

# WORKING FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION



## NEC Premises

The New Europe College is located as of October 2000 in a traditional residential district of Bucharest, typical for its late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture, not far from the center of the city, from the University of Bucharest, and from the major libraries in town. The initial building on the premises was built in 1910 and has been thoroughly restored after decades of neglect. Adjacent to the old house (that now hosts a reception and a multi-purpose room) a new, elegant building has been erected. Its central part consists of a lecture hall (seating 120) and, one floor above, the two rooms of the library (approx. 450 m<sup>2</sup>); the rear, multi-storey part of the building accommodates (beside the staff offices), three offices and six studios for Fellows and visiting academics, as well as two apartments (all fitted out both as living and working quarters). A spacious roof terrace and a garden enhance the attractiveness of the property.

The total area of the NEC building is of 1,700 m<sup>2</sup>; the overall funding amounted to roughly 3 million Swiss Francs. The financial support came from the Swiss Confederation, the *Zuger Kulturstiftung Landis & Gyr*, the Canton of Zug, the *VolkswagenStiftung*, and the *Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (DaimlerChrysler-Fonds, Stiftungsfonds Deutsche Bank)*; the Romanian State contributed indirectly through the building VAT exemption.

## Library Services

While still small (some 20,000 titles), the NEC library is carefully conceived, containing outstanding reference works as well as up-to-date literature in the fields of the humanities and social sciences. Beside the subscriptions to various scholarly journals, it also offers its patrons access the EBSCO and the JSTOR academic journals databases. The NEC library is an open-shelf one, offering free access to all its holdings (the fellows have a 24 hours per day access, the rest of the readers being able to use the library facilities Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 8 PM). The library reading room can seat up to 25 readers at one time. We provide access to ten computer terminals connected to the Internet. The library has air-conditioning.

NEC Library membership is open to all NEC fellows and alumni (be they from Romania or from the region). Further, we welcome Romanian undergraduate and graduate students, academics, researchers, as well as foreign scholars who conduct researches in Romania.

In order to facilitate the looking-up of our collections, NEC has set up an on-line catalogue (<http://library.nec.ro>), that comprises both the items that are available in NEC library, as well as those that have been purchased under the NEC programs, and have entered into other higher education libraries in Romania on an extended loan basis.

## Computer and Internet Facilities

The NEC computer network consists to date of 35 PCs, 5 servers, 2 Internet connections of 256kbit each (2 ISPs), 4 printers, and 1 scanner. Of the 35 PCs, 26 are for public access (10 in the library, 10 in public offices, 6 in the fellows' lodgings), the rest being used by the staff. Each fellow has his/her personal account, the readers in the library have public accounts; all persons using the NEC network have access to the Internet and data storage space.

Access to the NEC computer network:

- 1) fellows – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- 2) library readers – 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday
- 3) staff – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## Other Technical Facilities

Local and international phone connections, fax, copiers, video projector, DVD-player, overhead projector, slides projector, audio and video facilities.