

THE NEW NSZL WEB PAGE



The National Széchényi Library made great headway by launching its new web page in June 2011.

A year earlier a project had been set up for changing the activity of web content provision in order to assist a successful implementation of shared institutional objectives, as well as high-quality and effective professional work. The portal makes available the whole range of the library's electronic services, and collects all information, documents and services of possible interest to various users' groups.

The revival of the web page meant not just the replacement of old static pages, but the creation of a new institutional portal based on up-to-date technology, organised around a logical structure, balanced and pleasant in appearance and focusing on building better public relations.

The main changes are as follows:

- user-friendly functional introductions to the library and its services rather than following the old introductions that followed the hierarchy of the institution;
- including new content: regularly updated news and information, details of upcoming events, orientation for visitors complete with maps,

descriptions of reading rooms, catalogues, databases and related service;

- a functional grouping of menu points, clear page structure and navigation, menu points in footers, related information concentrated in one place;
- redesigned main page: priority space given to the latest news, reports about recent events and direct access to NSZL's web 2. services;
- added functions: site map, roadmap to navigational routes, blind-friendly version, events calendar, picture gallery, and complex search options.

The technological background to revising the web page is ensured by a community-developed, open source code PHP and MySQL technology based modular structured web content handling and portal engine (Drupal).

Naturally, we are aware that a web page is never "complete", as it requires continuous maintenance and development. One of the tasks ahead of us next year is switching to Drupal 7, as well as further refinement of our search surface and the application of the eXtensible Catalog search tool.

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