

Press-release on the conference "National editorial system – the National Book Chamber: interactions and paradigms" of 18 April 2019

On 18 April 2019 the National Book Chamber of the Republic of Moldova (NBCRM), organized the Conference-meeting of the editors/representatives of the editorial system of the Republic of Moldova, being the premiere event in the field, at the headquarters of the "Andrei Lupan" Scientific Library (Institute).

The event was supported and sustained by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, in partnership with the Moldovan Publishers Association, the Institute for Information Society Development (IDSI), and "Andrei Lupan" Scientific Library (Institute).

The conference was attended by: The State Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Mr. Andrei Chistol, leaders of editorial institutions, writers, members and representatives of public libraries, universities, and other institutions, who all supported the bibliographic activity, the high professionalism and the responsibility of the National Book Chamber of the Republic of Moldova.

The action was aimed at enhancing cooperation and integration in the national and international editorial context; creating a beneficial environment for professional communication: editors - NBCRM - potential partners; perspective approach to changes to the Law on Editorial Activity.

The organizers reported on their findings, building a dialogue focused on national editorial statistics; the up-to-date status of the Legal Deposit (Digitized 1924-1970); international numbering systems ISBN, ISMN, ISSN.

The event approached unprecedented themes such as the Global Register of Publishers, which contains publisher information from over 200 countries around the world and provides effective dissemination of specific information and good visibility.

Newly-assigned elements have been included in the global register of serial publications - the ISSN Portal that also incorporates the Directory of Open Access Academic Resources – ROAD and also in the Music Publishers' International ISMN Database.

The Republic of Moldova participates in the ISSN International Register with 869 serial publications and in the ISMN Directory with 2 multi-publishing identifiers.

The editors-participants were familiar with the advantages and benefits of implementing international numbering codes:

- Unique identification of publishing houses in bibliographic databases, thus avoiding confusion between publishing houses with the same name;
- Participation in the CIP (Cataloguing-in-Publication)
- For publishers, international codes allow for quick order identification, facilitating the relationship with readers and retailers.

- For libraries and info-documentation structures, facilitates identification, acquisition, loan, and international exchange operations.

- For researchers, bibliographers and teachers, citing publisher titles more accurately.

- Facilitating book stock management operations in libraries, publishers, libraries, and broadcast agencies.

At the time of the conference, 356 publishers (publishers, printing houses, editorial institutions) were registered, of which 319 are active. Annually, publishers print about 2,500 book titles.

The participants of the event took note of the National Book Chamber of the Republic of Moldova's innovative offers, such as the Catalogue of Publications with Open Access - <http://bookchamber.md/publicatii/registrul-national-al-cartilor-si-brosurilor/>, of Statistics of editorial production - <http://bookchamber.md/statistica-productie-editoriale/>, and of the "Basarabiana" collection, an integral part of the digital open access project "Moldova's Memory" (about 1700 titles, 15th - XX century) - <http://bookchamber.md/publicatii/colectia-basarabiana/>.

Beyond its cultural significance, the conference has become a bridge facilitating communication among potential beneficiaries and NBCRM, contributing to the stability and enhancement of the quality of information in the Republic of Moldova.

In recent years, the presence of the NBCRM has become stronger, more dynamic, more coherent, making it a pillar of the multilateral information system, amplifying, at the same time, the cultural dimension of this structure in favour of information.

The NBCRM's conclusions: the 18 April 2019 professional meeting maintains and enhances continuity in communication and facilitates cordial partnership relations.

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