

PREFACE

We are pleased to announce the tenth volume of our scholarly serial publication. It comes out containing novel content. In addition to the usual materials, it now includes the section entitled “The treasury of Bibliopolis”. It will present the most interested exhibits from the Museum of the Lithuanian Book, which is currently being established at the Library. On a separate note, DOI identifiers have now been assigned to all the texts in our serial, so from now on the texts will be easy to access online.

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania declared 2021 the year of one of the most famous military leaders of the 17th century Europe, the Grand Hetman of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, Voivode of Vilnius, and a prominent benefactor, Jan Karol Chodkiewicz. To mark this occasion, the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences mounted an exhibition entitled “Jan Karol, ever great, a godsend to the state”. The text by the author of the exhibition concept, Dr. Sigita Narbutas, grew into an eponymous study published here in the research articles section. It discusses the portrayal of Jan Karol Chodkiewicz in the neo-Latin poetry of Lithuania.

The current volume contains six more research articles. “The *Enchiridion* of Baltramiejus Vilentas (‘before 1572, ‘1579): the Creed”, a paper by the linguistic historian Dr. Artūras Judžentis, continues the philological study of *Enchiridion*, the first part of which was published in the ninth volume of our serial. The article by the Slavonic scholar Dr. Nadezhda Morozova, a researcher at the Institute of the Lithuanian Language, “Publications of the *Apostolos* by Ivan Fyodorov, Petr Mstislavets and Mamonichy brothers in the book collections of Riga”, sets forth evidence that information on these old print books provided in bibliographic publication is not always correct. The author proceeds to clarify information on the extant copies of the *Apostolos*. In another paper, Dr. Alma Braziūnienė, expert in book studies and Head of the Library’s future Book Museum, examines publications from the Franciscan printing house in the holdings of the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences from the thematic, linguistic and artistic perspective. The historian Rasa Sperskienė, a researcher at the Library’s Manuscripts Department, looks at the centennial history of the Lithuanian Presidential Institution in the article entitled “Echoes of the history of the Lithuanian Presidential Institutions in documents held by the Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences”. Her research is based on documents and iconographic sources held by the Manuscripts and the Rare Books Departments of the Wroblewski Library. Two other articles deal with the national retrospective bibliography. The Head of the Scholarly Information Department, Dr. Giedrė Miknienė, and Head of the Bibliography Unit, Dr. Birutė Railienė, in their joint paper, examine the significance of Lithuanian national retrospective analytical bibliography for research into the history of science and culture. The object of their study is “Bibliography of Lithuania. Series C”, the publication registering Lithuanian periodicals and serials. Dr. Maria Carmen Nadia

Petre, a staff member of the Academic Library of Romania in Bucharest, brings the topic of national retrospective bibliography to an international level, shedding light on the history of Romanian national retrospective bibliography.

In the present volume, we publish a source from the holdings of the Library's Manuscripts Department. The publication was prepared by a staff member of the Book Museum, Dr. Kotryna Rekašiūtė. The document, entitled *Prakalba (Preface)* and written by an unknown 19th-century linguist, may have served as a preface for a Lithuanian grammar textbook.

The section "From the Library's collections" contains an overview of the collection of 19th–20th-century periodicals (newspapers, journals, newsletters, and ephemera) produced by duplicating machines such as hectograph and mimeograph, and by xerographic copiers (255 titles). Held in the Old Periodicals Unit at the Rare Books Department, the collection is described by the Unit Head, Aida Grybienė.

The new section, "The treasury of the Bibliopolis", contains discussion of two exhibits from the Book Museum. Dr. Andrius Jurkevičius, a researcher at the Manuscript Department, tells about the monument of written culture of the 16th-century Grand Duchy of Lithuania, the Zhyrovichy Gospel, while the historian Rolandas Gustaitis, a doctoral student at the Vilnius Art Academy, describes how the map of the Kingdom of Prussia, published in Nuremberg in 1804 and once in possession of the Colonel of the 12th Infantry Regiment of the Polish Army, the future General Jan Weysenhoff, came to the holdings of the Wroblewski Library.

The section entitled "The Wroblewski Library of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences in 2019–2020" contains a biennial report of the Library's activities put together by the Academic Secretary, Leokadija Kairelienė. The volume also includes a list of publications by the Library's staff members for 2019–2020 compiled by the bibliographer Vaida Juodėnienė, the chronicle of the Library's activities prepared by Loreta Glebavičiūtė, and bibliographic information on the coverage of the Library in the media in 2019–2020 collected by Vaida Juodėnienė.

Instructions for authors contain requirements for formatting bibliographic references compiled in accordance with LST ISO 690:2010 standard.

We are very grateful to the reviewers of the research articles published in this serial for their valuable insights and useful advice.

We cordially invite all scholars from Lithuania and other countries who study documentary heritage and the history or present-day problems of memory institutions to submit their contributions.

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