

**Press Release** on the Pilot Training Module No. 8 about the Library Collection Development Policies in the framework of the program „**Library Network Support Services (LNSS): Modernizing libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming library services**”.

On **10 February 2017**, the Pilot Training Module No. 8 about the Library Collection Development Policies in the framework of the program „**Library Network Support Services (LNSS): Modernizing libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming library services**” took place in the Scientific Library of Alecu Russo Balti State University.

European experts, Dr. Angela Repanovici, „Transylvania”, University of Brasov, Romania and Dr. Manolis KOUKOURAKIS, Director of the University Library of Crete, Greece had a meeting with Ion Gagim, Rector of USARB and the Scientific Library staff representatives while visiting the Bălți University.

Dr. Angela REPANOVICI, „Transylvania”, University of Brasov, Romania and Dr. Manolis KOUKOURAKIS, Director of the University Library of Crete, Greece greeted the participants and presented the objectives of the monitoring program in the Republic of Moldova. They also mentioned that this was their first time in Bălți.

The guests expressed their gratitude for meeting with colleagues from the Republic of Moldova. They appreciated the role of the Scientific Library and librarians in the university campus, the importance of their presence in the heart of this academic space, and wished them happiness, hope, and strength in continuing their profession as librarians.

Twenty-one employees of the university library attended the training conducted by Elena HARCONIȚA, the Director of the Scientific Library.

The Training program included the following presentations from the three trainers :

- Elena HARCONIȚA, *Director SL USARB* presented about the project objectives, work packages, modules; and the LNSS Module No. 8 : Library Collection Development Policies; Collection Development Principles;
- - Lina MIHALUȚA, *Deputy Director SL USARB* presented about the Collection Development terms and definitions. Following the presentation, the librarians participated in practical exercises using the terms and definitions learned;
- Valentina TOPALO, the Head of Department of the *SL USARB* presented the Questionnaire study of collection integrity and access to information resources using SURVEY MONKEY.

**The Library Collection Development Policy** is the most important policy that ensures the implementation and development of the most valuable library tasks: selecting, acquiring, and providing access to informational resources in all categories for actual and potential users.

During the presentations, the participants discussed about strengthening the information about the terms and definitions, standards and principles, and the policies in Collection Development, as well as how to use Survey Monkey to generate electronic questionnaires.

At the conclusion of the training, the participants evaluated the Library Collections Development Policy Module, and gave the maximum score for well-prepared presentations, clear topic explanations, excellent communication, and effective knowledge transfer from the trainers to the participants.

Participants responded with the following feedback about the training:

The content of the training was well prepared, exciting and attractive, and the trainers showed extensive knowledge about the material presented;

It was a very useful and comprehensive training, and the theme was absolutely necessary for developing and maintaining libraries;

The presenters explained the topic in a way that was easy to comprehend;

The trainers' presentations were excellent, stimulated interest in the subject, and created a pleasant atmosphere supported by modern technology;

The tasks and group discussions were very helpful;

The interactive methods used in the training will contribute to gaining as much information and practical skills as possible. The online questionnaire generated by Survey Monkey is a suitable method to research our users. Thank you very much!

At the end of the one-day training course, Dr. Angela REPANOVICI, the International Expert, handed out certificates for all of the participants.

The Training will continue in March.