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NATIONAL ACADEMIC  
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION  
SYSTEM

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**Annual Report**

**of**

**the activities of the National Academic**

**Library and Information System Foundation**

**in 2017**

[The National Academic Library and Information System Foundation](#) (NALIS) was founded in 2009 with the financial support of the [America for Bulgaria Foundation](#). Its three founders are:

[The Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences](#) – the oldest and largest academic library in Bulgaria;

[The Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”](#) – the earliest Bulgarian university with the biggest university library in Bulgaria – [The Sofia University Library](#);

and

[The American University in Bulgaria](#) – one of the leading private universities in Bulgaria with its [Panitza Library](#).

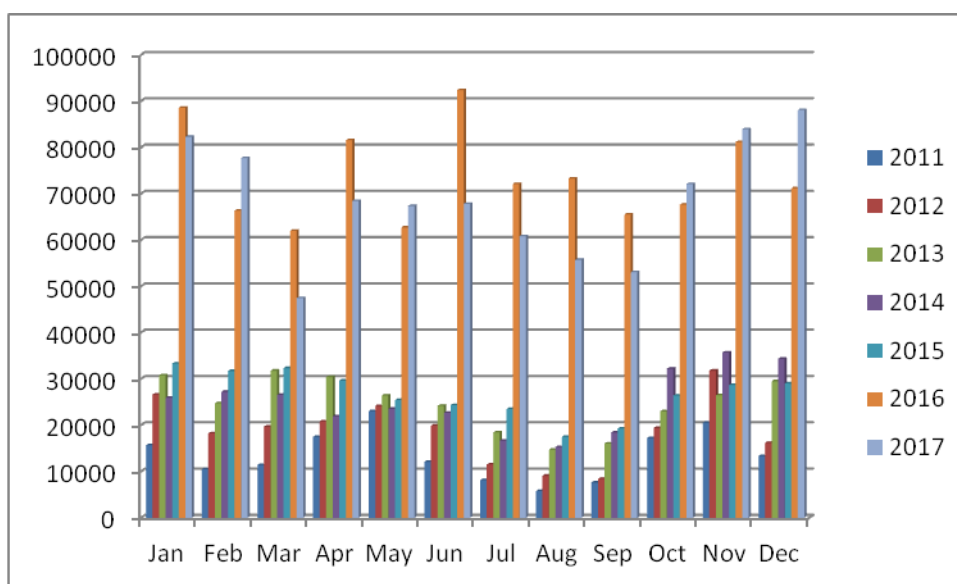
These three institutions have united their efforts in solving some of the crucial problems of the information milieu in Bulgaria:

- The lack of a platform to provide access to quick and accurate information about the Bulgarian libraries’ holdings;
- The growing need to create a centre for the preservation of the literary cultural heritage and to provide access to it by means of digitisation;
- The library software used in the majority of the libraries in Bulgaria does not meet the modern requirements and repels the readers.

The **main activities** of the NALIS Foundation in this respect are as follows:

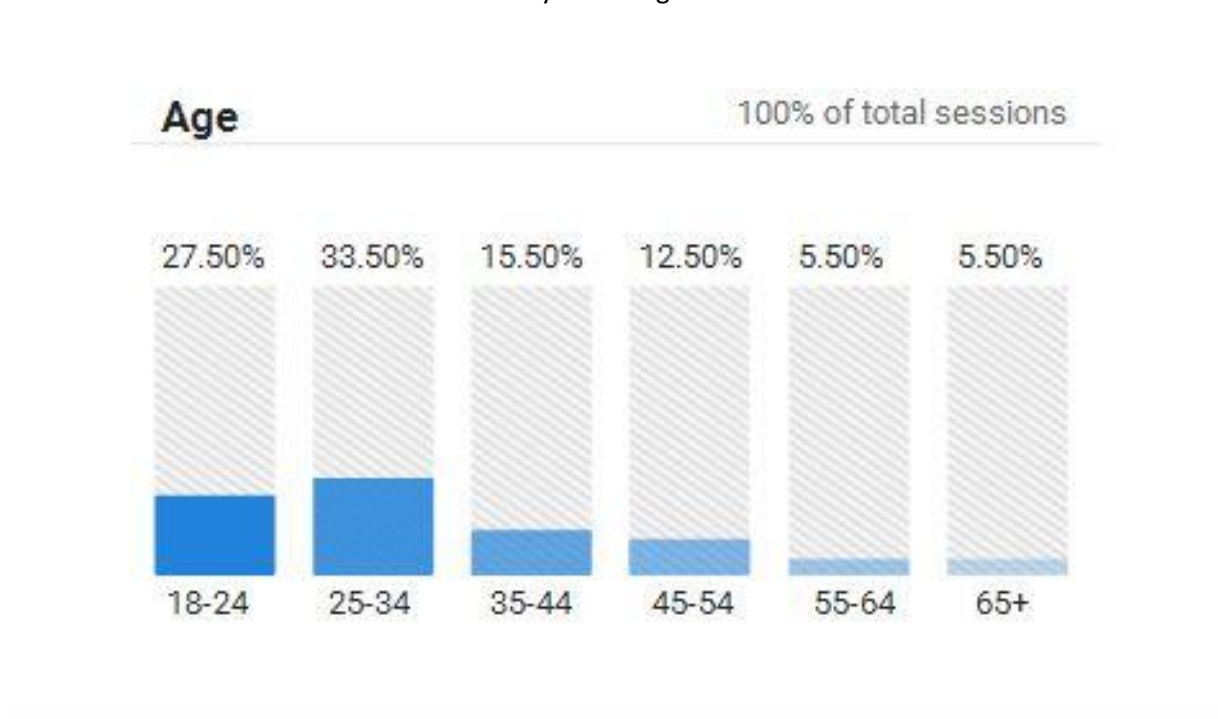
**1. The [NALIS Union Catalogue](#) (NALIS UC):**

- Unique for Bulgaria, the catalogue allows searching through a single platform and permits retrieving titles among nearly 3.6 million bibliographic records from the electronic catalogues of over 40 libraries in Bulgaria; it also grants access to full-text documents which are integrated into it thorough the NALIS repository. All this makes it the **National catalogue of Bulgaria**. It enjoys growing popularity (over 2,700 searches per day):



*The graph shows the number of searches in the NALIS UC by months and years.*

33.50% of its users are between 25 and 34 years of age:

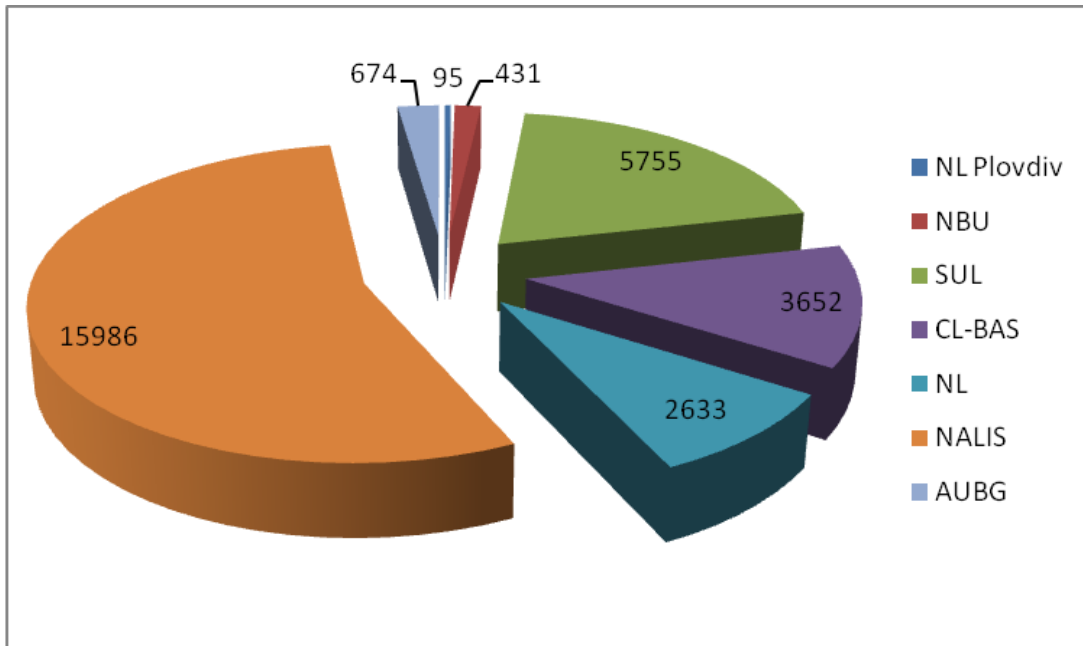


During the reported period, a migration to the open source software VuFind was carried out in order to most effectively use financial resources. It was adapted and its interface was translated into Bulgarian. The database was kept up to date and efforts were invested to integrate data from the online catalogues of some new libraries, like the Higher College of Telecommunications and Posts (contract signed 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2017), *Krastyo Sarafov* National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts, *St. Cyril and St. Methodius* University of Veliko Tarnovo etc.

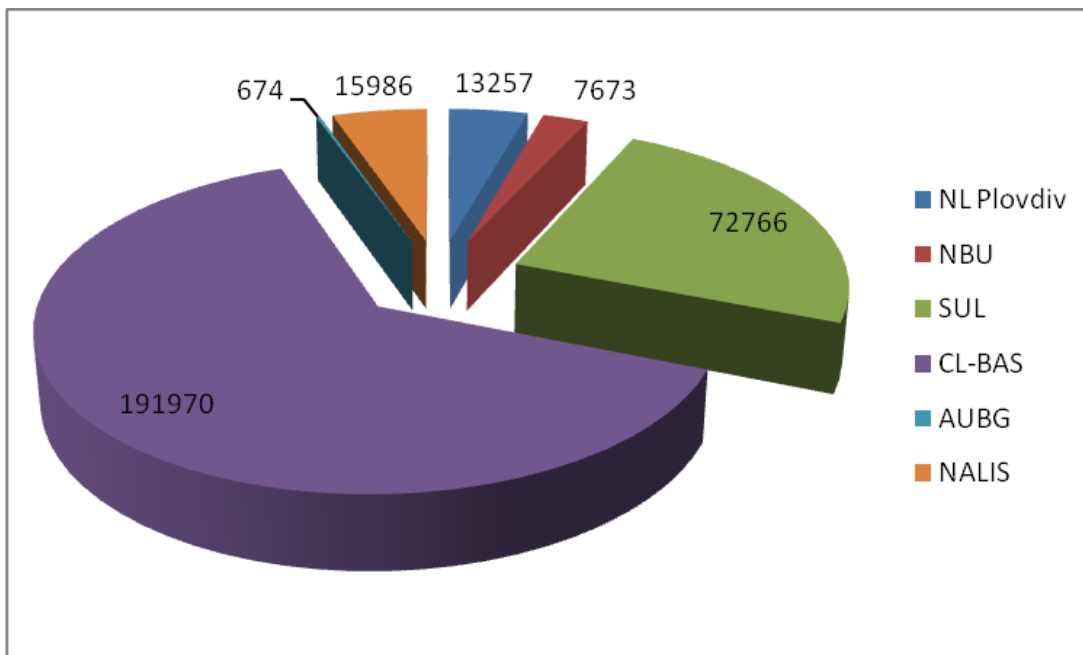
## 2. The [NALIS repository](#)

- It includes diverse and rich digital collections of leading academic institutions – online materials, including medieval manuscripts, books of the Bulgarian National Revival, old photographs and full-text items. This is the largest digital library in the state, which, at the end of 2017, comprised 302 326 files (26 593 titles) and which has an average annual growth of 68,000 files. This fact is quite impressive considering that according to data from a representative survey of public libraries, funded by the *Global Libraries – Bulgaria* Foundation, “only 3% of the libraries have digitised books, 2% of them digitised periodicals, and nearly 3% – other documents. Digitisation is made mainly at the public libraries. They show the following average numbers of digitised items: 207 books (14,600 files), 104 periodicals (27,100 files) and 2,040 other materials (3,220 files).”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ФГББ. Състояние на обществените библиотеки през погледа на библиотеките: резултати от представително проучване. В: ББИА онлайн : Списание на Българската библиотечно-информационна асоциация, год. VII, бр. 5, октомври 2017, с. 7.



The graph shows the distribution of digital items accessible **through the NALIS UC**.



The graph shows the number of files of every institution in the NALIS repository at the end of 2017.

3. **NALIS** provides the libraries in Bulgaria with maintenance of various types of **software as a service (SAS)** for:

- Integrated Library System (ILS), based on KOHA - <https://koha-community.org/> and
- Digital Collections Management System, based on DSpace - <http://www.dspace.org/>.

The aim is to raise information services in Bulgaria to the level of world-wide established standards and to ensure international cooperation in the field of the library-information and communication systems.

#### 4. Participation in **other Projects**:

The international EU project **ART NOUVEAU: [Sustainable protection and promotion of Art Nouveau heritage in the Danube Region](#)**. This partnership has arisen from the need of sustainable and cooperated preservation, restoration and popularisation of the Art Nouveau architecture, art and design in the Danube region. Within this project, the NALIS Foundation has coordinated the compilation of a list of movable and immovable Art Nouveau heritage in Bulgaria, the digitisation of these objects and their provision for the project's web repository (<http://and.civitat.com>), interactive map and mobile app. The ready objects, prepared by NALIS can already be seen in the NALIS Repository: <http://digilib.nalis.bg/xmlui/handle/nls/27059>.

Annex: Balance sheet at 31.12.2017

According to it:

1. Operating expenses (in thousands of BGN): 296
2. Income from the provision of paid services and other fundraising activities – (in thousands of BGN): 10
3. Type, size, value and purpose of donations received and provided as well as donors' data:
  - 3.1. Revenues from conditional donations (in BGN thousand): 285
    - America for Bulgaria Foundation, 14007 S. Bell Road, Office No. 172, Homer Glen, Illinois State 60491
    - The Carbetz Foundation, Inc.; 950 3rd Ave., 30th Fl.; New York City, NY United States 10022-2705; EIN: 133431027; BRIDGE Number: 3488735902
  - 3.2. Revenues from unconditional donations (in thousands of BGN): 9
    - American University in Bulgaria, UIC: 000019449, with headquarters and management address Blagoevgrad, Georgi Izmirliiev Square 1
4. The financial result (in thousands of BGN): 8