



Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic

Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic (SKIP in Czech) is a voluntary professional organization of librarians and information professionals, with the character of a civil association.

The mission of **SKIP** is constantly to improve the standards of library and information services and at the same time to increase the profession's prestige and to establish suitable conditions for the development and activities of libraries and information institutions, as well as to represent interests of the Association's members at home and abroad.

SKIP is the profession's largest association in the country: it counts about 1400 individual and institutional members and 11 regional organizations.

SKIP Activities

☞ it participates in the creation and realization of professional concept and the necessary legislation

☞ takes part in the professional training of specialists and contributes towards lifelong learning of librarians and information professionals, in particular by organizing professional events

☞ cooperates with educational institutions and other organizations which deal with librarianship and information science at home and abroad

☞ develops contacts with professional associations and organizations of the same or similar purpose at home and abroad, is a member of the **International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)** and of the **European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA)**

☞ participates in European projects, e.g. **CERTIDoc**

☞ represents libraries in dealing with collective management organizations in the field of copyright

☞ organizes social events for librarians and information professionals

☞ promotes and supports reading/readership, book culture and libraries

☞ publishes the Association's newsletter **Bulletin SKIP** (both in print and on the web, 4 issues a year) and other professional publications





Their expertise supports the work of

- ☞ public libraries section
- ☞ educational section
- ☞ employers' section
- ☞ children libraries club
- ☞ school libraries club
- ☞ academic librarians club
- ☞ francophone club
- ☞ editorial commission
- ☞ commission for foreign relations
- ☞ health libraries group



Some SKIP Regular Events

A Night With Andersen, Where the World Ends – events promoting reading

A Week of Reading – an event promoting reading

Biblioweb – a competition for the best library pages

Library Workshop – meetings focusing on the current problems of public libraries

World Book and Copyright Day

Children's Book Day

My Friend the Library – a competition for the best children's library

Library Week – a nation-wide promotional event

Libraries of the Present Times – a nation-wide conference (co-organizer)

Archives, Libraries and Museums in the Digital World – a workshop on cooperation among memory institutions

... and many other events in regions



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