YUGOSLAVIA
(SERBIA - MONTENEGRO)

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UNION CATALOGUES & SURVEYS


Socialist Republic of Serbia, pp. 107–113; The Autonomous District of Kosovo, pp. 117–124 (incl. lists of MSS and other particulars of a number of Muslim local and family libraries not surveyed below).

INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS

BELGRADE

Muzej Primjenjene Umetnosti (Museum of Applied Arts)

Vuka Karadžića 18
11000 Beograd
Tel.: 011/62 64 94
Date of establishment: 1951
Status: Museum collection
Conditions of access: Appointment not essential but advance notice would be helpful.

Total number of Islamic MSS: 74 (58 Arabic; 1 Bosnian; 1 Persian; 14 Turkish).

Published catalogues:

1956. The Union catalogue by Janc includes 13 MSS in this museum.


1988. The Union catalogue by Ždralović lists 1 Arabic MS. in this collection.

Srpska Akademija Nauka i Umetnosti (Serbian Academy of Sciences & Arts)

Arhiv SANU
Knez Mihajlova 35
11000 Beograd
Date of establishment: 1930
Status: Archives collection

Published catalogues:

List of 284 Islamic MSS (incl. documents).

A survey of all Turkish literary manuscripts in this collection. The MSS are classified in 4 groups: 4 MSS of commentaries on classical Persian literature, 15 MSS of poetry and belles-lettres, 7 MSS of lexico-graphical works in verse, 6 MSS of other Turkish literature.

1983. The collection is described by Birnbaum (see Union catalogues above), pp. 527–528, with identifications of some of the Turkish MSS.

1988. The Union catalogue by Ždralović lists 10 Arabic MSS in this collection.

Unpublished catalogues:
Glauni inventar Arhiva SAN, 9.A. Turske i arapske knjige.
Handwritten ledger containing brief details of the Islamic MSS, in Serbian (Cyrilllic script). Despite the title, Persian MSS are included. [Source: Birnbaum 1983, p. 528.]

Univerzitetska Biblioteka “Svetozar Marković” (University Library)

Bulevar revolucije 71
11000 Beograd
Tel.: 011/32 55 76 or 32 68 85, ext. 110
Status: University library
Conditions of access: Appointment not necessary.
Open Monday–Friday, 08.00–14.00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 368 (286 Arabic; 14 Persian; 68 Turkish).
Description of collection: Interesting MSS include Kiliṣ ibn-‘Awārīf by al-Suhrawardi, copied 605 [1206 CE] and Tafsīr Abī ‘l-Layth, copied 736 [1335 CE].

Published catalogues:
1983. The collection is described by Birnbaum (see Union catalogues above), p. 527, with identifications of some of the Turkish MSS.

1988. The Union catalogue by Ždralović lists 7 Arabic MSS in this collection.

Unpublished catalogue:
Card index (part of a “Topographic Index” file), with brief preliminary cataloguing notes; information sketchy and sometimes erroneous.

NOVI PAZAR
Gazi Isa-beg Library

Odbor Islamske zajednice
1. maja bb
36300 Novi Pazar
Tel.: 020/23-390
Date of establishment: 1972 (re-established)
Status: Religious college (medrese) library
Conditions of access: Advance contact needed.
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 450.
Description of collection: Collection still being assembled. MSS not yet inventoried.

PRISTINE (PRIŠTINA)
Arhiv Kosova (Archives of Kosovo)

Bolničko naselje 3
38000 Priština
Tel.: 038/44-024 and 44-311
Date of establishment: 1951
Status: Archives collection
Conditions of access: Appointment not essential but advance notice would be helpful.
Open Monday–Friday, 07.00–15.00.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 50 (1 Arabic; 4 Persian; 45 Turkish).
Description of collection: The MSS are not catalogued (but see below).
The oldest is Rāḥat al-Quṭāb by Šir Muhammad b. Muṣṭafā b. Khalīl b. ‘Alī from Pristina, written 976 [1559].
Published catalogue:
1991. See Union catalogue of archival sources (details above), p. 118, for a list of 15 representative items. Some of the transcriptions are corrupt.

Narodna i Univerzitetska Biblioteka (National and University Library)

Ramiz Sadiku bb
38000 Priština
Tel.: 038/22 782
Date of establishment: 1970
Status: University library
Conditions of access: Monday – Friday, 08.00 – 18.00. But access to the MSS was not possible when this survey was being conducted.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 397.
Description of collection: Among the interesting MSS is a majmū‘a (autograph copy) by ʿAbū ʿAlā` ʿAl-Busnawī (known as ʿShārīj al-Fuṣūs‘”) (No. DAT 86). [Information from Mr Nehat Krasniqi.]

Published catalogue:
Lists titles & dates of 7 MSS.

PRIZREN

Hadži Hafiz Sulejman Hafiz Library

c/o Nimeřullah Hafiz
Mošć Pijade 5
38000 Priština
Tel.: 038/29-156
Status: Private
Conditions of access: Please contact the above address.
Total number of Islamic MSS: 240 (160 Arabic; 2 Persian; 78 Turkish).

Unpublished catalogue:
Internal, unpublished, inventory list prepared by Nimetullah Hafiz, the owner’s son.

Mehmed-Paša Library

Odbor Islamske zajednice
38400 Prižren
Date of establishment: 16th century
Total number of Islamic MSS: ca. 200 (Arabic; Persian; Turkish).

Published catalogue:

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL APPENDIX


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Yugoslavija, pp. 343–345.


1.C.i. Catalogues & surveys of collections; exhibitions, pp. 48–56.


Bibliotheken und Sammlungen arabischer Handschriften: Jugoslawien, p. 397.