

**The annual report for IFLA/PAC**  
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**About the work of the Regional Centre for Central Asia**  
**(Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyziya, Turkmenia)**

**Brief information:**

The National library of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the IFLA/PAC Regional Centre (preservation and conservation) beginning from 2008. From August 1, 2015 the agreement with IFLA/PAC was prolonged for another three years, that is up to 01.08.2018. Beginning from 2013 there on the basis of the National library of the RK functions the School for conservation and restoration of written documents, which carries out the teaching activity in the sphere of preservation and conservation of library fonds for the Central-Asian region.

**1. The year of report: 2015-16.**

**2. International cooperation:**

The IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Central Asia carried out the international seminar-training on restoration of rare books in October, 2015, in which there participated the regional libraries, museums and archives of the country, the Russian state library and the National library of Tajikistan. There were invited 34 participants for the work in the seminar-training. The brief information about the seminar was put on Basecamp in order for all the other centres to become acquainted with it.

**Information about the libraries of the Central-Asian region:**

There at the National library of the Republic of Kazakhstan functions the service of restoration, conservation and binding. The rare fond consists of more than 30 thousand units of storage. There is a specialized equipment for conservation and restoration and there is carried out the whole complex of conservation-restoration services.

There at the National library of the Republic of Tajikistan exists the department for the technical servicing and repair of documents. The fond of rare books has 2 503 copies and there are 2 383 manuscripts. There are carried out the conservation-restoration works and there is specialized equipment.

There at the National library of the Republic of Uzbekistan is a service of conservation and restoration of informational-library fonds. The collection of manuscripts, unique and especially valuable editions in the library numbers more than 28 thousand rare books, from among them 100 manuscripts, 184 lithographs. There is restoration equipment, there is carried out the restoration and binding of books.

There in the libraries of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan the rare editions number 30 300 units of storage. But there is no service on restoration-binding works.

There at the State library of Turkmenistan the fond of rare books comprises 55 459 print units of storage. 8 workers carry out the disinfectant and restoration works.

**3. Local cooperation:**

1. The IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Central Asia within the framework of the work of the School for conservation and restoration of written documents carried out classes with the specialists (the Southern-Kazakhstani region, the regional universal scientific library, Shymkent city), participates in the scientific-practical conferences at the regional level.

2. Also during the elapsed period there were carried out the exit master-classes on restoration of rare and valuable books in the regions of Kazakhstan.

#### 4. **The work seminars:**

1. The specialist on ancient books, master of history, restorer from the Institute of manuscripts from Bursy city (Turkey) Guzrel Bilmiz carried out the master-classes for the restorers of the School (April, 2015).

2. During the year there was carried out in the work regime the electronic correspondence with the National libraries of those countries that enter the regional centre for Central Asia.

#### 5. **The participation of the PAC Centre in the IFLA risk Register:**

The IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Central Asia is not registered in the risk register.

#### 6. **Proposal for the IFLA Head-Quarters for the improvement of the PAC-Centre network:**

1. In order to receive the international restoration experience in the preservation of rare books it is deemed expedient to send specialists from the leading restoration schools of the world in order to render practical assistance on site once every two years.

2. To send by electronic mail or by Basecamp the normative and methodological literature for the carrying out works in conservation and restoration of documents which are done in different libraries of the world.

#### 7. **The new standards:**

1. Through Basecamp to widespread new elaborations and methodologies in the sphere of preservation and conservation from the regional IFLA/PAC centres.

#### 8. **Any other commentaries:**

1. The carrying out of the master-class by G.Bilmiz from Turkey.



2. The carrying out of the international training in October, 2015.



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