

Foreword

In 1961 the Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences had started to publish the proceedings of the library under one general title *Librarianship and Bibliography* (executive editor A. Ivaškevičius). There have been published three volumes: the 1st one (1961) was devoted to the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Lithuanian Science Academy and its Library; in the 2nd volume (1963) there were published subject bibliographies together with articles, the 3rd volume (1966) was dedicated to commemorate the 400 years anniversary of the Russian book print. However, according to the government publishing politics the publication of this issue was ceased.

Now, once in a two year period *The Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences* – the successive collection of the proceedings has started to be published. The publication will embrace and reflect the scientific and organisational activities in the then Library. The purpose of the publication is to present to the society a comprehensive information about the work of the Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences which is one of the most prominent and wealthiest libraries concerning the documentary keepings in Lithuania.

Some chapters such as "From the Past of the Library", "The Researches", "The Collections and Selections of the Library", "The Publications", "The Topics of the Work", "The Commemorations", most probably, will stay regular and constant. The publication will enclose various reports analysing and summarizing the results of the activities in different departments. There will also be included considerations and reviews of the newest books – the works on the Lithuanian history, ethnology, bibliographical indexes and the works of librarians and biblioresearchers. Besides, the publication will contain biograms of the staff of the library and the records of anniversaries and commemorations.

Part of the Library's staff (including the five Doctors of Science) are involved not only in the administering the library's stock, servicing and informing the readers but they also do their research work. Their articles and reports delivered in various conferences will be published in the publication. Moreover, we will include the articles of the authors from other institutions corresponding to the field of our work.

The project of the new publication *The Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences* is still in process of creation so we welcome and appreciate the comments and ideas of the readers.

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