



## STATE UNIVERSITY OF LIBRARY STUDIES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES (SULSIT)

situated in Sofia, is one of the leading universities in Bulgaria with modern and dynamic development and national and international recognition (<http://www.unibit.bg>).

In 2015, SULSIT celebrates the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

SULSIT is accredited by the National Accreditation and Evaluation Agency to deliver education in Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral degrees. It has professional preparation and educational competence and capacity in the field of: **Library and Information Sciences, Social Communications; Informatics and Computer Sciences and National Security.**

The University offers 15 Bachelor programs (Library Studies & Bibliography, Library and Information Management, Archives & Documentation, Printed Communications, Communication & Informing, Information Resources of Cultural and Historical Heritage, Information Resources of Tourism, Computer Sciences, Information Technologies, Information Brokerage, Information Security, National Security etc.) and 22 Master's programs, as well as a number of Doctoral programs. SULSIT's social mission is to prepare highly qualified, socially responsible, personally motivated and adaptive to the **labor market specialists**.



The University has the strategic aim for sustainable development as a leading higher school with a significant scientific, technological and innovative potential. It is capable of getting actively involved in the European Research and Innovation Area by implementing projects under Horizon 2020, Erasmus+ and TEMPUS Programs, as well as the other international and national projects and initiatives.

SULSIT has established partnerships with many European research and educational institutions, centers and high technological companies especially in the field of Library and Information Sciences, Internet technologies, educational technologies and etc. SULSIT is a member of the IFLA, EBLIDA, ICOMOS, Balkan Universities Network and etc.



The main university units are: Faculty of *Library Studies and Cultural Heritage*, Faculty of *Information Sciences*, and Department of *Comprehensive Studies*. In 2012 Interfaculty UNESCO Chair in *ICT in Library Science, Education and Cultural Heritage* was established.

There are three research and innovation institutes associated to SULSIT: *Institute for Research and Doctoral Studies*, *Institute for Research in the Field of Organisation, Management and Preservation of Cultural Heritage* and *Institute of Leadership in an Information Environment*. In 2013, the *University Youth Knowledge Academy*, based on the new educational paradigm of UNESCO by *accredited qualification to certified skills* was established.

**In 2016 SULSIT will organize the UNESCO International Workshop QED'16: Technology Advanced Quality Learning for ALL and in 2017 will be the host of the International Summit on ICT in Education – EDUsummIT'17.**



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UNESCO Chair on ICT in Library Studies,  
Education and Cultural Heritage,  
State University of Library Studies  
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UNESCO Chair at SULSIT plays the role of a Centre of Excellence and innovation zone in the specified areas of ICT in Library Studies, Education and Cultural Heritage. It's the most active chair in Bulgaria and one of the leading in the UNITWIN/UNESCO

Chairs Programme. UNESCO Chair complies with the following priorities of UNESCO:

- Youth – realization of modern education process aimed at studying of interdisciplinary knowledge and skills relevant to the new requirements in the career development of students;
- Sustainably protecting and enhancing cultural heritage into the complex processes of globalization– to develop the Chair as a custodian of heritage and a repository of knowledge for South-East Europe;
- Enhancing universal access to information and knowledge - supports equal access to education, information and cultural heritage in support of the Education for All UNESCO Program.

The UNESCO Chair corresponds to the Millennium Developments Goals and contributes to the National Strategy for Smart Specialization and National Strategy for Science and Education. In addition, the project contributes to the Regional Development by taking into account the existing experiences and good practice across the world and in synergy with other UNESCO chairs, strengthens the existing networks of partners at regional level (South-East Europe, Danube Macro-Region).

Members of SULSIT are among the founders and active participants of the International Summit on ICT in Education (*EDUsummIT*) events so they apply an innovative model for transferring the *EDUsummIT* results to Bulgaria, Central and Eastern Europe and South-East Europe: through regular follow-up events (<http://unesco.unibit.bg/en/workshops>), such as:

- UNESCO International Workshop *QED'11: Re-Designing Institutional Policies and Practices to Enhance the Quality of Education Through Innovative Use of Digital Technologies*, 14-16 June, 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria - of *EDUsummIT'11*
- UNESCO International Workshop *QED'14: Quality of Education and Challenges in a Digitally Networked World*, 30-31 October, 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria - of *EDUsummIT'13*
- The follow-up of *EDUsummIT'15* - **UNESCO International Workshop *QED'16*** will be in June 13-14, 2016, Sofia, Bulgaria. Additional information is available on the web site of the UNESCO Chair: <http://unesco.unibit.bg>
- **SULSIT will be the host of *EDUsummIT'17***, September 18-19, 2017, Borovets, Bulgaria



QED'11, Sofia



QED'14, Sofia

In addition, as discussed at the QED'11 and QED'14 Workshops, UNESCO Chair in *ICT in Library Science, Education and Cultural Heritage* is prepared to announce at the *EDUsummIT'17* a new International Program and Conference - *Children in the Digital Age*, as well as - to celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (100 000<sub>2</sub> – for the Digital World) of the International Program and Conference *Children in the Information Age* (1985).