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*Approach to Conservation of the Archival Material and Improvement  
of the Preservation Conditions for the Written Documents*

*Summary*

Conservation refers to all measures and activities that are undertaken in order to safeguard material cultural heritage providing at the same time its accessibility to the present and future generations. Conservation includes preventive conservation, curative conservation and restoration. All measures and activities that are undertaken in order to safeguard imply respect the significance of the physical characteristics of the object of cultural heritage. The task of preventive conservation is to prevent or maximally diminish all potential risks for the written documents. However in Serbia in the archives and libraries, organized system of measures of preventive conservation haven't been established yet because of the lack of regulations, procedures as well as instructions regarding measures of preventive conservation for storing conditions, conditions of use, exhibition and transportation. Strategy of preventive conservation is exceptionally important for protection of written documents in Serbia and it requires comprehensive system of measures and activities that are dealing with analysis and evaluation of safeguarding of archival and library material, evaluation and control, evaluation and control of risk factor, proposal of measures, preparation of instruction documents for protection, use and exhibition.