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1. General review of major events of the last year

During 2010 the Presidential Library was engaged in development of its collections and provision of access to its resources, as well as in educational, exhibition and scientific activities, and publishing of various printed editions. The Presidential Library has held 14 theoretical and practical conferences and seminars in different subject areas. It has launched 6 educational projects. The most remarkable among them are: “The history of constitutional ideas in Russia”, “The history of Russian state: Territory and borders”, etc. The Presidential Library has organized the all-Russian contest in history of Russia “Russia in digital world: Olympiad for schoolchildren” and the “Foreign view” international photo contest. The library has hosted 63 professional and socially significant events attended by over 8 000 people. Information technologies have enabled it to hold 40 live webcasts and 5 videoconferences on urgent problems.

During the past year the Presidential Library consolidated libraries, archives, museums and universities which, on the basis of partnership, provided their resources used for development of the library’s electronic holdings and organization of exhibitions. 35 cultural and educational institutions have contributed to the development of electronic holdings of the Presidential Library, 27 institutions supported the organization of thematic exhibitions. As a part of scientific activities, the Presidential Library in joint effort with the Russian leading libraries and archives continued to create the national format for description of archival materials. The experts of the Presidential Library have translated and issued the ISAAD (G) international standard. The Russian translation of the standard is presented on the official website of the International Council on Archives. The issue and translation of the standard were authorized by the ICA. The need to develop the national format for description of archival materials is conditioned on the integrated character of electronic holdings of the Presidential Library which include both library and archival materials.

2. Note of the reporting library’s relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library’s mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library’s operations.

Federal State Budgetary Establishment “The Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library” carries out the activity on the basis of the Charter confirmed by the governmental order of the Russian Federation dated April, 8th, 2009 №309.

The Presidential Library was founded by the Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the order of the President of the Russian Federation dated June, 18 2007 №326 «On Creation of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library» and the order of the Government of the Russian Federation dated November, 5th, 2008 №1615. The Presidential Library is under jurisdiction of the Administrative office of the President of the Russian Federation

The basic regulating act of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library is the Federal law «On Librarianship» dated 12.29.1994 №78-FZ.

Submission of legal deposits of electronic copies to the Presidential Library is stipulated by the Federal law №77-FZ of 29.12.1994 «On legal deposit of documents».

Development of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library as the national information portal is stipulated by the Major areas of activity of the Russian Federation government until the year of 2012 approved by the RF government instruction of November 17, 2008 N 1663.

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc.)

In 2010 there were offered 334 tours of the library and exhibitions, the number of users including remote ones amounted to 283 000, of which 14 000 were registered users.

The Electronic Reading Room (ERR) is equipped with 60 work stations. There were given 314 presentations of electronic resources and 109 tours around the EER with demonstration of potential of the Presidential Library Information system. 1500 ERR users were consulted on bibliographic issues.

The number of documents published on the portal is 24,196

The electronic holdings include over 35,000 documents, over 37,000 have been catalogued. 2 753 000 scans were added to the holdings.

There was published 1707 news, 370 historical essays.

In comparison with the annual budget for 2010, the annual budget for 2011 increases by 67%.

Total number of staff: 330 persons.

4. New developments in creating and building collections

Since its opening in 2009 the library has developed 19 mini-collections as informational support of the activities of the President and the Presidential Library, and 4 multilevel collections: “Empress Elizaveta Petrovna (Elisabeth of Russia): 300th birthday anniversary”, «Memory of the Great Victory», “Territory of Russia” and “Emancipation reform 1861”. One of the major projects was the «Memory of the Great Victory» collection which marked the 65th anniversary of the end of the Great Patriotic War. At the initial stage the collection included over 3,500 digital documents: books, collected works, newspapers, documentary reels fragments, photographs, posters and leaflets. The preference was given to the materials of 1941 – 1945. The selection of the documents was carried out by the expert council. On the whole, 20 Russian and foreign organizations contributed to the collection development. Within the year the size of the collection reached 5,500 documents.

The opening of the “Territory of Russia” collection was timed to the Knowledge Day 2010. It included about 4,000 documents such as scientific, popular science and teaching

editions, archival documents, maps, photo and newsreel which demonstrate the national territory from various aspects and in different historical periods. At the initial stage 16 Russian and foreign organizations contributed to the collection development.

The “Emancipation reform 1861” collection marked the 150th anniversary of serfdom abolition. The core of the collection comprises 100 documents from the electronic holdings of the Presidential Library which are available in open access. In all, about 250 copies of published materials and great volumes of archival documents will be added to the collection.

5. New developments in provision of access to collections

In 2010 the Presidential Library started opening Remote Electronic Reading Rooms and Centers of access in Russia and abroad. During the period 2010-2011 in geography of Presidential library Beijing, Minsk, Baku, Ljubljana, Helsinki were appeared.

In order to provide full access to all resources of the library for remote users, Electronic Digital Signature (EDS) facility was developed enabling its holders to make queries in order to browse the materials available in the library’s Electronic Reading Room but not accessible from the library’s portal.

In 2010 as a part of services available to the patrons of the Electronic Reading Room, the library provided access to ARBICON database including analytical annotation to Russian scientific periodicals, full-text database on legislation “The entire Russia” and master catalogue of Russian libraries LibNet.

6. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national institutions

In 2010 the Presidential Library entered the international scene. Its representatives attended international conferences, seminars, exhibitions in 8 foreign countries.

Important Co-operation Agreements were signed with foreign library, information and archival institutions: Agreement on Creation and Distribution of Television Content within the USA and Russian Federation; the Agreement on Transfer of Audiovisual Works of American Production between the Presidential Library and the Library of Congress; the Protocol of Intent between the Presidential Library and the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo), etc.

In 2010 a delegation of the Presidential Library attended the meetings of heads of four subgroups of the Russian-American Working group on library cooperation; the meeting of partners of the World Digital Library and the sessions of the American Library Association.

The Presidential Library continues to develop relations with information, cultural and educational centers of other countries: Russian-German Institute of Culture in Dresden, Italian Institute of Culture, French Institute in St. Petersburg and Goethe Institute.

The Presidential Library has attended the Russian-German Forum “St. Petersburg dialogue” in Yekaterinburg and Russian-Korean Forum of civil societies “Dialogue: Russia – Republic of Korea” in Seoul.

The Presidential Library has hosted the XII General Meeting of the Eurasia Library Assembly and the “New information technologies and bibliographical activity of libraries” workshop as a part of the International Bibliographic Congress.