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ABSTRACT

Faculty, academic, and special libraries, together with the University libraries form one specifically regulated system, with special requirements and needs in scientific and educational terms. In our country, as well as in the world, professional associations are the first level of taking initiative and solving the status and professional dilemmas and problems. All library professionals in higher education and research institutions, with all its peculiarities and specifics, have the need for pooling in certain professional associations.

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History

Historically, from the first initiatives in 1972 until 1992, the work of professional librarians in higher education and research libraries took place on the territory of Belgrade. Academic Library Association in Belgrade has grown in Serbia Academic Library Association in 1992. In 1992 Serbia Academic Library Association was established at the University Library "Svetozar Markovic". Association is joined by libraries from all six state universities and from research institutes. At the time of establishment, the Association had about fifty members and today has one hundred and sixty-three.

Mission

Serbia Academic Library Association has the aim to develop and promote library profession, professional and financial status of staff in member libraries.

Vision

Serbia Academic Library Association in the future will be a meeting place, source of knowledge and information, and will also meet the requirements of its customers and communities they serve. Association will be the central hub of a network that connects the member libraries and through that will circulate the information needed for successful work.

Objectives

- Continuous improvement of service quality in member libraries.
- Identification and implementation of common objectives, policies and strategies of member libraries related to the development of library and information profession in Serbia.
- Approval of recommendations for standardization of library quality, protection of funds, the construction of joint deposits, continuing education of librarians and the realization of international cooperation.
- Realization of cooperation with all relevant stakeholders in their home institutions in order to build a digital repository that would include scientific and technical production of all academic staff and selected educational materials.
- Realization of cooperation of experts employed in the member libraries and other relevant factors in order to prepare materials and program information for improving citizens' knowledge and in accordance with the objectives, policies and strategies of the Association.
- Organizing conferences, publishing and promoting activities in order to inform the experts and the general public about the performance of the Association.

- Promoting the values of the information society and activities that contribute to its development.

Serbia Academic Library Association promotes the work through information media.

INFOtheca

INFOtheca (E-journal) is a professional journal of informatics and Library Science published since the year 2000. It publishes scientific, technical and review articles. The works are about the application of the information technology in librarianship, about scientific information and communication, the impact of information technology on the development of modern academic and special libraries, as well as about the new knowledge in library and information science. You can find the available numbers from 2004 on <http://infoteka.bg.ac.rs/>.

The Academic Libraries

The Academic Libraries (E-journal) is a professional journal published since 2004, on the recommendation of the International Federation Section of Library Associations IFLA. It was published in paper and electronic form, up to number 5 in 2006. The aim of the journal is to report regularly on the activities of members of Academic Library Association of Serbia and to bring interesting contributions for the library, and for the wider public. You can find E journal on <https://zbus.rs/lat/?a=visokoskolske&b=latinica&c=glavna&d=jedan>.