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MINUTES OF THE 1990 MEETING OF THE ESSA

The 1990 meeting of the Early Slavic Studies Association took place at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 1990, as part of the annual meeting of the AAASS in Washington, D.C. President Benjamin Uroff presided, with some thirty-plus members in attendance. The main item of business was an attempt at self-analysis by the organization: what was it we were about as a group and what should we be doing as an organization? While all seemed to agree that it was common research interests that brought us together, the question of how to further those interests besides communicating with one another at meetings and in the Newsletter was less clearly answered. Publishing a journal or a regular bibliographic newsletter were some of the suggestions made about activities we should consider taking up. The President appointed a committee chaired by Sandra Levy to study the feasibility of preparing an annual bibliography and asked it to report at the next meeting of the Association. It was also decided that a nominating committee be appointed to present a slate of officers to be voted on at the 1991 meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 amid muttered comments about the excellent Arab food shared the previous evening and the pleasant memories of the visit to Dumbarton Oaks.

George Majeska

[Editorial note: Modesty keeps G. Majeska from noting that he had arranged for our group both the fascinating Dumbarton Oaks visit and our social get-together over Arabic food. We owe him a large vote of thanks!]

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Income</u>		<u>Outlay</u>	
Dues	324.97	Printing	185.49
Interest	19.39	Postage	160.50
		Supplies	28.53
TOTAL	344.36	TOTAL	374.52

Balance, Nov. 1, 1989: \$441.63

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee to select officers to be presented at the November meeting in Miami consists of Don Ostrowski, Emily Klenin, and Harold Leich. According to our constitution, officers serve two-year terms; consecutive terms are not disallowed. The Vice-President is considered to be the President-Elect. Members of the ESSA who would like to suggest candidates (including themselves) should contact the someone on the Nominating Committee in the near future.

UCLA WORKSHOP REPORT

The first summer Workshop on Medieval East Slavic Culture was held at UCLA June 2-7, 1990, under the joint sponsorship of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The Workshop was intended to promote the interdisciplinary analysis of early East Slavic culture in its socio-political context and to encourage the involvement of younger scholars in the field. The twenty-nine participants, including eight younger scholars who won the right to attend through an international competition, were from the United States, Western Europe, and the Soviet Union. Papers were distributed in advance to all participants so that the sessions could be devoted primarily to the discussion of methods of research and interpretation. Topics ranged over a wide variety of cultural disciplines, including archeography, literature, history, ritual, music, and art. On all accounts the Workshop was judged by the participants as a huge success, perhaps only the first in a series of similar gathering devoted to different areas of the medieval East Slavic field.

Nancy Kollmann (Stanford) was instrumental in stimulating interest in the Workshop among East Slavic medievalists and led the successful drive for funding from the SSRC. Her steering committee included Michael Flier and Gail Lenhoff (UCLA), Robert Mathiesen (Brown) and Daniel Rowland (Kentucky). Blair Ruble and Robert Huber of the SSRC were closely involved in the initial stages of planning. Flier and Lenhoff served as co-directors of the Workshop. Most of the papers presented at the Workshop will be published in a volume edited by Flier and Rowland and entitled Medieval Russian Culture, II, in reference to a similar volume of the same name edited by Henrik Birnbaum and Michael Flier and published in 1984 in honor of Dmitri Likhachev.

Michael Flier

NOVOSIBIRSK SYMPOSIUM ON OLD BELIEVERS

A Symposium "Traditional Spiritual and Material Culture of Russian Old Ritualists in Europe, Asia and America" was held in Novosibirsk on September 24-28. The coordinators were Professor Nikolai Nikolaevich Pokrovsky of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and Professor Richard A. Morris. Participants included some 65 scholars from the Soviet Union and ten foreign countries. Papers of special interest to medievalists included several on Archpriest Avvakum and his vita, ideology in Old Believer literature, Old Believer art, the Vyg community, Old Believer book culture, and Old Believer influences in popular culture. The full program is available from the Newsletter Editor upon request.

RUSSIA-SCANDINAVIA BIBLIOGRAPHY

James McShane is offering an updated version of his Bibliography on Relations between Russia and Scandinavia during the Middle Ages. The cost is \$5.00 plus shipping and handling. Write to him at the Language and Literature Division, Queens Library, 2061 Decatur Ave., No. Bellmore, NY 11710.

BRITISH MEDIEVALISTS MEET

The British Slavonic and East European Medieval Studies Group (SEEMSG) has met twice in the past six months. At the meeting on November 10 at Clare College, Cambridge, four papers were read: Dr. Lindsey Hughes, "An Account of Muscovy at It Was in the Year 1689: Foy de la Neuville and Muscovite Court Politics"; Mr. R. Milner-Gulland, "Symbolic Landscapes of Rus'"; Dr. I. Ågren: "K voprosu ob oshibkakh v drevneishikh slavianskikh perevodakh"; Dr. Simon Franklin, "Greek in Kievan Rus'". Abstracts of the first two papers are available from the Newsletter Editor. The agenda for the April 6 meeting at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies in London included papers by Miss M. Unkovskaya, "Sir Thomas Smythe, Merchant Diplomat, 1604-5"; "Dr. John Dunn, 'What did Ludolf Mean?', and Mr. J. I. Mishtenko, 'The 'Tirnovo School' and Its System of Abbreviations". Members of the ESSA who happen to be in the United Kingdom are cordially invited to attend their twice-yearly meetings of the SEEMSG. For information on the SEEMSG, contact Dr. Mary MacRobert, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, OX2 6QA, ENGLAND.

HELEN HOOVEN SANTMYER PRIZE COMPETITION

The Ohio State University Press offers an annual prize of \$2500 for the best book-length manuscript, in any discipline, on the contributions of women, their lives and experiences, and their roles in society. Original works of interpretive scholarship from the humanities, social sciences, and the natural sciences are welcome. Poetry, fiction, memoirs, and anthologies or collections of essays are not eligible. Manuscripts submitted to the competition must be previously unpublished and not under consideration at another press. An interdisciplinary committee of scholars will choose the winning manuscript, which will be published by the Ohio State University Press. The prize is in memory of Helen Hooven Santmyer, author of "...And Ladies of the Club." Submission for the 1992 prize must be postmarked by October 1, 1991. One copy of the manuscript, cover letter, and author vita should be sent to Charlotte Dihoff, Helen Hooven Santmyer Prize Committee, Ohio State University Press, 180 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43210-1002.

HAGIOGRAPHY SOCIETY: CALL FOR MEMBERS

A Hagiography Society has been founded to promote communication among scholars in different disciplines whose research involves the study of early Christian or medieval saints' legends. During 1990-91 the society has published its first newsletter, which includes a directory of researchers in hagiography and a list of works in progress; it will sponsor two sessions at the 26th International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo. For further information please write Sherry L. Reames, Department of English, University of Wisconsin, 600 North Park Street, Madison, WI 53706.

NOTE

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Maria Salomon Arel (Yale) spent September-December 1990 in the Soviet Union as part of the Canada-USSR academic exchange program. Her research concerns Arab-Russian relations in the 1630's and 1640's.

Samuel Baron (N. Carolina) has published "Recollections of a Life in Russian History," Russian History, 17, 1 (Spring 1990).

Richard Bosley is studying the vita of St. Ignatii of Rostov. His address is Im Winkelrain 26, 7400 Tübingen, Germany.

Peter B. Brown (Rhode Island College) is studying early modern Russian social and administrative history.

Leonid S. Chekin (Colgate) is investigating Russian geographical lore from the period before 1500.

Robert O. Crummey (California-Davis) is researching the cultural history of Old Belief.

Michael Flier (UCLA) received a Guggenheim Fellowship for 1990-91 in support of his research project "The Apocalypse in Medieval Russian Culture." He recently completed a research trip to the Soviet Union in connection with the project. While there he presented a paper in the linguistics section of the First International Congress of Ukrainianists in Kiev ("Chetverta palatalizatsiia zasn'oiazychnykh pryholosnykh v ukrains'kii movi") and was invited by members of the medieval department of the Art History Institute in Moscow to deliver a lecture on the "Quadripartite Novgorod Icon" (2nd qtr. 15th c.).

Christian Hannick (Trier) has been named Corresponding Member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. He studies liturgics, musicology, and canon law. Mailing address: Trimmelter Hof 70, 5500 Trier, Germany.

Edgar Hösch at the Institut für Geschichte Osteuropas und Südosteuropas, Univ. München, has joined the ESSA. His mailing address is 8702 Estenfeld, St. Mauritiusstrasse 25, Munich.

Lindsey Hughes (University of London) has published the book Sophia, Regent of Russia, 1657-1704 (Yale Univ. Press, 1990).

Priscilla Hunt is serving as Visiting Assistant Professor at Stanford, January-May 1991. She is studying the Life of the Archpriest Avvakum.

Norman Ingham (Chicago) has presented two papers: "Early East Slavic Literature as Socio-Cultural Fact" at the Workshop on Medieval East Slavic Culture, UCLA, June 1990; and "Mode and Genre in the Military Tale," IV World Congress of Soviet and East European Studies, Harrowgate, July 1990. The latter paper was part of a panel he organized on genres in medieval Slavic literatures, together with Klaus-Dieter Seeman and Frantisek Svejksky. In Young Lee of the Republic of Korea also participated.

Craig Kennedy (Harvard) is studying Chingissids in Muscovite service, 1450-1625.

Valerie Kivelson (Michigan) is researching Muscovite political culture and witchcraft.

Ann Kleimola (Nebraska) is continuing her work on the Muscovite elite.

Takeo Kuryuzawa (Hokkaido) is studying Ivan the Terrible and Prince Kurbsky and Muscovy and Kazan. His address is Faculty of Letters, Hokkaido University, Kita 10, Nishi 7, obo Sapporo, JAPAN.

Sandra Levy (Chicago) is compiling an annotated bibliography of selected sources in pre-Petrine history.

Lawrence Langer (Connecticut) is completing a manuscript on Russia in the Mongol period.

Philip Longworth (McGill) is preparing a comparative history of Eastern Europe. He maintains his special interest in early modern Russia.

Gordon McDaniel (Illinois) spent five months in Yugoslavia on a Fulbright fellowship, researching the literary structure of Serbian hagiography.

James McShane (Queens Library) is studying Nabokov's translation of the Song of Igor's Campaign.

Thomas S. Noonan (Minnesota) received a very generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete his catalog of dirham hoards from Western Eurasia ca. 700-1050. He is on sabbatical in 1990-91.

Irina V. Pozdeeva (Moscow) is a visiting scholar at the Hilandar Research Library at Ohio State in April and May, 1991.

Joel Raba (Tel-Aviv) is working on non-combattants in mid-17th century Ukraine.

Ellen Schwartz (Eastern Michigan) is studying the images of Jews in Byzantine and later medieval art.

Kira Stevens (Colgate) is studying 17th century Christian names in Russia.

Isolde Thyrét (Washington) received an SSRC Dissertation Fellowship for 1990-91, for her work on the religious life of women in Muscovite Russia.

Miloš Velimirović (Virginia) has written two chapters on Byzantine and other Eastern Orthodox chants in the New Oxford History of Music, vol. 2 (Revised edition, 1990), pp. 3-66, 721-733.

Betty J. Zenkovsky is preparing the index to The Nikonian Chronicle.

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CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT	
MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTER (PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS, QUERIES, ETC.)	

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NATIONAL HILANDAR CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS

The next National Hilandar Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 1-3, 1992, concurrent with the Midwest Slavic Conference. Papers and panels on all topics and from all disciplines are welcome, especially on the theme "Five Hundred Years after the Year 7000 (1492)." Send proposals by December 16, 1991, to Professor Eve Levin, Conference Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Ohio State University, 344 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

EDITOR FOR ZENKOVSKY PAPERS SOUGHT

The late Professor Serge A. Zenkovsky left among his papers the manuscript (in Russian) of a second volume to his book, Russia's Old Believers. Dr. Betty J. Zenkovsky is looking for a typist who can read Russian handwriting as well as a knowledgeable editor (or team of editors) to prepare the manuscript for publication. She would also like to find a person interested in translating this book into English. She can be contacted at the Pendleton Club #507, 1224 South Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

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