

SEE- Award (name “*Herman Potočnik – Noordung Award*” proposed by MHEST) for
**Research Infrastructure Donations within the Framework of RTDI Collaboration
 with West Balkan Countries**

Research Infrastructure needs
- Application form for Scientific & Research Institutions from West Balkan Countries

Section A – General information
A.1 Contact details
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A.2 Applicant (Institution) profile (half page A4)
<p>The Institute of Folklore "Marko Cepenkov" in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia was founded in 1950 by the then Government of the Republic of Macedonia. The researchers of the Institute are experts in a variety of disciplines, such as: ethnology, cultural anthropology, folklore studies, literary theory, theatre studies, music studies, choreology, and art study. They are engaged in interdisciplinary research into historical and contemporary cultural phenomena and processes. Systematic research of folk music (songs, dances and instrumental melodies), literature, textile art, architecture and ethnology have been done since its foundation. The Folklore of the following nationalities has been investigated: Macedonians, Albanians, Turks, Roma and Vlachs. Various materials on audio and video recordings have been kept in the Archives of the Institute. Researches have been conducted of older and newer forms, of manifoldness and diversity folk genres, of continuity and changes in tradition, of processes of acculturation and transformation of artistic, folkloristic, ethnological, musical and dance and other phenomena. By accepting and applying new theories the researches are determined according to the specific way of life of the afore-mentioned phenomena in the direct</p>

communication with the performers and informers during the field investigations. The Institute has a rich library and collection of folkloric and ethnographic materials, where a number of manuscript collections, audio and video recordings, photographs and films are held. The Institute also publishes the *Special Editions* series, as well as the academic journal *Macedonian Folklore*. The Director of the Institute is Se Sevim Pilickova, the President of the Research Council is Dr Katerina Petrovska-Kuzmanova, and the Secretary of the Institute is Todor Andreev.

Section B – Description of the research infrastructure requirements/needs

B.1 Please list your research infrastructure requirements – the most urgent equipment you would need.

PC: 20
 Scanners: 20
 Printers: 20
 Laptops: 10
 Video cameras: 10
 Server (for the computers): 1

B.2 Describe the relevance of the requested research infrastructure for the work of your institution and the potential impact of receiving the items listed above (B.1).

For successfully planning, budgeting, implementing, and executing according to the projects and programs of our institution, i.e. to conduct comprehensive, multi-part studies on the basis of field research work following the current methods of investigation supported by the technology in the domains of folkloristics, ethnology and anthropology that is being used today. Hopefully, it is very likely to benefit from this new technology for it is a sine qua non factor that influence the use of computers and technological facilities and includes data necessary for the current awareness and use in this ciber world of opportunities. This use includes a forecast of growth in the demand for accessible technology and an overview of the prospects for it is high time to stand the pace with the digital technology.

B.3 Please indicate the potential users of the requested equipment.

17 researchers and 3 of the administrative and countable staff.

B.4 Please describe the training needs of your institution related to the requested equipment

The training needs are from the digitisation aspect of the audio and video, i.e. multimedia.

B.5 Please indicate if there is assistance needed with regard to the transportation and maintenance related to the requested equipment

Yes.

B.6 Additional Comments

None.

Please fill in and return the form by email to the contact person in your country (see appendix 1)

Place, date: **26.11.2007**

Signature and Stamp of applicant

Dr Sevim Pilickova, Director