

## **Report on the activities of Biblical Library Sofia (*Bibliotheca biblica*) July 2009 - June 2010**

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One more year past in the development and activity of the *Bibliotheca biblica* in Sofia. In November 2009 the librarian Mrs Miroslava Mletchkova, whom you may remember from my previous reports and some of you have met in Sofia, especially prof. Niebuhr, who organized her training in the Library of the Theological Faculty of Jena University, took again the responsibility for the BB, replacing Mrs Ivelina Nikolova, who did an excellent work in the months she had the task of librarian.

From July 2009 till July 2010 in BB – Sofia were received totally 1574 library units. That includes 1491 books and 83 issues of periodical. The majority of the new received books are in German – 1177, 224 are in English, 25 in Russian, 23 in French, 19 in Greek, 6 in Italian, 6 in Latin, 7 books in Bulgarian, 5 in the official language of Republic of Macedonia. 24 of the Russian books, newly published, we received as a donation from the Biblical-Theological Institute St Apostle Andrew in Moscow. Three of the Bulgarian books are published by the *Collegium biblicum* in Bulgaria.

Every month a list of the received books etc. has been sent to prof. Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, president of the Eastern Europe Liaison Committee (EELC) of SNTS for information. Also the donors of books receive from us a letter of gratitude for their donation, which informs them for the reception of the books.

Last year the most of the books received came from different donations, a big part of them from the donated library of the late prof. Traugott Holtz from Halle, Germany. These books are marked with a special sing: *Ex libris Prof. Dr. Traugott Holtz*. Mainly for that reason the majority of the received books last twelve months are in German language.

The book-stock of the library constantly grows up. There are now more than 8250 library units in it (over 6000 books, 2200 periodicals and 50 CDs). This growth is relatively good, despite of the limited finances of the EELC.

The users of the books in BB come as in previous periods from the Faculties of Theology of the Universities in Bulgaria, they are not only Orthodox, but also Protestants and Catholics. The main information for the users of the library about the existing books and periodicals provide the *Gesamtkatalog*, as well as the ready-part of the Allegro-catalogue. Also the catalogues sent to BB by publishers are at the disposal of the users.

In the electronic catalogue system Allegro are catalogued till now more than 5500 books. The librarian makes also an inventory book, sets the library seal on every book, puts the inventory number and the press-mark. Absolutely all books have been included in the inventory book, have a seal, a number and a press-mark. About 90% of the books have been included in the Allegro catalogue.

I am glad to inform you about two biblical seminars and one conference which took place in Bulgaria last 12 months, organized by the members of *Collegium biblicum*, always on the basis of the rich bibliography provided by the BB in Sofia.

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