

## ABSTRACTS

**SZENTE Ferenc:** Library-political meditations.- Hungary faces far-reaching socio-economic transformation which will inevitably affect libraries as well. The implementation of reforms is accompanied by an increased information hunger and libraries must provide assistance to the processes of change. They should establish close and well-functioning contacts with libraries of western, first of all European countries. In the spirit of preparing for the future, library education must be made more up-to-date, with large research libraries as workshops of specialized training. The prestige of libraries can be confirmed if they make an effort to join in the work of research teams, or if they admit such research communities into their organization. The Hungarian National Library is going to serve as the basis of research into Eastern and Central European matters, including research of national and ethnic minorities. The author ponders over the possibilities of a common economic venture of libraries as well. [pp. 121 – 127]

**KISS JENŐ:** László Dienes was born 100 years ago (1889-1953). Centralization in librarianship. – The author was born 100 years ago, his essay is republished on this occasion. It has been written 80 years ago but its ideas about the system of library provision for large towns are still valid. The socio-political reform now under way in Hungary requires renewal from librarianship as well, and one may draw on the author's ideas in this respect. (DIENES László) [pp. 128 – 134]

**BERKE Barnabásné – TÓSZEGI Zsuzsanna:** Achievements and plans of the Hungarian National Serials Database. – The Database (abbreviated in Hungarian as NPA) is the computerized system of the Union Catalogue of Current Foreign Serials at the National Széchényi Library. Following an overall description of the system the authors report on how the database has been developed, deal with the aspects of staff, equipment and funds, with balkings and restarts. They review in detail data processing from the point of contents, methodology and quantity, relating to the three main files of bibliographic, holdings and library data. At the end they deal with interlibrary co-operation, the results achieved and plans for the future. [pp. 135 – 150]

**ERDEINÉ TÖRŐCSIK Katalin – FEKETE Tamás:** Micro-ISIS applications in the Sci-Tech Library of the BIOGAL Pharmaceutical Works. – In the Library computerization started with the micro ISIS package. The primary aim was to develop a computerized catalogue of books (cca. 24,000 volumes). The article discusses this process from the initial steps via technical services to the operation of the database, to searching, i.e. to access to information. As a next step the inventory has been computerized, it has thus become possible to simultaneously process the data identical in the accessions register and the catalogue. From the inventory database a printed accessions register with numbered pages can be prepared and a list of new acquisitions can be printed as well. [pp. 151 – 171]

NOVÁK István: Attempt to use a micro CDS/ISIS database as an OPAC: Experiences in the Library Science Library of the Centre for Library Science and Methodology. – In January, 1988 a micro CDS/ISIS-based datafile of periodicals articles has been developed in the Library Science Library. The MANCI database (Magyar és Nemzetközi Cikkek – Hungarian and International Articles) now consists of approx. 6000 records. Since the micro CDS/ISIS package was not developed for OPAC purposes, several tasks and problems had to be tackled until the database could be made accessible to inexperienced users. The article describes the Library's solution to these problems with special emphasis on user instruction. The first reactions of the Centre's staff members to the online catalogue are also analyzed briefly. [pp. 173 – 182]

#### Abroad

HEGEDŰS Péter: Financing our public library service: four subjects for debate. (British Green Paper on public libraries.) [pp. 183 – 189]

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GÁLNÉ BALLAGI Ágnes: The impact of IFLA Guidelines on public libraries. [pp. 201 – 206]

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FUTALA Tibor: 8 + 1 + 1 = 10 – this time in yearbooks. [pp. 207 – 212]

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Ki kicsoda a mai magyar gyermekirodalomban?: Életrajzi kislexikon kortárs írókról, költőkről (Who is who in today's children's literature? A collective biography of contemporary authors) (by Székelyné Sipos Klára, botosné Loscsó Ilona; ed. Fogarassy Miklós; publ. by the National Széchényi Library Centre for Library Science and Methodology. - Bp.; Debrecen: Csokonai Kvk., 1988. - 210 p. : ill. (Rev.: PÁPAYNÉ KEMENCZEY Judit) [pp. 220 – 224]