

The Inaugural Conference of the Library National Awareness Day on April 26, 2017.

The week dedicated to Librarian's Day in Moldova and the National Awareness Day on Libraries Day "Your Library - Your Progress" began in the USARB Scientific Library with the Inauguration Conference of the event.

Elena Harconita, the director of the Scientific Library congratulated the colleagues on the professional day, congratulated those who gave the whole soul for this profession.

Librarian's Day is celebrated since 2001 by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Moldova No.1774 of 21.11.2000, initially on October 5th, and after the amendment of 08.02.2010, on April 23rd. The Decree stipulates the following: "Given the age and scope of the librarian profession in our historical space, honoring the memory of the illustrious personalities of the national pantheon who embraced this profession, appreciating the contribution brought by the library and the librarian to the development of the country's culture recognizing that this institution and this profession play an important role in the development of the information society and taking into account the proposal of the Librarians Association".

The Librarian Day in Moldova coincide with World Book and Copyright Day, set up in 1995 at the UNESCO General Conference. The idea of marking the 23rd of April came from Spain where the spring festival day of Sant Jordi (St. George's Day) takes place annually, in which men give roses to women and women give a book to men. That day is also known Book Day, coinciding with the anniversaries of the deaths (1616) of William Shakespeare and Miguel de Cervantes.

Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day said: „*World Book and Copyright Day is an opportunity to highlight the power of books to promote our vision of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens*”.

Elena Harconita has reviewed the program of events, including the Library National Awareness Day (transferred from 27 April to 4 May), to be held this week to promote the Book, the Reading, the Library and the Librarian: presentations of the Book Rare Collections, Anniversary Books - 2017, Great librarians from the Republic of Moldova; The Literary Gala Characters gala (Cosplay); Invitation to reading at the Ipotesti Documentary Fund and the „Mihai Eminescu” County Library, Botosani; Romania, Printed book vs E-book public debates; The seminar of young researchers from Northern Moldova about the history of the place where they came from, a contest with the participation of the Ukrainian Diaspora in the Republic of Moldova and the Slavic Chair of Faculty of Letters , etc.

The Director of the library thanked a group of librarians for distinct activity, for various successes in some processes during the year 2016. Merit Diplomas were offered to the librarians: Elena Cristian for participation in updating the Library Development Policy, a component of the Project's realization Erasmus+; Svetlana Șișcanu for the implementation of the Acquisitions Module in ALEPH software; Mihaela Staver for indexing of USARB works in ZENODO; Ala Lisii for synthesis of the study of the E-Book in the user perception; Olga Dascal, Angela Hăbășescu, Snejana Zadainova for effective participation in the programs dedicated to users; Valentina Vacarciuc, Aliona Purici for active implications in Institutional Repository ORA USARB development; Gabriela Cazacu for the captivating presentation of recent acquisitions in the Information Days; Galina Belcovschi for responsible and creative attitude to work.

Within this conference Elena Harconița told about the participation of the Library at the 26 th edition of March 29, 2017 Symposium Bibliologic Year 2016 entitled „The National Library of the Republic of Moldova – the Platform for Professional Inclusion for Librarian Community”. Mrs.Elena Harconita participated with a paper „**The Effects of International Projects on Academic Libraries and the National Awareness Day on Libraries**”. They were also presented posters, films that highlighted the fruitful collaboration with the National Library of the Republic of Moldova, the achievements of the Balti Departmental Librarian Center and the North Branch of the Educational Libraries of Association Library of Republic of Moldova(ABRM).

The presence of the Library, of Elena Harconita and her colleagues at this Symposium was highly appreciated by the letter of thanks and respect from Elena Pintilii, General-Director of National Library of Moldova.

At the end of the conference Mrs. Director, congratulated once again and thanked the librarians for involvement with dedication in professional activity, openness for various and diverse trainings, integration into all innovations, both institutional and external.