Digitization projects of the University Library Belgrade as propellants in Researchers’ Information Literacy Skills Enhancement

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This presentation will:

- describe the role of the University Library in Belgrade as a mover and shaker in training researchers
- outline digitization projects which provide the newest research materials focusing on the Endangered Archives Programme project supported by the British National Library
- describe follow-up trainings of the aforementioned project which enhance researchers’ information literacy skills
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• “globalization and the growth of the fast-changing knowledge economy mean that people require upgrading their skills throughout their adult lives to cope with modern life, both in their work and in their private lives”

Laal & Salamati (2012)
The University Library in Belgrade

• is the main innovative digital content provider for researchers in Serbia
Projects

- **ICT-PSP CIP 2007–2013 Europeana Libraries:** Aggregating digital content from Europe’s libraries, 2007-2013

- **CIP-ICT-PSP Europeana Newspapers:** A Gateway to European Newspapers, 2011-2015

- **EAP (Endangered Archives Programme) 833** Safeguarding the fragile collection of the private collection of the Lazić family, 2016
The University Library in Belgrade

• is one of the leading institutions in Serbia in providing researchers with new skills
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- Endangered Archives Programme (EAP) of the British Library
- Digitization of invaluable private collections owned by NGO “Adligat”
- Putting all materials in open access and making them fully searchable
- Engaging researchers
Colection content:

- Law books
- War publications
- Periodicals
- Calendars
- Archival materials: postcards, posters and telegrams
Trainings for researchers

- Information sessions
- Small-scale research projects related to new digital collections
Promotion – Magic Box

- Magic Box - a cabinet display which provides virtual, yet very real experience of leafing through the digitized valuable and protected library collections
- First institution in the Eastern Europe
Promotion – Magic Box

• suitable for engaging and interactive display of materials which are too fragile to be leafed through. Users can browse the digital content on a transparent and touch sensitive screen while looking at the original item behind it. In addition to digitized print media, it enables users to browse image galleries, 3D views, and movies.
To sum up:

- new digital content
- up-to-date techniques in searching new collections
- breakthrough in the various scientific fields
- affirmation of young highly qualified scientific staff
To sum up:

- Over 100 researchers in Serbia equipped with novel skills and knowledge every year.
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