Date of establishment: 1941
Status: Academic library
Conditions of access: Open to the public
Total number of Islamic MSS: 1 (Belorussian, in Arabic script).
Description of collection: The only available MS. in this collection is on prayer. It explains the Islamic doctrine in a popular way for Muslim Tatars. The MS. was found in 1915 in Sorok Tatary (Forty Tatars) village, and belonged to the descendants of a Tatar molla.
Unpublished catalogue:
A card catalogue provides some details about this MS.

Vilnius Universiteto Mokslinė Biblioteka (Vilnius University Library)

Rankraščių skyrius
Universiteto 3, 23263 Vilnius
Tel.: 7-0122-617311
Date of establishment: 1579
Status: University library
Conditions of access: Open to the public. A ticket is issued on the spot.
Monday – Friday: 09.00 – 18.00
Saturday: 09.00 – 17.00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 3 (1 Arabic; 2 Turkic/Arabic) and one map in Arabic.
Description of collection: The collection contains a Qur’ān in Arabic written in 1788 with interlinear Turkic translation, and two other MSS on prayer and belief. The prayer, which includes Qur’ānic verses, is written in Arabic with an explanation and interpretation in a Turkic language. The collection contains also a MS. of the late professor Joachimo Leleveli who taught at Vilnius University in the 19th century. This MS. is an Arabic map very similar to that of Idrīṣ.

Six photocopies of MSS which belonged to the late scholar Antonovich are also kept here. They are Belorussian MSS written in the Arabic script, mainly on prayer and belief. The originals of these MSS were kept in the Museum of History and Ethnography.
Published catalogues:
1968. See Union Catalogue by Antonovich above.
Unpublished catalogues: These MSS have been catalogued in brief. The catalogue cards are kept in the library.

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Socialist Republic of Macedonia, pp. 95–104.

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

OHRID

Institute for Cultural Monuments and Museums

Boro Šain 6, 97300 Ohrid
Tel.: 096/22-498

Conditions of access: Open Monday–Friday, 07:00–14:00. Photographic service available.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 80 (Arabic; Turkish)
Description of collection: No information is available on this unlisted collection. See:


Istorijski Archiv (Historical Archives of Ohrid)

Kosta Abraševiča 8
97300 Ohrid
Tel. 096/32 104

Date of establishment: 1951
Status: Archives

Conditions of access: Open Monday–Friday, 07:30–14:30
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 50 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).
Description of collection: The MSS are not inventoried.
SKOPJE
Isa-beg Biblioteka (Isa-bey Library)

Odbor islamske zajednice Skopje
Čairska 52
91000 Skopje
Tel. 091/22 74 78 or 22 75 38
Date of establishment: 1468
Status: Medresa library
Conditions of access: Appointment required
Total number of Islamic MSS: See below
Description of collection: The founder gave 332 volumes when the Library was first established in 1468. After World War I the Library was closed; it was re-established recently when the Medresa was opened. MSS are still being collected and the total number to date is not known. For information about the original library, see:

Narodnata i Univerzitetska Biblioteka “Kliment Ohridski”
(National and University Library “Kliment Ohridski”)

Bulevar Goce Delčev 6
91000 Skopje
Tel. 091/23 21 22
Date of establishment: 1966
Status: National and university library
Conditions of access: Appointment not essential, but advance notice would be helpful.
Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 07:30–14:30
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 4,500 (ca. 3,800 Arabic; 200 Persian; 500 Turkish).
Description of collection: The biggest library in Macedonia, consisting of the collections of the Archives of Macedonia and National Institute of Macedonia, since 1969 owned by the National and University Library.

Published catalogues:
Describes 8 illuminated MSS from the Archives of Macedonia.


Catalogue of an exhibition. Items 72–111 on pp. 22–35 are 40 Islamic MSS (17 Arabic; 17 Turkish; 6 Persian).

National and University Library, Skopje, pp. 525–527. Gives particulars of holdings and some of the more important individual MSS.

1991. See Union catalogue (details above), pp. 102–103, for a list of 22 of the more important items. Some of the transliterations are corrupt.

Unpublished catalogues:
According to Birnbaum, 1983 (see above), there is “a handwritten card index, which was begun in 1962 and gives some basic information”.


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