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A brief introduction into the archives and library preservation system in the Slovak Republic, present activities in preservation of cultural heritage as well as the system of education and its development in near future will be discussed.

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Born in 1949, completed university studies at the Chemical-Technological Faculty of the Slovak Technical University - specialisation Chemical Technology of Wood, Paper and Cellulose - in Bratislava in 1973 and awarded MSc. degree. Since 1974 up to nowadays he works at the Slovak National Archives in Bratislava as the Head of Department of Archival Preservation. He completed his PhD. studies by thesis "Study of paper ageing from the point of preservation of archival documents" at the same faculty in 1987 and in 1988 he was awarded PhD. degree in macromolecular chemistry and technology.

Since 1980 he has been active as a member in International Council on Archives' conservation, restoration and preservation committees; at present, he is a member of the Committee for Preservation of Archives in Temperate Climate of the ICA. He is also an active member of the International Council on Museums - Conservation Committee, working group for conservation of graphic documents and International Institute for Archival Science in Maribor.

Since 1990 he gives lessons in a course Preservation of Archives at Comenius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Archival Science and Auxiliary Historical Sciences and he is a leader and consultant for Master Degree diploma works at the Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Chemical and Food Technology in Bratislava, Department of Chemistry and Technology of Wood, Paper and Cellulose and Department of Polygraphy and Applied Photochemistry.

Among his professional duties are co-ordination of all archives activities in preservation of archival documents, environmental control of the archives, disaster planning, planning of conservation and restoration measures, safety microfilming and copying of microfilms, applied research in conservation (permanent paper, paper ageing in archival boxes, fumigation treatment with ethylene oxide, deacidification) and professional development by systematic gathering of information in the field. Applied research and cooperation with relevant institutions in the field.