The Slovak National Library would like to invite you to the international conference on history of book culture Religious Literature in the Context of the History of Book Culture, which will be held from 19th to 21st May 2020 in the residential building of SNL. The aim of the conference is to bring new knowledge in the field of connection of religiosity and book culture. In the past, Religion and the Church played an irreplaceable role in the social, political and cultural life of Europe, as a result of which they largely contributed to the development of book culture. The presence of a wide range of theological literature genres is not the only consequence of ecclesiastical influence; its impact was reflected in the content of scientific works, too. The expansion of letterpress also played an important role in the process of spreading various religious currents, especially reformation and counter-reformation. We would like to welcome contributions to the following topics:

- religious element in book culture – works on theological themes or liturgical works (theological writings of church fathers and scholars, homiletic works, sermons, breviaries, missals, hymns, bulls, religious disputes, catechisms);
- The Bible – translations of the Bible and its various versions, books of the Old and New Testaments, annotated editions;
- religious literature and its place in libraries – personal, aristocratic, school, etc.;
- religious libraries as a place of accumulation of theological works – founding, development, administration and fate of religious libraries in Slovakia and the Central European region;
- other ecclesiastical libraries (parish’s, congregation’s, senior’s, bishop’s libraries) - the content of the collection through the prism of religious literature;
- printers, publishers, booksellers and various corporations that were (exclusively or partially) involved in printing and publishing religious-related works;
- contributions on the latest findings in the history of book culture, as well as informations on ongoing or completed scientific projects.

The conference will provide space for meeting of researchers from memory institutions such as libraries, museums, archives, universities and academies of science who will present recent scientific results in the field of history of book culture and associated scientific fields.

We are looking forward to your participation!

Conference languages: Slovak and English. Expenses associated with the conference will be covered by the sending organization. Papers from the conference will be published in the reviewed study collection Kniha 2020. Please send your application with the title of your paper and brief abstract until 15th March 2020 on the address below.

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