visually-impaired people.

The Library organized the First Conference of Cypriot Libraries. More than 100 individuals participated representing 51 libraries (12 public, 9 academic, 6 school, 16 government, the Cyprus Library and 8 other libraries). The theme of the Conference was "Cyprus libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."