The Transilvanian Shared Catalogue -
building of the system, present state, perspectives

In my presentation I will talk about the foundation of the Transylvanian Shared Catalogue (EKKA), the present state, about the libraries involved and the processes started with this program at the religious and civil organizations.

I will also touch the IT and technical equipment of the libraries in Transylvania, the library- databases in use. I will have a detailed presentation upon the situation in the libraries of the civil organizations from Cluj, as well as the libraries of the Protestant and Catholic Church.

The EKKA is a Virtual Library and Informational Centrum – KVIK, dreamt in 2000. The present-day system was born in the autumn of 2004 helped by the Hungarian Electronic Library (MEK) and the University of Szeged (SZTE).

The technological knowledge was assured by the Librarian Faculty of the SZTE and the MOKKA Association, the budget was assured by the Puskas Tivadar Foundation and the 50% discount price accorded by the company that provided the system also helped us. Today there are 14 libraries from Cluj participating in the EKKA together with the Protestant Librarian Network, and if everything goes right by January the network will also include the library of the Roman Catholic Theology from Alba Iulia (with 43,000 titles) and the Ethnocultural Diversity Resource Center (former Soros Foundation) library with more than 6,000 titles.

The EKKA beside creating a visible database helps the librarians, libraries and their leaders to start thinking together and organizing their co-operation.