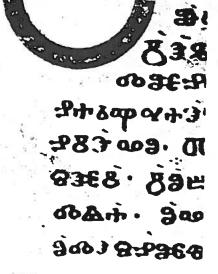
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# FROM THE CHAIR

Byzantinists know that the expression "From the Chair" (ex cathedra) sounds ominous, or brings to mind claims with sad consequences... Therefore, everything written under this caption should always be read with a grain of salt; as a desideratum rather, than as a pronouncement! As in the case of democracy, the quality of an organization is measured by the degree of participation of its members.

In this issue a first priority is to urge all members to read, amend and approve/reject the proposed constitution in its final draft. Let us formalize our existence. Once again we publish the text of the constitution, solicit final comments and, in lieu of a formal meeting and vote, ask for a WRITTEN approval, for the record. We have received comments, mostly of stylistic nature, from two members and we have incorporated them.

The XIXth International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Copenhagen (18-24 August, 1997) and, of course, the coming 21st Byzantine Studies Conference in New York City (9-12 November, 1995) are two other items which need attention and planning; so is the USNCBS Directory.

Included in this issue are a number of other pieces of information, hopefully interesting and useful. Many thanks to those who have drown my attention to some of these matters. This is our forum of information. Please send your own news or that about others.

# **COPENHAGEN '97**

THE ANNOUNCEMENT-FIRST brochure of the Organizing Committee of the XIXth International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Copenhagen (18-24 August, 1997) was mailed to all of our members in April. I hope that every member has received it, otherwise please Strict time limits (10 let me know. minutes!!!) have been imposed on communications. Is this a statement of Organizing Committee everything that had to be said about Byzantium has already been said?... My hope is that a vigorous participation of as many North American Byzantinists as possible will prove the opposite. Apply to your University Committee handling SSHRCC funds for participating in International Conferences. It would be wonderful if we all could meet in the Nordic capital and share a glass of wine, or whatever, some afternoon! Those of you who are, indeed, planning to participate, please send me your name and the title of your communication (even a tentative one) to list them in the next issue of the Canadio-Byzantina.

# THE BYZANTINE STUDIES CONFERENCE GOES TO N.Y.C.

IT IS THE 21ST IN ORDER, AND meeting later than usual: 9-12 November, 1995. But it is in New York City, and thus potentially exciting, and in fact more expensive! The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Numismatic Society, the Alexander S. Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at N.Y.U., and the College of Arts and

Science at N.Y.U. have "conspired" to do the first. The new and "for the first time" membership *dues* (\$20, student \$10), the registration fee (\$45, student \$5) and the Jolly Madison Towers Hotel (\$120 single), all in \$US (we do not know what the referendum will do the \$CAN), guarantee the second. Byzantium was never cheap and unexciting.

# STUDYING BYZANTIUM PAYS

THE STUDENT BYZANTINE ESSAY Award Committee for the "Hellenic Canadian Association of Constantinople" is seeking graduate and non-graduate student essays on any topic related to Byzantium for this year's awards (two for \$300 and two for \$200 respectively). Please look through your student papers which were submitted for any course in 1994-95, and send your entry to: Prof. Sheila Campbell, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, University of Toronto by October 31, 1995.

Being on the subject of the "Hellenic Canadian Association of Constantinople", four of their lectures in their annual series "Constantinople and Its Legacy" and "Byzantine Heritage", listed below, are in print and available (\$2.50 each) at the following address: 201 Cottonwood Ct., Thornhill, ON L3T 5W9.

Helen Sarandi (University of Guelph), Byzantium and the Origin of the Modern Greek National Consciousness (1992)

Daniel J. Sahas (University of Waterloo), Byzantium and Islam: an Encounter of two Theocracies. Mutual Admiration, and Exclusion (1993)

George Galavaris (McGill University), Constantinople-Moscow-Munich. Byzantium and Twentieth-century European Painting (1994)

Hélène Ahrweiler, The 'Actualité' of Byzantium and Orthodoxy (1994)

The 1995 lectures were given by A.R. Littlewood (University of Western Ontario), "Under the Presidency of Saint Paul: The Case of Byzantine Originality", and by Kallistos Ware, Bishop of Diokleia (Oxford University) "Act out of Stillness: the Influence of Fourteenth-century Hesychasm on Byzantine and Slav Civilization". Both are under publication.

# USNCBS DIRECTORY. IT'S ALL IN THE NAME!

"USNCBS" MEANS "UNITED STATES National Committee for Byzantine Studies" and "Directory", the new "Directory of American Byzantinists", including Canadian! If you have not received an information form from the USNCBS Secretary-Treasurer (Prof. John W. Barker, University of Wisconsin), please let me know. If you have received, mail it at once. To be included, you must return your form not later than the end of this calendar year.

# **ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS**

Steven Bigham, The Image of God the Father in Orthodox Theology and

Iconography (Torrance CA: Oakwood Publications, 1995), 257 p.

Patrick Gray (York University), "Palestine and Justinian's Legislation on Non-Christian Religions". In Law, Politics and Society in the ancient Mediterranean World, ed. B. Halpen and D. Hobson (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993), pp. 241-270.

"Columbanus and the Three Chapters controversy -- A New Approach", *Journal of Theological Studies* NS 45 (1994) 160-170.

Noah: Reconstruction and Denial in the Age of Justinian". In Conformity and Non-Conformity in Byzantium, ed. L. Garland = Byzantinische Forschugen (forthcoming)

James R. Payton, Jr. (Redeemer College), review of Paul Rore, *Pseudo-Dionysius:* A Commentary on the Texts and an Introduction to Their Influence, in Calvin Theological Journal 29 (1994) 634.

Daniel J. Sahas (University of Waterloo), "Elegy, poetry and hymnography; a Syriac trait. The Byzantine seventheighth century evidence". At the Symposium Syriacum II, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., June 8-10, 1995.

"Holosphyros"? A Byzantine Perception of the 'God of Muhammad'". In the Christian-Muslim Encounters. Edited by Yvonne Y. Haddad and Wadi Z. Haddad (Gainsville, FL: University Press of

Florida), 1995, 508 p., at 109-125.

Franziska E. Shlosser (Concordia University), The Reign of the Emperor Maurikios (582-602). A Reassessment. (Historical Monographs No. 14, Athens, 1994).

# **BYZANTINE EXPANSION**

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME in our Committee two new members. Professor Charles J.S. Lock, Professor of English, Professor of Religious Studies, and Adjunct Professor, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, and his wife, Dr. Nicoletta Isar-Lock, a historian of art. Professor Lock has reviewed Elizabeth Revel-Neher's (Department of Art History, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), The Image of the Jew in Byzantine Art (New York, Pergamon St. Vladimir's Press. 1991) in Theological Quarterly (1994:2) 241-43, as we had expressed the hope in the first issue of the Canadio-Byzantina.

# **CONFERENCES**

- \* XVIIIth International congress of Historical Sciences (Montréal, August 27 September 3, 1995). The following entries relevant to Byzantinists were noticed:
- 1. Under the theme #10 "The Fall of Empires in Comparative Perspective", Ksenija Khvostova's (Russia), "Byzanz".
- 2. Session #12 "Relations Between the Byzantine World and Western Europe

during the Middle Ages".

- 3. The two-day (September 1-2) session sponsored by the Association internationale des Études Byzantines with two themes: I "Monastic Life as an Expression of Utopia: Examples from the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Period"; and II "Cultural Ingress and Proselytism in a Period of Dictatorship, War, and Civil War: A Case Study of the Great Powers' Strategy in Greece 1939-1949".
- \* UCLA Byzantinists. Colloquium V (UCLA, June 3, 1995). Theme: "The Uses of Byzantine Hagiography"
- \* 29th Spring Symposium of Byzantine Studies (King's College, London. April 7-10, 1995). Theme: "British Reflections of Byzantium".
- \* "Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity. An Interdisciplinary Conference. (University of Kansas Spencer Museum of Art, March 23-26, 1995)

# **ANY VACANCIES?**

# Mr. NIKOLAI LIPATOV,

graduate student at the Center for Byzantine Studies School of Antiquity, University of Birmingham, England, expecting to have received his degree in July '95 (thesis: "Commentary on the Prophet Isaiah by St. Basil the Great: Study, Translation and Notes") is asking for vacancies in Patristics, Classics, or Byzantine Studies.

## RECEIVED

\* I.V. Krivushin, The Birth of church

Historiography: Evsevii Kesariiskii. A Textbook (in Russian) (Ivanovo: 1995)

- \* Mitteilungen aus der Österreichischen Byzantinistik und Neogräzistik of the Österreichische Byzantinische Gesellschaft (Wien: January, 1995).
- \* From the Center of Cultural Heritage of Cyprus (P.O. BOX 119, 1601 Nicosia, Cyprus) we received the following list of publications of interest to Byzantinists:

Sophocles Sophocleous, *Icons of Cyprus*. 7th-20th Century (1995)

-----, Le patrimoine des icônes dans le Diocese de Limassol, Chypre, 12e-16e siecle. (1990)

-----, Οι δεσποτικές εικόνες της Μονης του Μεγάλου 'Αγρου (1992)

Jacques Charles-Gaffiot, ed. La France aux portes de l' Orient. Chypre XIIe-XVe siecle (Paris, 1991)

Annemarie Weyl Carr and L.J. Morocco, A Byzantine masterpiece recovered. The thirteenth century murals of Lyci, Cyprus (1991)

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# If you have an e-mail

address please send it to us. We have started compiling a directory of e-mail addresses, which may make communication among our members easier and faster.

# **BYZANTINE COURTESY**

In the Last Issue of the Canadio-Byzantina we had mispronounced the name of the President of the Byzantine Studies Conference, from Susan Stevens to Susan Stephens. We apologised for the error and in return we received a word of thanks along with the comment that her name "is often misspelled on [her] campus", and that we "did get the name of the College right [Randolph Macon Woman's College, VA] which is gratifying; hardly anybody does!"-- on campus? It doesn't hurt to apologise; you get a praise back!

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# THE CANADIAN COMMITTEE OF BYZANTINISTS/ LE COMITÉ CANADIEN DES BYZANTINISTES

## CONSTITUTION

#### 1. Name:

The name of the Society shall be the following: The Canadian Committee of Byzantinists/Le Comité Canadien des Byzantinistes (CCB).

N.B. "Society" and/or "Committee" are identical and interchangeable in this Constitution.

#### 2. **Objectives:**

The Society is a non-profit organization whose aim is to promote and contribute to Byzantine studies by encouraging research, by sponsoring meetings for the interchange of ideas, by disseminating information on Byzantine studies, by representing the Canadian community of Byzantinists within Canada and internationally, and in such other ways as the Society may determine.

The CCB is the Canadian National Committee, a Society-member of the "Association Internationale des Études Byzantines".

#### 3. Languages:

The official languages of the Society shall be English and French.

#### 4. Membership:

Membership is open to all who share the objectives of the Society. The criterion shall be one of scholarly activity in the area of Byzantine Studies or a closely related field, normally demonstrated by one or more of:

- teaching, present or past, at a recognized tertiary level academic institution. 1)
- 2) studying at a recognized tertiary level institution.
- research and publication. 3)

Membership shall be of two kinds: 'regular' (open to those who pay full dues) and 'associate' (open to students who pay no dues). Members in good standing are those whose dues are not in arrears. Those whose dues are in arrears for more than two years are removed from the list of members. Fees shall be those determined from time to time by the Society.

## 5. Executive:

The Executive shall be composed of the following members: a president, a vice-president,

a secretary, a treasurer, and two executive members. For administrative or personal reasons, the responsibilities of the treasurer and the secretary may be combined. All elections shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The term of each member of the Executive will be for two years on a rotating basis. Half of its members will be elected each year for a term of two years.

## 6. Executive Duties:

The Executive of the Society is empowered to: transact the business of the Society; appoint replacements for Executive members whose absence will be for a year or less; appoint representatives for the Society when they cannot be elected at the Annual General Meeting; plan the Annual Conference. The President may appoint ad hoc members to the Executive.

# 7. Representation:

At its Annual General Meeting the Society shall elect representatives to organizations with which it is affiliated and which have offered the Society a place on their Executive.

### 8. Amendments:

Amendments to the Constitution of the Society shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of those members present at the Annual General Meeting. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Executive of the Society at least two months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## 9. Nominating Committee:

A nominating committee of three members shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting to prepare a list of candidates for election to the Executive at the next Annual General Meeting, and nominations-at-large can be made in writing up to two months before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting provided that the nominator has the written agreement of the nominee to serve in the office named.

# 10. Quorum:

Twenty percent (20%) of the regular members, personally present or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum for an Annual General Meeting.

# 11. Voting:

Every question submitted to any meeting of members may be decided by a show of hands. At all meetings of members, every member present in person, or by duly authorized representative, shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A member may appoint, as his proxy, any other member to vote at any annual or special general meeting. An

instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be deposited, prior to the time of voting, with the Secretary, or as may be directed in the notice calling a meeting.

### APPENDIX

### **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:**

The Secretary shall:

- (a) attend to the giving and service of all notices;
- (b) have charge of the records of the Committee, including the names alphabetically arranged of all persons who are and have been members of the Committee, together with the address and professional interests of every such person.

The Secretary shall be subject to the control of the President of the Committee and shall exercise such other powers and authority and perform such other duties as may be from time to time prescribed by the Committee.

## **DUTIES OF THE TREASURER:**

The Treasurer shall have general charge of the finance of the Committee. He/she shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects of the Committee in the name and to the credit of the Committee, and shall render to the President and to the Committee, whenever so directed, an account of the financial condition of the Committee and of all his/her transactions as Treasurer, and, as soon as possible after the close of the fiscal year, he/she shall make and submit to the President a like report for such fiscal year.

Whenever the Secretary is also the Treasurer, he/she may be designated "Secretary-Treasurer".

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS: Every member shall furnish to the Committee an address to which all committee notices intended for such member may be mailed.

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