

The Film Archive of Montenegro

Annual Report 2010

Over the past year, Crnogorska kinoteka (The Film Archive of Montenegro) acquired about nine hundred titles from the funds that belonged to the Army of the former Yugoslavia. There are documentary, short fiction, propaganda and school films, as well as a number of journals reportage type. We also made the new positive copies of feature films by famous and award-winning director Živko Nikolic. From Montenegrin television, we got about 50 masters with different types of television genres.

We recently signed an agreement to acquire rights to the reconstructed version of the first Montenegrin film "There is no resurrection without death" (Voskresenja ne biva bez smrti), filmed in Italy in 1922. At our depot will be kept and preserved the original prologue to this film.

The preservation is still the main problem of our Cinematheque that we are facing due to lack of adequate capacities. We need significant funds for regular functioning, and it would be valuable international expert and technical assistance.

We are still making an electronic database with specialized card-files. Cataloguing of film prints and other materials continued digitally.

Montenegrin cinematheque still does not have a movie theater, but we have participated in programs and events in which we used to show movies from our collection according to established rules. Together with partners, we participate in publishing books and publications.

The budget of our institution was cut in 2010. as a consequence of the economic crisis, but the staff was not reduced. Although the completion date of the new building of The Film Archive of Montenegro was prolonged, fortunately, construction work for new facility are not suspended. We hope to soon have the opportunity to come together looking forward to our new premises, which will allow us adequate working conditions.

The most important information regarding our international relations in the previous year is that The Film Archive of Montenegro became a member of FIAF as well as ACE.