## **Achievements**

- 1998. Founding member of the HEllenic Academic Libraries Consortium (HEAL-Link, <a href="www.heal-link.gr">www.heal-link.gr</a>). Transition of the chair of HEAL-Link at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- 2000 Aristotle University Main Library was selected by the Hellenic Institute of Architecture and the Deutsches Architektur Museum among the 130 most important buildings of the 20th century in Greece.
- 2002 Launch of the first digital library in Greece Psifiothiki
- 2003-2018 Exhibitions of artifacts \( \text{Q} \) digitized materials from AUTh Library collections.
- 2013. Partnership with the AUTh Quality Assurance Unit. and the IT Center of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Institutional Repository & e-courses)
- 2013 –2018 Participation in the Open Access Week global event. Cooperation with the Open Knowledge Greece.
- 2015 "ThessWiki A literary walk in Thessaloniki", a crowdsourcing project. This initiative was among the 10 best 13th IFLA BibLibre International Marketing awards.
- 2016 Initiative for the AUTh's historical Archive
- 2016 Co-operation with the Laboratory of Cartography and Geographical Analysis of AUTh
- 2016 Host of the KohaCon16 international conference (open source library system)
- 2016 Cooperation agreement between the AUTH and the Municipality of Thessaloniki in the field of libraries, archives
- 2017 Co-operation between AUTh Library and 5 Museums of Thessaloniki for the celebration of the 90 years from the establishment of AUTh
- 2017 1st Library Erasmus Staff Training Week at AUTh Library
- 2017 Host of the 23rd Panhellenic Conference of Academic Libraries
- 2017 Award of academic excellence
- 2018 Co-organization of the 13th International Cartographic Association Conference "Digital Approaches to Cartographic Heritage"
- 2018 Participation in 15th International Book Fair in Thessaloniki







# Library ® Information Centre





## Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh)

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh) is among the largest universities in Greece. It was founded in 1925 and started operating one year later in 1926. Currently the main campus is located in the centre of the city of Thessaloniki, and covers an area of about 33.4 hectares. It comprises 10 faculties which consist of 40 schools and 1 single–School Faculty.

About 46.500 active students study at the Aristotle University (8.915 in postgraduate programmes, of which 4.078 at Doctoral level). There are 2.022 faculty members.

# **AUTh Library & Information Centre**

The University Library was founded in July 1927 and started operating in December of the same year. Initially housed in the old School of Philosophy building, it moved to its own four-storey premises in the heart of the university campus in 1974. The new Central Library building was inaugurated in 2000.

Currently, the Library and Information Centre is an independent decentralized unit of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, comprising the Central Library and its 45 branches.

## Collection

The initial core of collection was formed by donations. Later, it was enriched by purchases and subscriptions. The collection includes manuscripts, books dating from the 15th century, maps, artifacts, etc. Currently the collection includes:

- More than 1.500.000 printed and electronic books
- 16.000 electronic journals (AUTh Library  $\otimes$  HEAL-Link Consortium subscriptions)
- 36 bibliographic databases (AUTh Library ® HEAL-Link Consortium subscriptions)
- More than 4.000.000 digitized pages from out-of-copyright material (Psifiothiki digital library) and pages of papers, master theses and doctoral dissertations (IKEE Institutional Repository)

#### Services

#### Traditional services

- Acquisitions and Cataloguing
- Rare collections and digitization
- Loan and ILL services
- Reference

## Teaching support services

- Electronic coursepacks
- Library training

## Research support services

- Electronic subscriptions
- Integration of search tools
- Scholarly Communication Services (IKEE Institutional Repository, Electronic Publishing—Journals, Conferences)
- HEAL-Link Services (Electronic subscriptions, ERMS, HEAL-Legal, NILDE, etc.)

## Culture - Promotion

- Exhibitions
- Conferences
- Social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube)

## **Funding Programmes**

The AUTh Library has successfully participated in three major operational programmes, co-funded by EU, in the last 20 years.