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Summary

The beginnings of modern conservation in this region date back to the end of the 19th century, although ideas on the protection of monumental heritage appeared half a century earlier. The State Archive Law (Serbia) was introduced in 1898 and it was a great impetus to the development of archive activities, including conservation. After World War I special attention was dedicated to the protection of cultural monuments, thus detailed procedures for restoring documents of different degree of damage were established. After the end of World War II laboratories were established in major Yugoslav cities – workshops for the conservation and restoring of documents and books. Thus, in, at the time, the State Archive of the Federal Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia a laboratory for the conservation and restoring of documents was established in 1953. During the last 50 years the laboratory has oriented its activities towards both undertaking preventive, and implementing operative measures for the protection of archive material.