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BULGARIAN
ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES
CENTRAL
LIBRARY

OUR LIBRARY

The special multidiscipline library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Used by scientists, lecturers, experts, students and citizens.

Is the deposit library for the national publishing production. Centre for special bibliography in the scientific fields of the respective departments of BAS.

Caries out scientific and publishing activities. Currently involved in 17 national and international projects. Publishes 2 Information Bulletins.

Creates book stocks in the fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences, engineering sciences, humanities and social sciences. Provides access to online recourses.
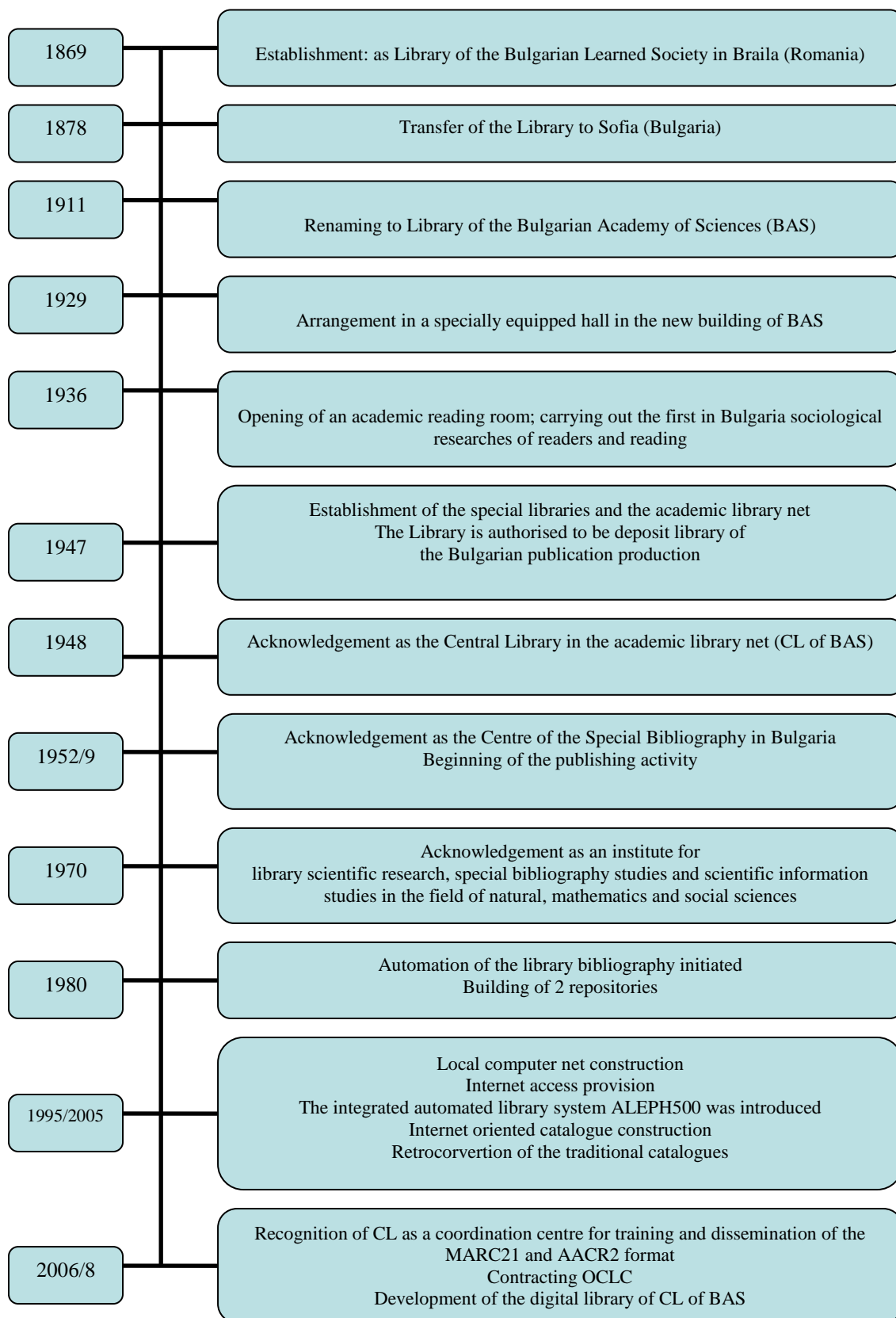

A deposit library for the publications of the World Bank. Coordinating centre for the international format MARC21 and AACR2. The first and only Bulgarian library in a partnership with the OCLC (Online Computer Library Center)

Its holdings comprise:
- 1,937,582 volumes and is expanded by 30,000 volumes annually,
- 3,069 titles periodicals.
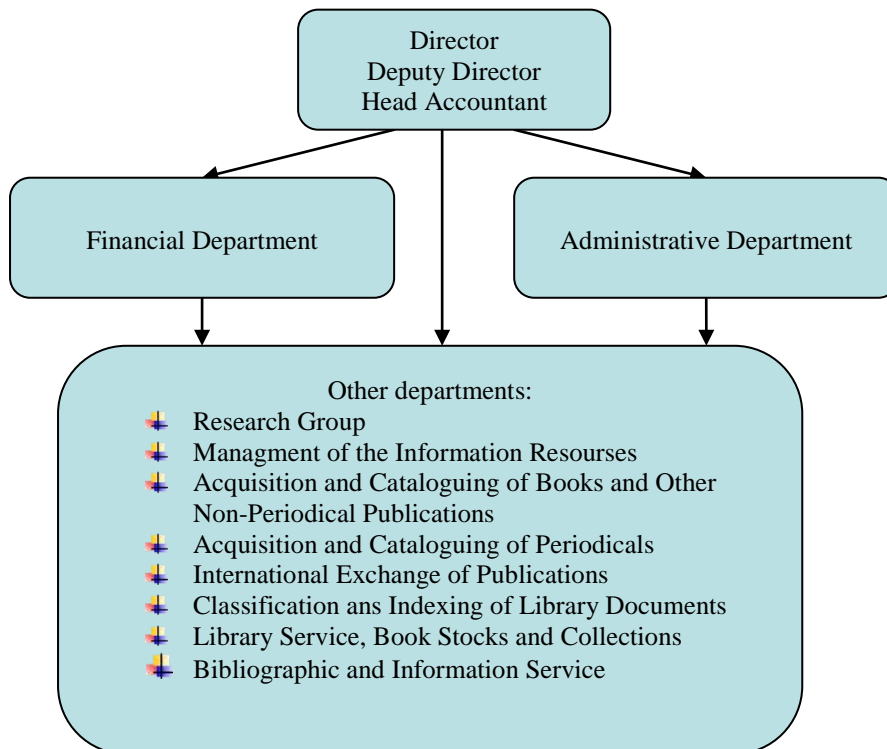CL grants access to 17 scientific databases

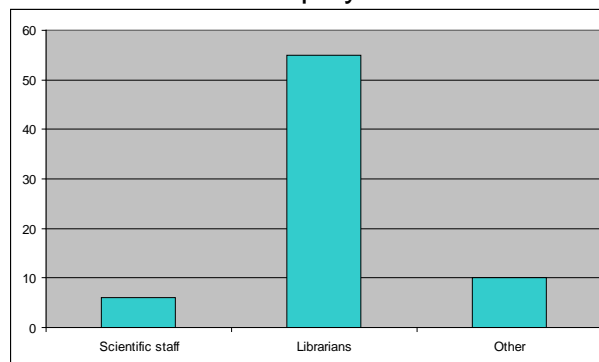Manages a net of 49 special libraries related to the respective departments of BAS
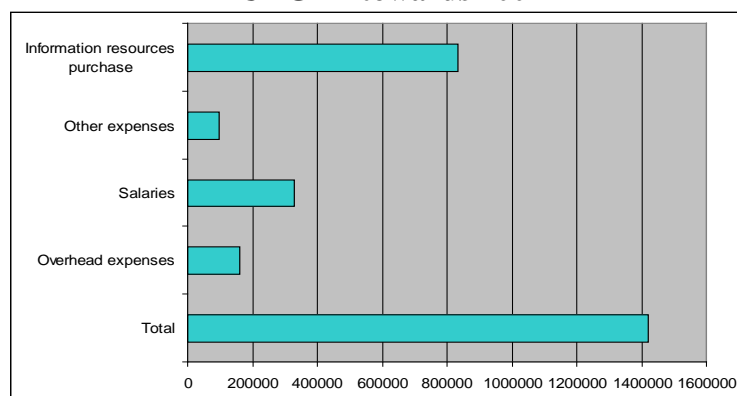
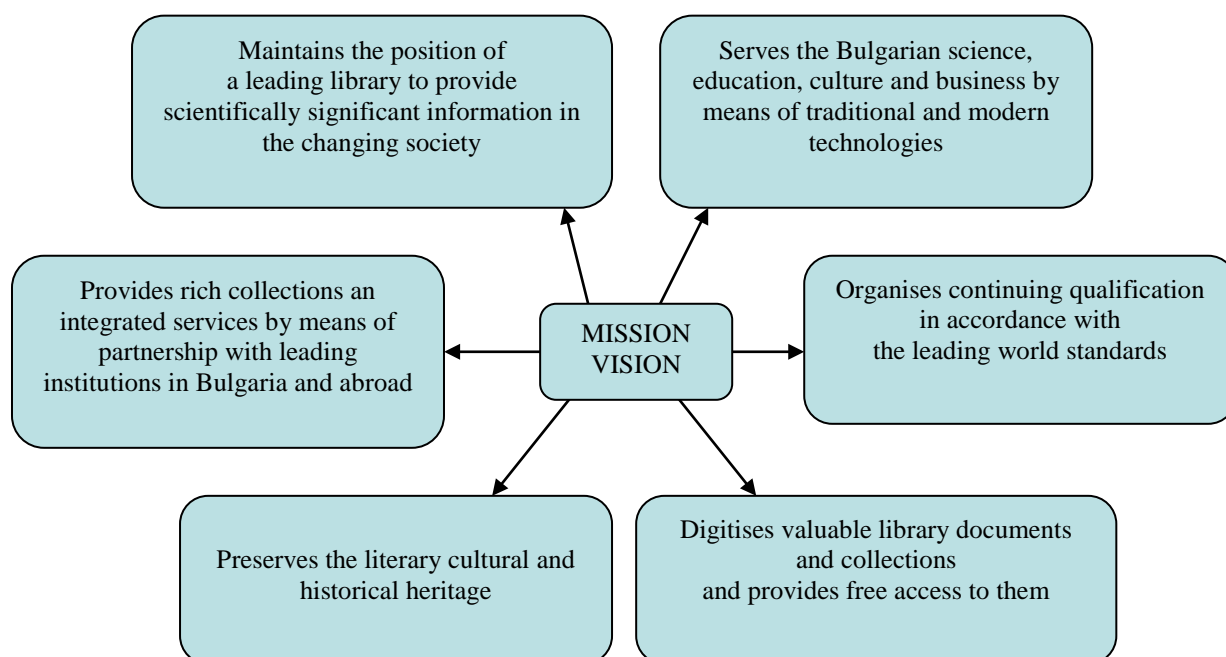# OUR HISTORY
The First Bulgarian academic library

Year	Event
1869	Establishment: as Library of the Bulgarian Learned Society in Braila (Romania)
1878	Transfer of the Library to Sofia (Bulgaria)
1911	Renaming to Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)
1929	Arrangement in a specially equipped hall in the new building of BAS
1936	Opening of an academic reading room; carrying out the first in Bulgaria sociological researches of readers and reading
1947	Establishment of the special libraries and the academic library net The Library is authorised to be deposit library of the Bulgarian publication production
1948	Acknowledgement as the Central Library in the academic library net (CL of BAS)
1952/9	Acknowledgement as the Centre of the Special Bibliography in Bulgaria Beginning of the publishing activity
1970	Acknowledgement as an institute for library scientific research, special bibliography studies and scientific information studies in the field of natural, mathematics and social sciences
1980	Automation of the library bibliography initiated Building of 2 repositories
1995/2005	Local computer net construction Internet access provision The integrated automated library system ALEPH500 was introduced Internet oriented catalogue construction Retrocorvertion of the traditional catalogues
2006/8	Recognition of CL as a coordination centre for training and dissemination of the MARC21 and AACR2 format Contracting OCLC Development of the digital library of CL of BAS

MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STRUCTURE

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Other departments:
- Research Group
- Managment of the Information Resourses
- Acquisition and Cataloguing of Books and Other Non-Periodical Publications
- Acquisition and Cataloguing of Periodicals
- International Exchange of Publications
- Classification ans Indexing of Library Documents
- Library Service, Book Stocks and Collections
- Bibliographic and Information Service

PERSONNEL
70 employees

BUDGET towards 2007

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Maintains the position of a leading library to provide scientifically significant information in the changing society		Serves the Bulgarian science, education, culture and business by means of traditional and modern technologies
Provides rich collections an integrated services by means of partnership with leading institutions in Bulgaria and abroad	MISSION VISION	Organises continuing qualification in accordance with the leading world standards
Preserves the literary cultural and historical heritage		Digitises valuable library documents and collections and provides free access to them

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Builds a pool of Bulgarian and foreign literature as well as databases after the scientific profile of BAS;
- Maintains library documents exchange with libraries, archives, museums, scientific associations and other institutions in Bulgaria and abroad with the purpose to complete the unite library holdings and to disseminate the publications of BAS;
- Develops and enriches the electronic catalogue; presents online the united academic library holdings; constructs authority database for authors, subjects and titles;
- Uses, exchanges and provides bibliographic records in MARC21 (AACR2) to OCLC and world leading libraries;
- Together with the special libraries of BAS provides library and information services including access to online recourses;
- Adapts the integrated automated library system ALEPH500;
- Takes part in national and international information systems and nets, contracts and projects focused on providing information for scientific and applied scientific research and development, on providing information concerning new Bulgarian books to world leading libraries, on preserving the cultural and historical heritage and granting free and unlimited access to it;
- Digitises microfilms of Old Bulgarian (Old Church Slavonic) manuscripts as well as both rear books and Bulgarian literature from the National Revival;
- Carries out scientific research, applied scientific activities, publishing and implementation related to the library and information sciences and the Bulgarian studies;

- Provides information concerning the Bulgarian science when institutions, information nets and systems require it for development of national or international reference books and other publications;
- Publishes books (e.g. monographs, reference books, bibliographies, bio-bibliographies, catalogues), periodicals – *Problemi na spetsialnite biblioteki* ('Problems of the Special Libraries'); *Balgaristica/Bulgarica*; *Informatsionen bjuletin* (Balgaristika/Bulgarica. Information Bulletin); *Informatsionen bjuletin. Tsntralna biblioteka na BAN* ('Information Bulletin of the Central Library of BAS'), the latter is available at: http://cl.bas.bg/about-central-library/bulletin-of-central-library-of-bas/bulletin-of-central-library-of-bas);


- Manages the 49 special libraries of the corresponding departments of BAS which are united in one library net;
- Organises continuous qualification schools for specialists intended to prepare librarians for the modern information environment;
- Provides a basis for students training in the field of library and information studies.

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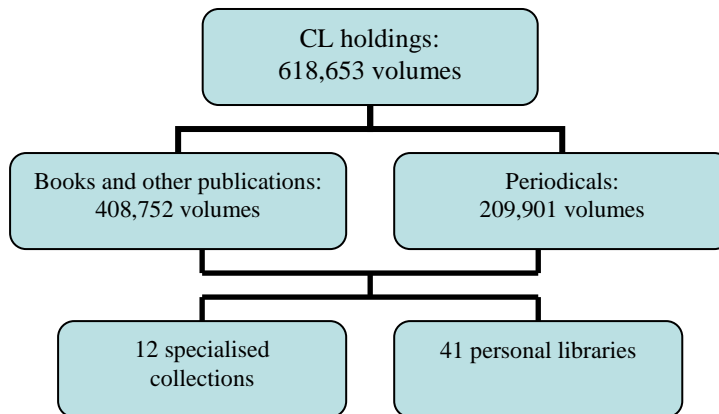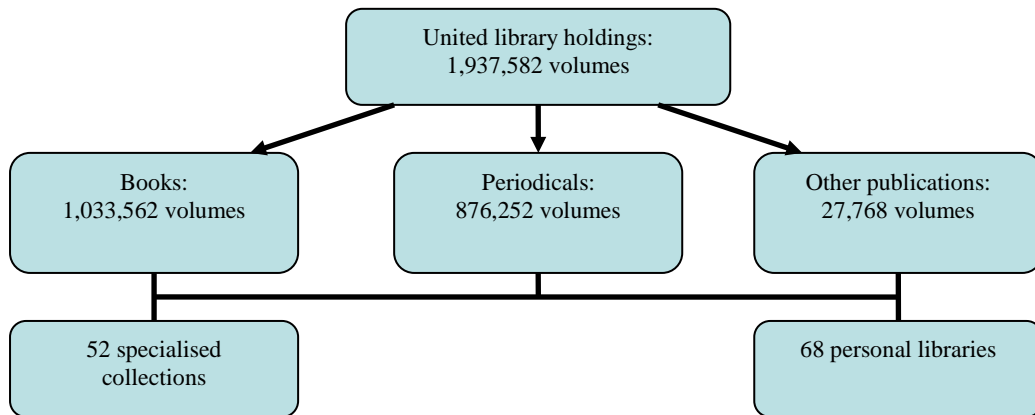

Beron, P. Bulgarian Primer with Various Instructions
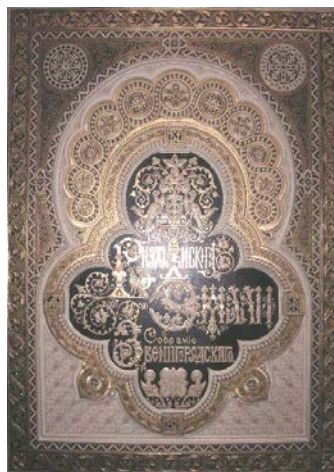
Kondakov, N. History of Byzantine Enamel

Pavlovich, H. Bulgarian Rulers and Bulgarian History

LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICES

- Search in traditional and electronic catalogues;
- Landing and use of library documents in a reading room or at home;
- National and international interlibrary loan;
- Copying of library documents – by means of scanner and copy machine;
- Reference service;
- Document delivery service;
- Webpage (http://www.cl.bas.bg/) accessible for the disabled;
- The IP-s of BAS grant access to 17 scientific data bases;
- Arrangement of exhibitions.

PROJECTS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Academic projects

- Adapting of international and library formats to the academic library net. Introduction of ALEPH500.
- Construction of unified system for bibliographic information. Bibliographers academicians (Nikolaj Mikhov, Ivan Dujchev, Alexander Teodorvo-Balan).
- Academic library holdings.
- Bibliography and scientific research.
- Development of the automated system BASLIB5 and its adaptation for dissemination and incorporation in the Bulgarian libraries.
- 20th-century Bulgarian Studies Abroad: Encyclopaedia.
- Balgaristika /Bulgarica. Information Bulletin.
- Bulgarian Studies in Educational and Scientific Centres around the World (Computer Database).
- Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences – Past, Present and Future (Bibliography 1869-2007).
- The Medieval Culture of Laughter.

International Projects

- MINERVA eC WP5. **International European project**.
- Exchange of Bibliography Records of Bulgarian Publications – joint project with **the Library of Congress, USA**.
- The Bulgarian Literature of the National Revival – Digital Copies Exchange – joint project with **the Library of Congress, USA**.
- LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) – joint project with **the Library of Congress, USA**.
- Machine-Readable Description and Catalogue of Cyrillic Manuscripts – joint project with **the British Library, UK**.
- The New Information Technologies in the Libraries of the Academy (joint project with **the Central Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary**.
- The Russian Emigration in Bulgaria 1878-2008 – joint project with **Ruskii Mir Foundation, Russia**.
- Cultivate, It is a pan-European network for the Digital Heritage Community including IT staff, information professionals, researchers, managers, policy makers, galleries, non-

profit making organisations etc.

■ Athena, The overall aim of ATHENA was to bring together relevant stakeholders and content owners from all over Europe and to evaluate and integrate specific tools for facilitating the inclusion of digital heritage content of these owners into the EDL.

■ NALIS, (http://www.nalis.bg). The NALIS Foundation was launched to answer the growing need of the modern Bulgarian society for the following: Functional integration of the library and information systems and catalogue registers of the research institutes, universities and some bigger book repositories;

OUR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2007-2012)

■ Building of new vision of the CL – modern, technologically maintained library with new approach in providing service to a large range of users by means of integrated access to local and foreign information resources, to valuable collections through digital copies organised in accordance with leading international standards and requirements, and reaching new quality in meeting the information needs of the society.
■ Defining the strategical priorities.
■ Creation and organisation of teams to put the changes into practice.
■ Improvement of the technological infrastructure and personnel training.
■ Ongoing enrichment of physical and digital collections.
■ Information resources management.
■ Optimisation of the search and navigation activities in the databases.
■ Modernisation of services.
■ E-strategy.
■ Digitisation of the physical collections.
■ Ongoing training of users to act in the new information environment.
■ Development of perspective business strategy and financial plan.
■ Undertaking active dissemination to present CL through publications, exhibitions, presentations and the media.

Dincho Krastev

Director of CL-BAS and Executive Director of NALIS.

Dincho Krastev is a mathematician. He has been in charge of CL-BAS since 1992. His efforts led to the development of a local computer network (1995), the creation of the CL-BAS website, the first of its kind (1997), the implementation of ALEPH500, one of the best automated library systems worldwide, and the construction of an electronic catalogue (2003). Last but not least, CL became a training center disseminating the MARC 21 formats and the AACR2 (2004); furthermore, by contracting the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), CL became the first library to enrich the WorldCat with bibliographical records in Cyrillic letters (2007). The creation of the digital library began the same year. D. Krastev was granted an MA and a PhD in mathematics from the Moscow State University. He was and is a national coordinator of a lot of International projects such as: EM/Net, Cultivate, Athena, etc.

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