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FORWARD TO THE TWENTY FIFTH VOLUME. – The article initiating this jubilee volume surveys the course of the journal's life that gives evidence of the development of Hungarian librarianship and information work, as regards both the financial and spiritual respects. The journal's editors and co-workers always successfully, faithfully and accurately reflected the development and promptly determined the pressing questions. The next 25 years are expected to pass in the spirit of true co-operation between the different libraries as well as between the library and information systems. The journal also has to promote this co-operation.

5–7. p.

SALLAI István 1911–1979. A necrology.

9–12. p.

CSÚRY István

CATALOGUE USAGE HABITS OF READERS AND LIBRARIANS. Data and methods for experimental foundation of library decision-making. – From „First principles” by CUTTER (1876) of the latest edition of AACR the constant rewriting and reformation of the rules of bibliographical description is an almost continuous process. According to M. MAXWELL this process will also continue after passing the ISBD. The insufficiency of these standards (and consequently, the permanent need for modification) is a result of their formulation from everyday practice and individual opinions of the experts. Optimum regulation of bibliographical description and arrangement can be based only on comprehensive scientific cognition of the relations. The theses explaining the arbitrary principles of the latest standard are of a wholly ideological nature. A scientific foundation should comprise the critical history of bibliographical description, the sociological analysis of literature usage and retrieval habits, the systematization of the morphological characters of publications, the study of the structure of literary processes. This article presents the results of a survey made by questionnaire in 1978. These results can be utilized as an element of the strategic approach proposed.

13–24. p.

A REPLY TO CSÚRY ISTVÁN. – The author – referring to the recommendations of the International Conference on Cataloguing Principles, as well as to a study by DOMANOVSKY Ákos – expresses that CSÚRY István – incorrectly – reduces the principal functions of the alphabetical catalogue to the information functions. Another indispensable task of the alphabetical catalogue is the identification of the publications described. As the bibliographical entry has to perform these two different tasks at the same time, the data must be reported (1) by the bibliographical description following the ISBDs in a form corresponding to the publication, and (2) by the arrangement elements in a unified form. Standardization works of the IFLA have also brought significant results in the international unification of the arrangement data.

25–29. p.

VAJDA Erik

NECESSITY AND PRINCIPLES OF CHANGING THE STANDARDS ON BIBLIOGRAPHY AND CATALOGUING. Reflections on CSÚRY's opinion, the standards in librarianship (in the areas of bibliography and cataloguing) must necessarily be changed from time to time as a result of the development of technology and organization. This is necessary even though it causes practical difficulties – owing to the existing internal contradictions of standardization and the library. The time of change has come – first of all owing to the international co-operation, the Universal Bibliographical Control, the principle of „processing documents once” and the computer technics. This means also that the international standards determine the significant content of the Hungarian standards. It is necessary to expend more effort in collaboration in the international standardization. Investigation of catalogue usage habits does not give reason to make a fetish of a single arrangement element (entry word).

30–40. p.

KAMARÁS István

THE POSSIBILITIES OF DIALOGUE. Results of an international comparative research on reading sociology. – In 1973 an international comparative project was begun on the initiative of the Centre for Library Science and Methodology (Budapest), collaborating with the specialists of the Soviet, the Bulgarian and the Polish national libraries. Two short stories „How long does a tree live” (Meddig él egy fa) by István ÖRKÉNY and „Nazists” (Nácik) by Ferenc SÁNTA were read by different categories of readers (40–50-year-old skilled workers, 17-year-old secondary school students and graduate librarians) in Budapest, Moscow, Sofia and Warsaw. The study summarizing the results of the project draws attention to an international consensus which can be experienced in the

case of emotional reception, and points out the differences and their causes; first of all, the role of status in the division of labour, then the influence of sex, nationality and language.

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I n l a n d i s h p a n o r a m a

GROFCSIK Gusztávné–VÖRÖS Györgyné

OBSERVATIONS ON THE NEW ALLOCATION SYSTEM OF THE DEPOSIT COPIES IN THE „AGROINFORM” AND IN THE AGRICULTURAL NETWORK. – The authors report the advantageous experience of the new allocation system which has come into force on January 1, 1978. They stress that participation and selection, viewing of newly arrived documents and assignment of the documents related to special fields give especially good possibilities for continuous information, most importantly in the case of non commercial publications.

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O u t l o o k

RÓZSA György

SCIENTIFIC LIBRARIES IN JAPAN AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT. – The author spent 3 weeks in Japan. He gives an account of his general impressions, and of the cultural, scientific and economic background of librarianship and information work in Japan. His most important conclusions are: Processing of information as regards the economic and technical data, is extremely developed. Electronics are present in the everyday life; however, it has not penetrated far into special information fields, nor into the automation of library work. Special information is still in the experimental phase. Knowing „Japanese effectiveness”, however, information processes in this country will be worth following in the future.

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