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2003 SAS Elections for Executive Council

A total of 71 ballots were cast and Barlow Der Mugrdechian (61 votes), Ina Baghdants McCabe (46) and Joseph Kechichian (34) were elected to three year terms on the Council. Thank you to outgoing Executive Council members Houri Berberian and Levon Chorbajian for their service to the Society. The Council unanimously elected the following officers: President, Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Vice President, Simon Payaslian, Secretary, George Bournoutian, and Treasurer, Joseph Kechichian. Ina Baghdants McCabe, Christina Maranci and Garabet Moumdjian will serve as advisors.

MESA, 2004

The 2004 MESA (Middle East Studies Association) Annual Conference will be held November 20-23, at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. For more information on the conference, go to the MESA website. SAS will also hold its 30th annual membership meeting that weekend. If you have any questions, please contact an Executive Council member.

New Members

Three new members were approved by the Executive Council for SAS membership: **Theo Van Lint**, Calouste Gulbenkian Professor of Armenian Studies at the University of Oxford; **Lerna Ekmekcioglu**, a graduate student at New York University, studying late Ottoman empire and early Turkish Republic; and **Ara Sanjian**, director of the Armenian Studies Department at Haigazian University in Beirut, Lebanon.

2004 SAS Executive Council Nominations

The terms of Christina Maranci and Garabet Moumdjian will end in 2004. Nominations for new officers will be conducted by a nominations committee composed of John Greppin, Richard Hovannisian, and Levon Marashlian.

Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies

J. Greppin and Peter Cowe, co-editors of JSAS, report that the bulk of JSAS 13 is already being typeset and ready for layout. There are approximately 122 pages in the issue including 3 major articles and several book reviews. It should be ready for publication in spring, 2004.

Newsletter

R. H. Hewsen, co-editor of the *SAS Newsletter* with Barlow Der Mugrdechian, reports that two issues of the *SAS Newsletter* were published in 2003 (#s 63 and 64). There has been a decision to limit membership information for the *Newsletter* to major publications and activities. The Council has suggested that the *Newsletter* have a section listing pertinent articles to Armenian studies, which have been published in contemporary journals, magazines or newspaper. We are requesting any information that you would like to have published in the next issue of the *SAS Newsletter*. In particular we are looking for personal activities, awards, publications etc. The deadline is July 1, 2004 for issue No. 66. Please email your information to rhewsen@csufresno.edu.

Treasurer's Report

President B. Der Mugrdechian reports that as of November 30, 2002, there was a \$16,361.40 balance in the SAS account. As of November 28, 2003 there is a balance of \$14,478.62. There was consensus in the Council that the SAS balance be transferred at the end of December to a bank in Fresno, where the secretariat would handle bank deposits.

Thirtieth Anniversary Commemorations

G. Moumdjian and C. Maranci have reported on possible activities (publications, workshops, dinners, etc.), in commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the SAS. In lieu of one large celebration to which many members would be unable to attend, C. Maranci will organize a one-day mid-west celebration to be held in the fall of 2004, with talks and then a banquet. I. Baghdants McCabe offered to organize an SAS event in the Boston area, B. Der Mugrdechian will do the same in Fresno. P. Cowe, J. Kechichian and G. Aivazian will be asked to organize an event/activity for the Los Angeles area, and there will be an event in San Francisco in conjunction with the SAS annual meeting. It has been suggested also that various members be honored for service to the Society.

SAS Distinguished Dissertation Prize

The SAS Council has voted that the Society will grant a \$500 prize to be awarded to the best dissertation in English, with the award to be given once every three years. Advisors may send their recommendations to the Society c/o the president (Email: barlowd@csufresno.edu) or recent graduates may submit their own applications for the award.

SAS E-Mail List

The official SAS membership email list is being maintained by the Secretariat and will be used for official announcements of the Society. Dennis Papazian, who had been maintaining an Armenian studies email under the Armenian Research Center name, will continue to send announcements, etc. Members who do not wish to receive his communications may unsubscribe through the instructions provided.

Conferences, Symposia, Workshops, and Exhibitions

Forthcoming:

The Armenian Communities of Iran

UCLA, May 14-16, 2004

This second and final call for papers encourages submissions especially on the Armenian communities of particular cities and regions of Iran, such as Tehran, Tabriz, Salmas, Sultanabad, Qazvin, Maku; Armenian monasteries such as St. Thaddeus and St. Stepanos; Armenian participation in Iranian political-social movements; majority-minority relations; women's history; and the present Iranian-Armenian community.

Deadline for submission of one-page abstracts is January 8, 2004. Travel assistance is available for those so requiring. The conference is sponsored by the Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Armenian History at UCLA and will take place from Friday evening, May 14 to Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2004 in Los Angeles.

Diyarbakir from the Time of the Oghuz To The Ottoman Turks.

From: Kemal Cicek <cicek@risc01.ktu.edu.tr>

The University of Dicle is organizing a conference in Diyarbakir, with the support of the Governorate of Diyarbakir on May 20-22, 2004 entitled "Diyarbakir From the time of the Oghuz to the Ottoman Turks." Those who are interested in the conference should apply directly to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kenan Ziya Tas with a resume of their papers no later than March 15, 2004. The languages of the conference will be Turkish and English. Travel expenses of the participants will be met by the organizers and food and accommodation will be provided free of charge. Please fill in the attached form and send it as soon as possible to the address below. Note that Application forms should be accompanied by an abstract of approximately 200 words - forms submitted without abstracts will not be taken into consideration. Also organizers ask the participants to submit their papers on diskettes during the conference; later submissions will not be included in the conference book, which will be published immediately after the conference. (Send request for application form-Ed.) Correspondence address: Conference Organizing Committee/Diyarbakir Valiligi Sempozyum Komitesi; Tel:

0412.2249797; Fax: 0412.2222288; e-mails: ktas@dicle.edu.tr; ahmetkankal@hotmail.com; ahmettagin@yahoo.com

Warsaw Special Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities

July 18-21, 2004, Warsaw, Poland

(See: Call for Papers)

Past Conferences, Etc.**The Armenian Communities of Cappadocia/Kesaria**

Saturday, May 12, 2003, 50 Young Hall, UCLA

9:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Morning Session, 9:30-1:00

1. *Armenia and Cappadocia/Kesaria—Introduction*

Richard Hovannisian, UCLA

2. *Armenia and Cappadocia in the Pre-Christian Period*

James Russell, Harvard University

3. *The Early Armenian Historical Tradition and Cappadocia*

Aram Kosyan, Oriental Institute, Erevan

4. *Armenian Christian Martyrs in Asia Minor,*

3rd-4th Centuries, **Erna Shirinian**, Matenadaran, Erevan

Intermission

5. *Caesarea and Early Christian Armenia*

Robert Thomson, Oxford University

6. *Armenian Miniature Painting in Cappadocia in the 11th Century*

Dickran Kouymjian, CSU Fresno

7. *The Armenian Silversmiths of Kesaria in the 17th-18th Centuries*

Sylvie G. Merian, Pierpoint Morgan Library, New York

Lunch Intermission, 1:00-2:00 P.M.**Afternoon Session, 2:00-6:00 P.M.**

8. *Caesarea/Kesaria in the 19th Century*

Bedross Der Matossian, Columbia University

9. *The Armenian Community of Eskere*

Jonathan Varjabedian, Los Angeles

10. *Rural Caesarea/Kesaria: Chomakhlu, Tomarza, Evereg-Fenese, Talas*

Herve Georgelin, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Intermission

11. *The Fateful Years: Kesaria during the Genocide*

Simon Payaslian, Clark University

12. *Kesaratsis in South America*

Vartan Matiossian, Hovnanian School,

New Jersey/Del Salvador University, Buenos Aires

13. *The Armenian Dialect of Kesaria*

Bert Vaux, Harvard University

VII Italian Armenological Seminar

The VII Italian Armenological Seminar took place on 22nd November 2003 at the Casa Armena in Milan. The event was organised by the armenological section of "Padus-Araxes" Association, in collaboration with the "Unione degli Armeni d'Italia."

The first part of the seminar was dedicated to professor Giancarlo Bolognesi, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Professor Boghos Levon Zekian illustrated his long and fruitful activity with a communication entitled "A Homage to Professor Giancarlo Bolognesi, Dean of Italian Armenistics. A Life Dedicated to Culture and Armenistics." Afterwards, professor Gabriella Uluhogian presented her "Memories of a Student of Professor Bolognesi." To express their gratitude to Professor Bolognesi for his fundamental works in the field of Armenian Studies, the "Padus-Araxes" Association and the Unione degli Armeni d'Italia gave him a present in memory of the day.

The seminar went on with the "Lectio Magistralis" by professor Moreno Morani, entitled "Reflections of history and culture on the Armenian Language," which analysed the general issues of the Armenian Language. The first part of the seminar ended up with the communications of Dr. Andrea Scala ("Armeno-Gypsy gleanings") and of Prof. Alessandro Orengo ("Italian Grammars written by Armenians in VII-VIII centuries").

After the lunch, offered by the Unione degli Armeni d'Italia, the session started with the communications on historical subject by Dr. Gioacchino Strano ("On Fozio's Epistles to the Armenians"), Ms. Zara Pogossian ("The Armenian Reaction to the Concept of the Primacy of the Church of Rome in XII-XIII centuries") and Ms. Donatella Alesi ("Temporising and knowing: The Correspondence of the Armenian Catholics of Constantinople through the documentary fund of Monsignor Luigi Rotelli, 1883-1887").

Afterwards, Dr. Marco Bais and Dr. Anna Sirinian presented the volume "An Anthology of Contemporary Armenian Poetry translated into Italian," published on the four-monthly review "Bollettario" (XIII, 38, May 2002). Prof. Nadia Cavallera read some poems from this anthology. Finally, Architect Ara Zarian presented the exhibition on Armen Zarian, which will take place on September 2004 in the Architectural Museum of Yerevan.

Colloquium on David Anghaght "The Invincible"

"La Diffusion de La Pensée Et des Oeuvres Néoplatoniciennes dans la tradition Arménienne et Gréco-Syriaque (L'œuvre de David l'Invincible)."

27-28 février 2004

From: Valentina Calzolari

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Subject: Colloque David l'Invincible

Université de Genève-Centre de Recherches Armenologiques

Internationale Meeting at the University of Geneva organised within the framework of the program of SCOPES (Scientific Co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland) du Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique. Coordinator: Valentina CALZOLARI with Jonathan BARNES

Program and Participants:

Vendredi 27 février, matin

9 h 00 Allocutions d'ouverture:

André HURST (Recteur de l'Université de Genève)

Charles GENEQUAND (Doyen de la Faculté des lettres de l'Université de Genève)

Introduction à la rencontre:

Valentina CALZOLARI (Université de Genève)

Thème: la transmission des œuvres grecques de David en arménien

9 h 30 Gohar MURADYAN (Matenadaran, Erevan):

A Comparison of the Greek and Armenian Versions of David the Invincible's Commentary on Porphyry's Isagoge

Réponse: Ilsetraut HADOT (CNRS, Paris)

10 h 30 Pause

10 h 45 Erna SHIRINYAN (Matenadaran, Erevan):

The Armenian Version of the Commentary on Aristotle's Categories

Réponse: Dominic O'MEARA (Université de Fribourg)

11 h 45 Valentina CALZOLARI (Université de Genève):

La version arménienne des Prolegomena de David et son rapport avec l'original grec

Réponse: Jonathan BARNES (Université de Paris IV-La Sorbonne, Paris)

Vendredi 27 février, après-midi

Thème: la version arménienne du Commentaire sur les Analytiques Premiers de David

15 h 15 Aram TOPCHYAN (Matenadaran, Erevan):

Remarks on the Armenian Version of David the Invincible's Commentary on Aristotle's Analytics

Réponse: Angela LONGO (Université de Genève)

16 h 15 Clive SWEETING (E.P.H.E., Paris): Le rapport entre le Commentaire sur les Analytiques Premiers de David et le Commentaire sur les Analytiques Premiers d'Elias

Réponse: Curzio CHIESA (Université de Genève)

17 h 15 Pause

Thème: la technique de traduction des versions arméniennes de l'Ecole hellénisante

17 h 30 Abraham TERIAN (St Nersess Seminary, New Rochelle, NY):

Problematics in Greek/Armenian Translation/Re-translation of Works Attributed to the Hellenophile School

18 h 00 Atelier sur les caractéristiques linguistiques et la technique de traduction des versions arméniennes des œuvres de David

Samedi 28 février, matin

Thème: la diffusion et la réception des œuvres néoplatoniciennes en Orient (Arménie, Syrie, monde arabe)
 9 h 00 Henri HUGONNARD-ROCHE (E.P.H.E., Paris):
 La tradition gréco-syriaque des commentaires d'Aristote
 Réponse: Charles GENEQUAND (Université de Genève)
 10 h 00 Sen AREVSHATYAN (Matenadaran, Erevan):
 David the Invincible in Armenia and Other Countries: the
 Fate of his Legacy
 Réponse: Michael PAPAIZIAN (Berry College, Mount-Berry,
 GA)

11 h 00 Pause

11 h 15 Albert STEPANYAN (Université d'Etat de Erevan):
 The Idea of History of the Armenia by Moses Khorenatsi.
 (A Neoplatonic Synopsis)
 Réponse: B. Levon ZEKIYAN (Université de Venise)
 12 h 15 Conférence de clôture: Bernard OUTTIER
 (Université de Genève):
 David l'Invincible, un auteur chrétien?

Samedi 28 février, après-midi

15 h 15 Atelier sur la traduction anglaise du Commentaire
 sur les Analytiques Premiers animé par Jonathan BARNES

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Constantinopla después de la Caída Constantinople, 550 Years since The Fall

Granada, Spain 3-6 December 2003
 Trigesimoséptima Sesión (37th session)
 President: Efthymios Soulogiannis

08.30 h. **Dickran Kouymjian** (CSUFresno)
Armenians in Constantinople 1453 - 1600.

08.50 h. **Eugenia Drakopoulou** (Instituto Nacional de
 Investigaciones - Atenas)
Constantinople et l'art postbyzantin.

09.10 h. **Yalcin Asnu-Bilban** (Universidad de Istambul)
*Constantinople after the Fall: The Use of Byzantine Spolia
 Sculpture in Early Ottoman Buildings (1453-1500).*

09.30 h. Debate.

Lectures

Armenian-Georgian relations subject of lecture at NAASR

Georgian-Armenian relations in the present day and in their historical context were the subject of a lecture on Thursday evening, December 4, 2003 at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA. The lecture was given by Asbed Kotchikian, a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Boston University and visiting lecturer at Wheaton College.

Library of Congress Lectures

From: Levon Avdoyan, PhD.

Two LOC Armenian lectures have now been mounted on the LOC home page. For Ambassador Kirakossian's presentation of his book on *British Diplomacy and the Armenian Question*, see: http://www.loc.gov/locvideo/armenian_ambassador/

For Michael Stone's lecture on *The Book of Adam by Arakel of Siwnik*, see: <http://www.loc.gov/locvideo/stone/>

John M. Ordway, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia also spoke at the Library of Congress

[View flyer at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/Flyers/ArmenianOrdwayFlyer.html>].

John M. Ordway, United States ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, presented a "Report from Armenia: 2003" on Thursday, January 8th, 2004, at the Library of Congress. The talk was sponsored by the LC Armenian Seminar and the African and Middle Eastern Division and will be held in the West Dining Room, 6th floor of the James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC. John M. Ordway became the fourth ambassador from the US to Armenia on November 16, 2001. He brought to that assignment an extensive background in Soviet and Russian affairs, European security, conflict resolution, and peacekeeping operations. In 2003, he witnessed disputed elections and ongoing economic problems as well as encouraging advancements in the international relations and commercial relations in Armenia and the two other republic of the Caucasus-Azerbaijan and Georgia.

Dr. Gerard J. Libaridian, Alex Manoogian Visiting Professor of Modern Armenian History, Department of History, lectured at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor on "The Caucasus in Crisis: Conflicts and Confrontations in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia" under the auspices of the Center for Russian and East European Studies (CREES), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, co-sponsored with the Armenian Studies Program and the Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies (CMENAS). Wednesday, February 11, 2004.

Lectures by Anahid Kassabian

(See under News of Members).

Call for Papers

Genocide Perspectives III

Call for Expressions of Interest

Anticipated Publication Date: November 2004

Genocide Perspectives I was published in 1997 by the Centre for Comparative Genocide Studies, Macquarie University, Sydney. Genocide Perspectives II, somewhat delayed, appeared in February 2003, published by the Australian Institute for Holocaust & Genocide Studies and Brandl & Schlesinger. These two volumes include works by established Holocaust and Genocide scholars and PhD students. In inviting submission for the forthcoming Genocide Perspectives III, we would like to emphasise the following: (i) As this is a peer reviewed publication, only essays that pass rigorous scrutiny by our panel of academic readers will be considered for inclusion and we will not enter into any discussion about rejected submissions. (ii) Within GPIII we would especially look to include topics that deal with: a. the Rwanda genocide-the ad hoc tribunals, reparations, collective responsibility and so on. b. Children and genocide. c. other African genocides. d. Asia or South America. (iii) Essays should be 6000-8000 words. Please respond to: Attention Sandra Tatz, email: ctatz@laurel.ocs.mq.edu.au providing the following information: 1. Name. 2. Position/Qualifications. 3. Email. 4. Proposed topic and brief outline (2 - 3 paragraphs). 5. Have you been published before; if so, where? Once we have this information, we will contact you about where to send hard copy.

Warsaw Special Convention of ASN July 18-21, 2004, Warsaw, Poland

Warsaw Special Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities organized by The Studium Europy Wschodniej Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (The Centre for East European Studies of Warsaw University)

"Nationalities and Pluralism from Old to New Worlds. East Central Europe and Post-Soviet Countries: Nations, Nationalities, Culture, Religion, History and Politics," Warsaw University,

Deadline for proposals: 1 March 2004

Contact information:

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Submission of forms: asn.studium@uw.edu.pl, Subject of a message: Forms web site: www.uw.edu.pl

The Studium Europy Wschodniej Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (The Centre for East European Studies of Warsaw University) and the Association for the Study of Nationalities are organizing a Special Convention to be held in Warsaw, July 18-21, 2004. The Centre For Eastern Studies is the hosting partner of the Special Convention. It is a Polish governmental analytical institution entrusted with monitoring the current political, economic and social situation in Central and Eastern Europe, The Balkans, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The Warsaw Special Convention will be held under the distinguished patronage of the Rector Magnificus of Warsaw University, Professor Piotr Węglenski. Participants from all over the world, especially experts on Central Asian, **Caucasian**, Russian, East-Central European and Balkan affairs are expected to take part. We expect a large number of scholars from the countries of the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Central Europe and the Balkans. Please Note that this Special Convention is distinct from the ASN Annual World Convention, which will take place at Columbia University, New York, on 15-17 April 2004 (www.nationalities.org).

The main theme of the Convention is the fate of nationalities and of national and nationalist ideas in a world of globalization and economic and political integration. This includes the relation between national ideals and the process of transformation in Central Asia, the **Caucasus**, East-Central Europe and the Balkans, the question of political change and democratization in the post-Soviet area, as well as the prospects for systemic change in the post-communist world. The Convention will be held just two months after Poland and the other more advanced countries in the region join the EU while many other post-communist states continue to move back to authoritarian rule, twelve years after the fall of Communist system in East-Central Europe. The Warsaw Special Convention will consider proposals on topics related to national identity, nationalism, ethnic conflict and state-building in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and adjacent areas. The Convention invites proposals for individual papers or for complete panels. The Convention is inviting submissions of recent documentaries or feature films and available in video (VHS or DVD) format. The videos selected for the convention will be screened during regular panel slots and will be followed by a discussion moderated by academic experts.

Location.

Proposals must be e-mailed to Jan Malicki at asn.studium@uw.edu.pl with the subject "Forms". Paper proposal applications can be found at the Warsaw Special Convention's website at www.uw.edu.pl in both pdf and rtf format. All proposals, for individual papers and panels, must be written in English. However, in exceptional cases, the convention organizers will allow some presentations to be delivered in Polish, as long as a comprehensive written summary in English is made available to the audience.

Central Eurasian Studies Society Fifth Annual Conference (2004)
October 14-17, 2004
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana, U.S.A.

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) invites panel and paper proposals for the Fifth CESS Annual Conference, October 14-17, 2004, in Bloomington, Indiana. The event will be held at Indiana University, hosted by the Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center. Panel and paper topics relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship on Central Eurasia are welcome. The geographic domain of Central Eurasia extends from the Black Sea and Iranian Plateau to Mongolia and Siberia, including the **Caucasus**, Crimea, Middle Volga, Afghanistan, Tibet, and Central and Inner Asia. Submissions of pre-organized panels are strongly encouraged and will be given some preference in the selection process. Individual papers are also welcome and will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair and a discussant. We also welcome attendees who do not wish to participate in a panel (see the Registration/Pre-registration Form for information: http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/CESS_Conf-Reg.html). There has been a huge growth in the interest in the CESS conference as our society has become more established. Attendance rose from less than 150 in the first three annual conferences to over 800 at the fourth one (Harvard 2003), including nearly 500 people from nearly 40 countries who participated in the ca. 80 panels on the program. We expect the conference this year will be an even stronger event, and we hope that all interested in this region will try to come.

Please note that due to this high level of interest, and the fact that the total number of participants in CESS 2004 will be more limited due to space constraints, we anticipate that the selection of papers will be very competitive.

http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/CESS_Conference.html

From: Alidost Numan numan@uchicago.edu

The Nineteenth Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference at the University of Chicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st, 2004.

The Middle East History and Theory Conference provides a forum for students and faculty in the social sciences and humanities to present papers treating Middle Eastern and Central Asian art/architecture, literature, society, history and politics from the 7th century to the present. Graduate students are particularly urged to participate; both individual papers and pre-arranged panels can be accommodated. The

deadline for the submission of a one-page abstract and curriculum vitae is March 1st, 2004. Working papers must be received by April 5th 2004 to assure participation. Please specify if audio/visual facilities are needed when submitting papers.

A Special Issue Of *The Journal Of Genocide Research*
"Raphael Lemkin on Genocides. The 'Father of The Genocide Convention' as A Historian"

Dominik J. Schaller (University of Zürich) and Jürgen Zimmerer (Universidade de Coimbra) will edit a special issue of the *Journal of Genocide Research*, to be published in autumn 2005.

"New conceptions require new terms. By 'genocide' we mean the destruction of a nation or of an ethnic group." Rarely in history have paradigmatic changes in scholarship been brought about with such few words. Putting the quintessential crime of modernity in only one sentence, Raphael Lemkin, the Polish Jewish specialist in international law, not only summarized the horrors of the National Socialist crimes, which were still under way, when he wrote them, but also influenced international law. As the founding figure of the UN Genocide Convention, Lemkin is widely-known and held in highest regard. Less known is his contribution to the historical scholarship on genocide. It is this part of his influence that the planned volume will address.

Papers might focus on: *Mass Murder in Antiquity* Mass Murder in the Middle Ages* Genocide in the New World (America and Australia)* Genocide in the 20th Century (Africa) ***Armenian Genocide*** The Holocaust.

Proposals (max 3 pages) for papers addressing these and related questions should be submitted together with a short curriculum vitae by March 1, 2004 to one of the guest editors:

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Dr. Jürgen Zimmerer, Rua Alves Torgo, 25, 1º esq., P-5000-679 Portugal Juergenzimmerer@freenet.de

The articles, which should be a maximum of 6500 words including documentation, will be due on December 1, 2004.

2004 SAS Annual Membership Dues are now payable. Members have received a first notice of dues payment by mail. If you have any questions as to the status of your membership, please contact the Secretariat, at 559-278-4930 or by email at barlowd@csufresno.edu

News

Armenian Genocide Memorial Progress February 2, 2004—*Washington Business Journal*

Organizers of a proposed museum to memorialize a dark chapter in Armenian history recently acquired the last piece of prime downtown property they need to get the \$100 million project off the ground. The Armenian Genocide Museum and Memorial now controls five properties worth about \$20 million at 14th and G streets NW. Rouben Adalian, director of the Armenian National Institute, says the museum paid \$7.25 million for the former National Bank of Washington building at the southwest corner of the intersection in 2000, acquired three adjacent properties and gained control of the final property late last year. The site is two blocks from the White House and three blocks north of the Mall.

"This is a pretty bold step," Adalian says. The institute (www.armenian-genocide.org), which is organizing the museum project, has hired Concord Partners, which developed the nearby Kaiser Family Foundation headquarters, and is searching for an architect. "We're 20 percent there," Adalian says, adding that a less optimistic view is that organizers have "80 percent to go."

Institute officials have been working to create the museum since 2000. Experts say it takes about 10 years to get a museum open; Adalian says he hopes to be finished by 2008. Gerard Cafesjian, an Armenian-American philanthropist, is the primary donor. The plans are fluid and an architect will work out a design for the site. Adalian isn't sure whether Concord will stay on as developer. Looking for 'universal appeal.' The plan to develop a museum about genocide is a strong concept, but not one without precedent. While most museums start with a collection of artifacts, the Armenian Genocide Museum started with an idea, much like the Holocaust Memorial Museum, one of the most popular, though somber, tourist destinations in Washington.

Ross Vartian, executive director of the Armenian Assembly of America and former head of the museum effort, says the new project is "not a museum for Armenians." "We know the story," Vartian says. Instead, he says, its purpose is two-fold: Remembrance of the murder of 1.5 million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1923; and education of visitors about genocide in an effort to prevent it from happening anywhere else in the world. Vartian acknowledges the museum "needs to have universal appeal" if it's to draw the 250,000 visitors annually that organizers are hoping for.

When supporters of the Holocaust museum began planning in the late 1970s and early 1980s, they expected the museum would attract 500,000 to 750,000 people a year. "We never anticipated how popular it would be," says Sara Bloomfield, the Holocaust museum's director. Since it opened

in 1993, about 20 million have visited, about 80 percent of whom are not Jewish. She says the museum's exhibits extend beyond Hitler's extermination campaign before and during World War II, delving into broader themes such as democracy, totalitarianism and genocide. Elaine Heumann Gurian, a prominent museum consultant who has helped open museums around the world, including the Holocaust museum, says "bad-news museums" often start out by drawing a specific audience — those who have been affected in some way by the museum's theme. As the museum's themes become more broad, she says, so too will the audience. E-mail: smadigan@bizjournals.com Phone: 703/816-0335

St. Nersess Course to Trace Stormy Period in the History of the Armenian Church

Five competing catholici, survival under Ottoman and Persian dominion, and the spread of the Armenian Church to the Far East, are three of the topics that will be examined at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary this spring in an extension course taught by Dr. Roberta Ervine, associate professor of Armenian studies at St. Nersess. The course, covering the 15th through the 20th centuries, will take place Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., from January 20 to May 11, at the seminary (located in New Rochelle, NY). The course is open to the public, and tuition is \$100 for those auditing the course. For more on the class, click to the Eastern Diocese's website: <http://www.armenianchurch.org/news/index3.php?newsid=331&selmonth=12&selyear>

FAR Selects New "Mathevorian Scholars"

Recently, the Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR)—the international humanitarian aid organization of the Diocese—announced that 13 first-year university students at the Yerevan State Institute of Economics and Yerevan State University would be the latest "Mathevorian Scholars." More than 50 top students are being helped by this scholarship program, which was established in 1997 by New York philanthropist Anoosh Mathevorian, and covers tuition costs for outstanding students who are admitted to university but cannot afford to attend. For more on this and FAR's other programs, click to the FAR website. You can find the link on the Eastern Diocese's website, <http://www.armenianchurch.org/resources/links.html>

(Source: Fund for Armenian Relief, 12/16/03)

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On January 16, 2004, The Zoryan Institute of Toronto, Canada formally announced the creation of the International Insti-

tute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, (A Division of the Zoryan Institute).

"The purpose of this new institute," explained K. M. (Greg) Sarkissian, President of the Zoryan Institute, "is to have a specialized organization dedicated to administering the very successful Genocide and Human Rights University Program (GHRUP), now entering its third year. This division will also focus on entering into agreements with universities worldwide to facilitate the adoption of the GHRUP on renowned campuses where genocide studies are taught," he added.

The Genocide and Human Rights University Program is an intensive 2-week course that takes place in Toronto every summer and explores the universality of the issues related to genocide. It will be held next from August 3 to 13, 2004.

"There are several things that make this program unique," commented Roger Smith, Director of the program. "First," he elaborated, "it takes a comparative approach, and explores the fundamental concepts of genocide and human rights through an analysis of the key elements in such cases as the Armenian Genocide, the Jewish Holocaust, the Cambodian Genocide, and the Rwandan Genocide. Second, it provides an in-depth examination of the Armenian Genocide as the core case study. Third, it takes an interdisciplinary approach to the subject, from the perspective of such disciplines as history, sociology, political science, law, and culture/art. Finally, it brings together in one place some of the foremost specialists as instructors, which creates a special synergy between the faculty and students and among the faculty themselves."

"We see that there is an ever increasing interest in genocide and human rights studies among today's youth of all nationalities, who, perhaps more than ever before, have a global view of the world," noted George Shirinian, Director of the Zoryan Institute.

Details of the 2004 program will be published soon. For more information, contact Julie Gilmour, International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, 416-250-9807, admin@genocidestudies.org.

Ecumenical Visits to Etchmiadzin

His Holiness Shenouda II, Pope of the Coptic Church of Egypt, visited Etchmiadzin for three days last year (May 2-5). His visit was followed almost immediately by that of His Holiness Elias II, Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia (May 7-9). The latter visit was especially important in the light of the recent destruction of certain Armenian churches in Georgia and the conversion of others to Georgian Orthodox use.

Growth Of The Armenian Diaspora in Eastern and Central Europe

The emigration of Armenians from the Armenian Republic seeking employment elsewhere has led to a revival of Armenian community life in Poland and to the emergence of a totally new Armenian community in the Czech Republic. In

both cases the number of Armenians is said to have risen to some 20,000.

Armenian Churches Reopened, Built and Planned

The 14th century Cathedral of the Assumption of the Mother of God in Lviv, Ukraine (formerly Lvov in Poland), has been acquired by the growing Armenian community in the city and was reconsecrated to Apostolic use by His Holiness, Karekin II, Catholicos and Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians, on May 18. From the mid-17th century until its closure by the Communists in 1945, this cathedral had served as the Mother-Church of the Armenian Catholic community of Poland, now largely assimilated. A few days earlier, on May 15, His Holiness consecrated St. Sargis, the new (and first) Armenian church erected for the Armenians of Krasnoyarsk, said now to number some 12,000 individuals. In both cases the expenses of renovating or erecting these churches were borne by local Armenian philanthropists. The revival of the Armenian community in Ukraine, southern Russia, and the North Caucasus has been largely due to the arrival of Armenians from the Republic seeking employment elsewhere in the former Soviet Union.

On June 23, His Holiness blessed the foundation of the new church of St. Gregory of Narek in Vanadzor (formerly Kirovakan). Financed by donations of Armenian-American benefactors, the new house of worship is destined to serve as the cathedral for the diocese of Gugark. Now that the administrative divisions of Armenia have been revised from the previous 39 Soviet districts (raioni) to 10 provinces (marzer), the Armenian Church has appointed bishops to all 10 dioceses. The city of Yerevan, a unit unto itself, has an archbishop whose seat is the new cathedral of St. Gregory the Illuminator consecrated in the presence of Pope John-Paul II in 2001. In 2003, plans were underway for an Armenian cathedral to be erected in Stepanakert as the center for the diocese of Artsakh. Throughout the Soviet period Stepanakert had no churches at all.

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are available from the SAS Secretariat.

Please contact Barlow Der Mugardechian,
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News From Members

ROBERT H. HEWSEN (Professor Emeritus, Rowan University) will be teaching in the 2004 summer session of the new University of California, Merced. (Correction to the "News from Members" item in our previous issue: Professor Hewsen's talks at ALMA, NAASR, and Tufts University were canceled last fall due to scheduling problems. He spoke only for the ASA in Providence, and the Armenian Educational Foundation in Arlington. He also spoke informally before students at Harvard).

RICHARD G. HOVANNISIAN (Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History and Director of the Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Armenian History at UCLA) had a full schedule of university, civic, and community lectures and meetings during his stay in Buenos Aires from August 17 to 21, 2003. The visit was arranged by the Armenian Center, in cooperation with the Armenia Fund, and his schedule was coordinated by Prof. Nèlida Boulgourdjian and Juan Carlos Toufekjian. Dr. Hovannisian addressed the Human Rights Commission of the Argentine Senate on Tuesday, August 19, speaking on the subject of "The Armenian Genocide as a Prototype of Crimes against Humanity." On Wednesday, August 20, Professor Hovannisian was the featured lecturer at Austral University, in a special seminar series relating to genocide and crimes against humanity. The topic of his lecture was that of his most recent book, *Looking Backward, Moving Forward: Confronting the Armenian Genocide*. On his last day in Buenos Aires, August 21, Professor Hovannisian accompanied Dr. Alberto Djeredjian, Nèlida Boulghourdjian, and Juan Carlos Toufekjian to a meeting with Ambassador Horacio A. Basabe, Director of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The group reasserted the importance of international recognition of the Armenian Genocide and urged the Argentine Republic to reaffirm that position.

ANAHID KASSABIAN (Fordham University) gave lectures at Santa Clara University, University of North Texas, Università di Roma—La Sapienza, La Caixa Forum (Barcelona), University of Newcastle (UK), and McGill University in the past academic year. On October 9, she read some of her creative non-fiction in the NY Armenian literary series "Gartal" at Cornelia Street Cafe.

VIRGINIA AND ARAM KEVORKYAN (kerovpyan@online.fr) report that in May, 2003 their ensemble, Akn, under his direction, recorded two CD's, both by the OEMME Editions in Venice, Italy. The first will be produced by the same publisher. It is made up of chants of the Lenten season in the Mekhitarist tradition, with guest

soloist, Father Vertanes Oulouhodian. The second consists of sharakans dedicated to the saints of the Church of Armenia, in which she is the soloist. This latter one will be producing themselves. Aram has completed his doctoral work and presented it on October 22, 2003 at the Institut des Hautes Etudes of the Sorbonne. The subject is "The Armenian Oktoechos: A Method of Analysis adapted to the Sharakan Repertoire."

HERMINE F. MAHSEREDJIAN'S (California State University, Northridge) hard work was recognized when she received the "Distinguished Faculty Award" at a banquet organized by the Phi Beta Delta, Omega Chapter, Honorary Society of International Scholars, to recognize the experience of Armenian education and achievement on campus. "She is a model of knowledge, wisdom, energy, dedication and effective advocacy," said Koester, the President of CSU Northridge who presented the award to Mahseredjian. "She's a dynamic person. She's persistent, hardworking and dedicated," Shahmirian said. "Being a woman and trying to champion an Armenian studies program single-handedly in a bureaucratic university - I think she deserves the highest honor. They are fortunate to have such an iron lady."

LORNE SHIRINIAN'S (Royal Military College) new play, *Exile in the Cradle*, has been published and is available through Blue Heron Press, 160 Greenlees Drive, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7K 6P4, \$15.00 US.

MICHAEL STONE (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), will be spending much of February, 2004 studying the Armenian mss. in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin Ireland. The Beatty collection of oriental mss. contains eight Armenian texts, all of them beautifully illuminated. These were first published by the late Sirarpi Der Nersessian in two volumes (unfortunately only in black and white reproductions) in 1959.

Web Sites

Here is the web page on the recent International conference on Armenian Nor Julfa:

http://www.armenweb.com/CRDA/0en/2armenology/ucla_norjulfa.htm

The following link describes an exhibit at Williams College of the photographs of Antoin Sevruguin, the Armenian Iranian photographer.

<http://www.payvand.com/news/03/dec/1089.html>

For the Byzantine cave churches of Central Anatolia see: www.cappadociacavesuites.com

For new books at the Diocesan book store in New York, see: www.stvartanbookstore.com

Openings and Opportunities

The International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies Summer Program

The University of Minnesota and the International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies Offer Summer Course on Comparative Genocide, Toronto, Canada

The International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (A Division of the Zoryan Institute) is pleased to announce an agreement with the University of Minnesota to hold the Genocide and Human Rights University Program (GHRUP) for 2004 jointly in both Minneapolis and Toronto.

The GHRUP is a 2-week, 4-credit course that analyzes genocide through a multi-disciplinary approach and provides the intellectual framework for understanding genocide and the human responses to it. The program explores the universality of the issues related to genocide and takes a comparative approach for understanding the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust (the Extermination of European Jewry by Nazi Germany), the Cambodian Genocide and Rwandan Genocides, and more recent events with genocidal overtones. There is a focus on the Armenian Genocide, which is considered the archetypal genocide of the 20th Century. In addition, many special themes are explored, such as the mass violation of human rights; women, children, and genocide; how to teach about genocide; issues of memorialization and representation; and possibilities of dialogue and reconciliation between perpetrator and victim groups. Dr. Stephen Feinstein, Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota stated, "Since 1997, The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota has offered one and two-week summer workshops on the Holocaust and genocide. As a large land-grant American University, the U of M has been able to engage various centers and departments as co-sponsors and participants in this effort. This includes The Institute for Global Studies, Center for German and European Studies, and The Human Rights Program at the U of M, which also offers specialized courses and workshops for teachers on this important subject. The alliance between the University of Minnesota and the International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies allows both centers access to enhanced academic expertise, as well as the capacity to teach about genocide to larger numbers of students and teachers. The two-week format of the program provides a special intensity and discourse among participants, which is unique and has had the effect of changing career plans for some students. The University of Minnesota looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies."

The program at the Twin Cities campus will take place July 5-16, 2004 and accommodate up to 35 people.

The program in Toronto will take place August 3-13, and accommodate up to 25 people.

Details of the 2004 program will be provided shortly. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Feinstein, director, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota, 612-626-2235, feins001@umn.edu, or Julie Gilmour, International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, 416-250-9807. 255 Duncan Mill Rd., Suite 310, Toronto, ON, Canada M3B 3H9; Tel: 416-250-9807; Fax: 416-512-1736; E-mail: admin@genocidestudies.org; www.genocidestudies.org; Contact: George Shirinian; Tel: 416-250-9807.

Henry S. Khanzadian Kazan Visiting Professorship in Armenian Studies

California State University, Fresno

College of Arts and Humanities, Armenian Studies

Program-Vacancy #04LAH01

Appointment is for one semester, only. Available either Fall 2004 or Spring 2005. Salary: Dependent upon academic preparation and professional experience. Teaching Load: One course in modern Armenian studies (nineteenth or twentieth century) is required, other teaching is optional. Instructional Level: Undergraduate Specific Position Characteristics: The successful candidate will be required to teach a single course in Armenian Studies in the modern period (nineteenth century or later). Candidates should indicate the specific course they propose to offer, including a very brief outline. In addition, the successful candidate will be required to give three public lectures on a single topic to be published later as a monograph. Candidates should indicate their three-lecture topic by title in their letter of application. The successful candidate may be expected to teach in a distance learning mode. The successful candidate will be expected to work cooperatively with faculty and staff in the department and college. The successful candidate may be asked to teach an additional 3-unit course during the semester.

Qualifications:

Academic Preparation: Preference will be given to candidates with a completed Ph.D. in Armenian Studies or a related field, and who have published books and articles in the discipline of Armenian studies or Armenian history or a related area.

Teaching or Other Professional Experience: The university is seeking candidates who possess a record of distinguished publication and research in modern Armenian studies and whose professional career has been in university teaching or research in Armenian Studies, Armenian History, or a closely related field. The successful candidate must have the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Online application form can be found at <http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/sc1.pdf>

Applications: Applicants should send a cover letter; a complete up-to-date curriculum vita; three letters of recommendation; names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for five references. All materials should be sent directly to: Dr. Bruce Thornton, Search Committee Chair, Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno 5245 N. Backer Avenue M/S PB4, Fresno, CA 93740-8001 Phone: (559) 278- 7037 Fax: (559) 278 -7878. Brucet@csufresno.edu

Open Until Filled: To ensure the fullest consideration of their application, applicants are encouraged to have all application materials on file by: March 15, 2004. California State University, Fresno is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and all qualified applicants receive equal consideration in the selection process. We particularly encourage applications from members of traditionally underrepresented groups protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Vietnam era veterans, and persons with physical disabilities. The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires the University to inform you that we can employ only U.S. citizens and aliens lawfully authorized to work in the U.S. Each new employee is required to present documentation verifying his/her identity and right to accept employment.

**The Caucasus Research Resource Centers
Visiting instructors; workshops on economics,
demography and sociology**

The CRRC invites proposals from economists, sociologists and demographers interested in serving as visiting instructors in the workshops on Economics, Demography and Sociology at the Caucasus Research Resource Centers located in Baku, Yerevan and Tbilisi.

During the 2003-2004 academic years, instructors are sought in the following subjects:

I. Sociology and Demography: research ethics, survey design and implementation, applied sampling methods, data archiving/coding, content analysis, population studies, public policy analysis, Applied Statistics for Sociologists

II. Economics/statistical analysis: basic/advanced econometrics, panel data analysis, time series analysis, transition economics.

Public Lectures and course materials can be in Russian or in English. Instructors are sought for workshops varying from one to four weeks in length, depending on the requirements of the subject matter. Honoraria for instructions will be provided, along with basic travel and accommodation to and from teaching locations. Inquires and applications should be sent to the address below. To apply, please submit a one-page proposal and a brief CV. Proposals should state the field(s) in which the applicant would like to offer courses; describe the level, scope and possible texts, and indicate the time frame in which the applicant would be available.

Information about the program can be found at: http://www.eurasia.org/programs/crrc_intro.html

Please send your application to the following address (electronic submission preferred): Reference CRRC visiting instructors' position in subject line; E-mail: resumes@eurasia.org; Fax: (202) 234-7377; No phone calls, please

**The Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin's Working Group
Modernity and Islam Fellowships for 8 postdoctoral re-
searchers for two projects.**

I) "Cultural Mobility in Near Eastern Literatures", Scholars are invited to apply for three postdoctoral fellowships for the project "Cultural Mobility in Near Eastern Literatures" This project, led by Friederike Pannewick (Freie Universitt Berlin), examines the diverse reception and exchange relationships between the literatures of the Near East and other regions. In 2004-2005 the thematic emphasis will be on literature as an archive of knowledge. "Literature can be read as an archive of diverse forms of cultural knowledge: knowledge of everyday life and scientific knowledge coexist with memories and traditions, "world knowledge", and self-knowledge. With the help of literary texts, one can plumb the depths of a society or culture to find expressions of human suffering and joy, wisdom, and passion. Unlike technical or scientific knowledge, literary knowledge is never independent of reflective processes serving to integrate it in the image of oneself or of a group. Literature thus explores the subjectivity of knowledge, in processes of either remembrance or forgetfulness, of working through traumatic experiences or of rejecting them. The fellowships should serve to study these multifaceted literary representations of knowledge insofar they are mediated by intertextuality, different genres and medias. A special emphasis should be put on the comparative aspects of exchanges and transfers among different cultures and languages (with subjects like the 'perception of the Other', travelogues, diaspora, exile, and multilingualism). The project Cultural Mobility in Near Eastern Literatures brings comparative literature scholars of Middle Eastern philologies together with researchers in other philological areas and in cultural studies. Germany's Federal Ministry for Education and Research is funding the project Cultural Mobility in Near Eastern Literatures.

Prerequisites for Application:

The fellowships are intended above all for scholars of cultural studies and literature from the Middle East who want to carry out their research projects in connection with the Berlin project.

Fellows of the Working Group Modernity and Islam gain the opportunity to pursue research projects of their choice within the framework of the project Cultural Mobility in Near Eastern Literatures. In Berlin, they will be integrated in a university or non-university research institute. Fellows will

receive a monthly stipend of EUR 1,800 (supplement for married Fellows: EUR 250) and are obligated to work in Berlin and to help shape the project-related seminars and working discussions. As a rule, the fellowships begin on 1 October 2004 and end on 31 July 2005.[†] The applicant's doctorate should have been completed no earlier than 1997. An application consists of a curriculum vitae, a 2- to 4-page project sketch, a sample of scholarly work (maximum 20 pages from an article, conference paper, or dissertation chapter) and an evaluation by one university instructor. It should be submitted in English and received by 29 February 2004, sent to: Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam Geschäftsstelle Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin.

Attention: Georges Khalil, Wallotstraße 19, 14193 Berlin, Germany; Fax +49 - 30 - 89 00 12 00; Email: khalil@wiko-berlin.de. For further information, please see: http://www.wiko-berlin.de/Information/eakmi_i.htm.

II. New Approaches to the "History of Merchant Cities in the Ottoman Empire and its Successor States." Five fellowships for postdoctoral researchers for the academic year 2004-2005, the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin's Working Group Modernity and Islam in cooperation with the Center for Modern Oriental Studies Berlin, the Interdisciplinary Centre 'Socio-Cultural History of the Middle East' at Free University Berlin and the Institute of the German Oriental Society in Istanbul invites scholars to apply for five postdoctoral fellowships for the theme New Approaches to the History of Merchant Cities in the Ottoman Empire and its Successor States. The question of whether, and if so how, multicultural environments function is one that concerns modern day politicians as much as urban planners observing the processes of segregation between different population groups along lines of class and ethnicity. In this context, the development of historical urban centers, notably during the 18th to 20th centuries, might provide an interesting comparison and contrast. The proposed project focuses on the development of merchant ports in the Ottoman Empire and its successor states. The cosmopolitanism of Ottoman port cities and their tolerance of non-Muslim merchants has been retrospectively celebrated and plays a considerable role in a certain nostalgia for the pre-1918 order. Ottoman merchant and port cities have been the subject of important studies which gave attention to those groups which are well documented in the archives, such as state representatives, notables, affluent merchants and Europeans. Building on these studies, this project seeks to investigate the processes of interaction involving broader strata of society, including the transient groups of merchants, sailors, temporary laborers and others, on the one hand, and the somewhat more established local society, on the other. When do individuals and groups become part of local society, and even start to establish their own "sub-communities"? How do they articulate their interests and affiliations? How do they interact with political authority? What imprint, if any, do they leave on the urban

texture? How and under what conditions do such processes of integration take place, and how do they unravel again? How are integration and / or marginality understood and defined by the actors themselves? This focus on the socially less privileged groups raises questions about methodology and sources. Colonial archives and local chronicles or biographical collections will be of less value than in writing the history of the merchant elites. Court records might provide valuable insight into very different social groups. It is in this domain that much new insight is to be expected from younger scholars working in the Ottoman archives and other public and private collections.

Prerequisites for application: The fellowships are intended for young Post-doctoral level historians and scholars of cultural studies and social sciences from Turkey, the Middle East and the Balkans, but also for experts on Ottoman History from other countries. As fellows of the Working Group Modernity and Islam scholars have the opportunity to pursue research projects of their choice, to discuss their work with urban and social historians who work on other areas, and to organize a joint workshop towards the end of their stay in order to present their findings. Researchers from Turkey or from countries which emerged from the Ottoman Empire will be invited for a ten month stay in Berlin and will be affiliated with the Centre of Modern Oriental Studies and the Inter-disciplinary Centre 'Socio-Cultural History of the Middle East', scholars from other countries will be affiliated with the Institute of the German Oriental Society in Istanbul. At both places access to research facilities is given. They will receive a monthly stipend of EUR 1,800 (supplement for married Fellows: EUR 250) and are expected to work in Berlin or in Istanbul. As a rule, the fellowship begins on 1 October 2004 and ends on 31 July 2005. The applicant's doctorate should have been completed no earlier than 1997.

An application, consisting of a curriculum vitae, a project sketch of 2-4 pages, a sample of scholarly work (maximum 20 pages from an essay, conference paper, or dissertation chapter), and an evaluation by one university instructor, should be submitted in English and received by 29 February 2004, sent to the same address as above.

AASSSG Launches Ninth Annual Krieger Essay Contest for High School and College Students

The Armenian American Society for Studies on Stress & Genocide (AASSSG) was founded in 1988 by Dr. Anie Kalayjian to advance national and international understanding of the generational and intergenerational effects of traumatic experiences, such as genocide, earthquake, and war. In 1995, 80 years after the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians (1915-1923), AASSSG established an annual essay contest as part of its commemorative activities.

Essay Awards: "What the Legacy of Genocide Means

to Me." \$100.00 for High School student winner; \$200.00 for College/University student winner

Eligibility and Submission Criteria:

1. Students must be enrolled in high school (Grades 10-12) or college/university (undergraduate level); they must be residents of New York, New Jersey or Connecticut;
2. Essays must be original and unpublished;
3. Essays must include social, psychological, philosophical or human rights perspectives, focusing on both current and past genocides, starting with the first Genocide of the 20th Century;
4. Essays must be in English, typewritten, double-spaced, and 1,000-2,000 words in length;
5. No more than one entry per year, and per family;
6. All entries become the property of AASSSG and will not be returned;
7. AASSSG reserves the right to make no award(s) in a given year if, in the opinion of its three judges, the submissions do not meet its criteria.

The benefactor of this essay contest is Dr. Edmund L. Gergerian, who resolved to establish this award in memory of his late uncle, Father Krikor Guerguerian, aka Krieger. Born in 1911 in Gurin, Sebastia, Turkey, Father Guerguerian was the tenth child of a prosperous Armenian Catholic family, whose ancestors originated from Gargar, a fortress-city dating from the time of the Crusaders. He survived one of the forced death marches, which ended in Syria. He witnessed the murder of his parents as a child, was taken as an orphan to Damascus, Syria, and then moved to Lebanon in 1916.

Krieger's own near death experiences compelled him to devote his life to gathering documentary evidence: on the Ottoman Turkish Genocide of the Armenians. In the early 1940's, Father Guerguerian met with Kurd Mustafa Kemal in Cairo, Egypt. Kemal was one of the judges on the War Crime Tribunals convened by the Ottoman government in 1918 and 1919. Since the documents were written in Ottoman, he spent months painstakingly teaching himself Ottoman. He then traveled around the world combing through archives and collections in the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Egypt, Israel, and Lebanon. He collected hundreds of documents in Ottoman, authenticated by seals of government agencies and therefore representing incontrovertible evidence of these events as genocide. He had completed about 80% of his work when he died in 1988. Today, his nephew continues his uncle's work.

All entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2004.

Please include cover letter indicating name, address, phone/fax, E-mail, age, year of study, name of school/college attending, college major field of study, and career objectives and mail to:

Dr. Anie Kalayjian, 130 West 79th St., New York, NY 10024; Tel: (212) 362-4018; Fax: (201) 941-5110; E-mail: kalayjiana@aol.com

Communications

From: Abraham D. Krikorian,
adkrikorian@earthlink.net via Dennis R. Papazian

Does anyone know by whom and when the 15 minute or so fragment (clip as it were), of "Ravished Armenia" was located/re-discovered? This silent film, first shown in 1919, was deemed forever lost at the time of the writing of "Ravished Armenia and the Story of Aurora Mardiganian" edited by Anthony Slide, 1997. I have since learned that someone in Buenos Aires, Argentina found a bit of the film in 2000 but that is all I know. This film fragment may be seen as a "trailer" on the VHS video entitled "The Armenian Americans" released in 2000 by WLIW Long Island television.

Response from Dickran Kouymjian:

A wonderful fellow who lives in Argentina, tracked down the fragments in the Armenian archives in Erevan and put together the film. His name is Kozlanian and I can supply his address. I still believe that a fragment or the film itself exists somewhere in a U.S. studio archive. The video itself can also be bought in the Los Angeles area.

Response from Armen Garabedian:

I don't know if this would help but the e-mail address of the producer and director of "The Armenian Americans," Andrew Goldberg is: Guywithcat@aol.com. Having designed the maps used in that video, I remember asking him that same question and it being some time ago, did not record his reply in memory. Better get that information from him.

Assistance needed for Eastern Armenian Language Manual

I am a Ph.D. student at the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Berkeley. At the moment I am writing a proposal for the Eastern Armenian Language manual for Gorgias Press, and I am a little stuck on the marketing part. I need to come up with 5 professional email lists or websites and 5 professional review periodicals where my book could be advertised and reviewed. I was wondering if you would be willing to either review or advertise the book in your newsletter? Finally, would you by any chance know any other organizations that could be of help in this question? All the best, and many warm wishes to everyone in the admirable Armenian Studies department [at CSU Fresno].

Sincerely,

Alina Ayvazian <salina_ayvazian@yahoo.com>

Contacting the Library of Congress

If any colleagues need to contact Levon Avdoyan, Armenian and Georgian Area Specialist, Near East Section/AMED at the Library of Congress in the near future, please use only

email, telephone or fax communication (Phone: (202) 707-5680; FAX: (202) 252-3180; Email: Lavd@loc.gov). Please note also that the Library of Congress will be unable to send anything out using the postal system. This is true, for the interim, of all Congressional Buildings. Dr. Avdoyan will inform us when this changes

Where to place Armenia?

Dear Colleagues (I):

My name is Tyrone Nagai and I work as an editor at CSA Sociological Abstracts, Inc. in San Diego. I was hoping you could offer us some guidance. We are having difficulty in deciding whether Armenia is part of Europe, the Middle East, or Central Asia. Perhaps it is unfair to have to choose one region over another, but for the sake of consistency in our Thesaurus of Sociological Indexing Terms, a decision must be made.

Thanks for your help.

Dear colleagues (II):

After considering the many arguments for categorizing Armenia within a specific geographic region of the world, such as Central Asia, the Middle East, or Europe, it was decided that it is best to let Armenia stand without such a broad classification in the Thesaurus of Sociological Indexing Terms. This decision is an affirmation of the precedent found in the thesaurus. Armenia has never been classified under a broader geographic region in the thesaurus's history, and it will continue in this way. I now understand the reasons behind this practice. I genuinely appreciate all of the information that was offered in response to my query. Having a better grasp of the geography, history, and politics of Armenia proved vital in making this decision.

Thanks again.

Tyrone Nagai

Nansen Passport needed

An institution in Armenia is looking for an original Nansen Passport, preferably one issued to an Armenian. Raffi Hovannisian would carry it to Armenia in person. Please contact the SAS Secretariat if you can help.

Information needed on privatization in Armenia

My name is Rob Maguire, and I am currently pursuing a Master of Arts in International Development Studies at Dalhousie University. I have recently begun researching the privatization of utilities in Armenia for my thesis, and thought that I would contact the Armenian Research Center as you may have suggestions of where to turn for appropriate resources or may know of some contacts that I may find helpful. I am having some difficulty finding information on privatization in the country, with the exception of some documents from the World Bank, UNDP, and US AID. This has been the primary reason why I am having difficulty narrowing my topic at this stage. So far, however, I believe that

examining the privatization of the electrical utilities in particular may be the most appropriate direction, but I am still in the process of focusing my research goals. In any case, if you have any suggestions that I may find useful, I would be greatly appreciative. I should also note that field research is essentially a de facto component of my programme, and hence I will likely be spending some time in the country. If you have any advice regarding this as well (including any knowledge of funding sources), it would be kindly received. Thank you for your help, it is appreciated!

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Necrology

The Society regrets the passing of three notable members of our field, **Professor Michel van Esbroeck, S.J.** (1933-2003), specialist in early Armenian and Georgian Christianity, who died at his home in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, **Professor Leo G. Hamalian** (1920-2003), late of the City College of New York, who among many other academic and literary endeavors, edited *Ararat Magazine* for the past thirty-one years; and **Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian** (1941-2003), former incumbent of the Armenian Prelacy in New York and more recently resident of the Armenian Republic where he was engaged in church and scholarly work.

Dr. van Esbroeck, formerly of the Department of Oriental philology at the University of Munich, was widely known for his scholarship in theology, patristics, and hagiography, and did much to clarify the legends that surround the origins of Christianity in Armenia.

Many of us who had occasion to write for *Ararat* had a long and fruitful association with **Leo Hamalian**, who was always kind and generous with his assistance, and who also devotedly nurtured the magazine, maintaining its high quality as a literary quarterly through times that were often financially lean. Teacher, essayist, critic, and anthologist, his encouragement to novice contributors, his diligence in bringing Armenian writers to the attention of a non-Armenian speaking generation, and his special issues that highlighted such writers and artists such as William Saroyan, Arshile Gorky, and Sergei Parajanov will be long remembered.

Funeral services for His **Eminence Archbishop Mesrob Ashjian**, who died of a heart attack on Tuesday December 2, 2003, were held on Friday December 5th, at the St. Illuminator's Cathedral in Manhattan at 8 p.m. and again on

Saturday, December 6th, at 10 a.m. A member of the Brotherhood of the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia, Archbishop Ashjian had recently been serving at the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin, where he worked on the recent publication *Etchmiadzin Chronicles*, a first-person history told by centuries of visitors to the Holy See (see in this issue under Publications). We are thankful that his magnum opus, which will preserve his memory for the future, was published before his untimely death and is currently available through the various Armenian bookstores. Before serving at Etchmiadzin, Archbishop Mesrob served in America. He was laid to rest in Antelias, Lebanon.

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4/4/03	3.75
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subtotal **126.25**

Total expenses **9,986.88**

Cash on hand as of 11/28/03 **\$14,478.62**

Announcement:**University of Venice, Italy**

**Padus-Araxes Summer Program for Intensive
Instruction in Armenian Language and Culture
August 2004**

www.padus-araxes.com

Our annual intensive summer course in Armenian Language and Culture will take place from August 2nd to the 20th this year. In existence for almost twenty years now, our course attracts students from the four corners of the globe, of all different levels and with a variety of interests.

We offer several course levels, and accommodate all types of students, from the absolute novice to the advanced student of literature. Classes last four to five hours each day, and are held five days a week. Classroom instruction is complemented by cultural activities, including musical instruction by the renowned Kotchnak ensemble based out of Paris.

In the past, we have arranged for our groups to attend concerts in the Byzantine Church located on the island of Torcello; organized tours to the island of the Armenian monastery of San Lazzaro (Surb Ghazar) just off of Venice; encouraged students to see operas at the outdoor amphitheater at Verona (a relatively short train ride away); held group dinners in the garden complemented by plays and talent shows; and encouraged students to attend the traditional Mass of the Assumption of Mary (the 'Blessing of the Grapes') at the monastery of San Lazzaro - really, something to be experienced!

Our program offers excellent instruction in Armenian language by scholars from Armenia, Syria, Turkey, Greece and France. We also offer courses on Armenian History, conducted by historians from Italy, Armenia and the United States.

Our multi-faceted program will surely provide you with a wonderfully rich cultural and intellectual experience. We pride ourselves on the fact that so many of our students return again and again, such that they might meet up with old friends, make new ones, and drink more from the infinite wells of knowledge offered by the city of Venice, herself.

Accommodations are very comfortable and we house our students (of all ages) in dormitories of the University of Venice. We have been using l'Abazia dormitory for over four years now and students have marveled at its loveliness. The garden offers a wonderful space for communicating, eating and drinking and, of course, dancing and singing!

The kitchen of l'Abazia is clean and provides enough space for us all to cook and enjoy cooking together! The dormitory also has several washing machines and space to dry clothes, as well. l'Abazia is located centrally, with a market just around the corner, loads of restaurants and bars within three minutes walking distance and only a short vaporetto ride away from the building in which our classes are held at the university.

Meals are not included in the prices we quote. Markets are available all over Venice and provide a cheap and enjoyable option. Students tend to have their coffee and croissant at home or in a cafe en route to school, and then usually will eat lunch in the university cafeteria which offers a simple but balanced meal for under 6 Euros. Dinner can be cooked at the dorm or, of course, eaten either in the same cafeteria or in one of Venice's wonderful restaurants.

The tuition for 2004 is 630 Euros or its equivalent in other currency. Of this amount Euros should be sent as a **registration fee** upon acceptance by March 31st. After this date the amount of the registration fee increases to 500 Euros. The total amount is to be settled upon arrival, in one of the main Western currencies. **This is a basic condition for access to lodging.** Money, once paid, will not be refunded for any reason. A **10% discount** is offered to those who have already attended the course twice as well as to one of their close relatives (parents, brothers, husband/wife).

Residenza Abazia. The costs for living in the dormitory

from July 31st to August 22nd is: 800 Euros for a single room, 600 Euros for a double room. Any per diem calculation is not permitted within this time period.

Our application is available online at www.padus-araxes.com.

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Second Annual International Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies at UCLA this February

The UCLA Armenian Graduate Students Association invites the public to the second annual, international Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies at UCLA on Friday, February 20, 2004. This day-long academic event will begin at 10am and be held in the famous Royce Hall, room 314.

This year the organizing committee has set out to continue the fine tradition that began last year with the launching of the first-ever international colloquium in Armenian Studies developed specifically for graduate students by graduate students. UCLA, a premier institution for the growing field of Armenology and a leader in interdisciplinary studies, is hosting this event to further foster the development of Armenian Studies, facilitate interaction between graduate students and faculty from various institutions, provide a medium for the exchange of ideas, and contribute to the professional and academic advancement of graduate students.

Studies from multiple fields will be presented, including education and linguistics, history, literature, and political science. Topics discussed range from contemporary Armenian poetry to analysis of classical theological works, diasporan identity to language use and literacy, and a historical analysis of the Artsakh conflict to a look at the current geo-political lines being drawn in today's Caucasus. Presenters are graduate students coming from universities and countries all around the world, including UCLA, UMass, Boston University, University of Bradford (UK), State University of Innsbruck (Austria), and multiple institutes within the Republic of Armenia.

This year, the organizing committee was led by Ani Moughamian, a graduate student from the School of Education. She was joined by a number graduate student veterans from the 2003 GSCiAS as well as faculty advisor, Dr. Peter Cowe. Graduate students from across many disciplines were responsible for the individual aspects of developing the event. This ranged from financing to program scheduling, facilities and refreshments to travel and accommodations, as well as both academic and media public relations.

Armenian Studies at UCLA began in 1960. The discipline was augmented in 1962 with the appointment of Dr.

Richard G. Hovannisian, current holder of the Armenian Educational Foundation Chair in Modern Armenian History. In 1965, language and literature was established on a permanent footing with the arrival of Dr. Avedis K. Sanjian, who guided the expansion of this area over the next three decades. The Narekatsi Chair, founded in 1969 through the efforts of National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, has the distinction of being the oldest endowed chair at UCLA. The first chair-holder was Dr. Sanjian and in July 2000 Dr. S. Peter Cowe was appointed as successor. Since 1997 regular instruction in Eastern Armenian has complemented teaching in Western Armenian; instructed by Drs. Anahid Keshishian and Gayané Hagopian, respectively. In 1998, Armenian Studies was officially recognized as an undergraduate minor and currently proposals are underway to institute the major.

The Graduate Student Colloquium in Armenian Studies is yet another step in the development of the rich tradition of Armenian Studies at UCLA. Organized by graduate students, for graduate students, it provides an opportunity for students to actively and significantly contribute to the academic environment on campus.

The colloquium is made possible, in part, by the financial contributions of a number of the departments, programs, and centers at UCLA including the departments of Art History, Comparative Literature, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, the program in Indo-European Studies, the Center for European and Eurasian (Russian) Studies, as well as Graduate Division of the UCLA administration. The Friends of Armenian Studies at UCLA has also pledged its financial support for the colloquium. Last, but by no means least, the committee also received financial support from two campus funds; the GSA Student Interest Group Fund as well as the Campus Programs Committee Fund.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

Armenian Cultural Foundation Microfilms of Armenian Language Periodicals

The Armenian Cultural Foundation is pleased to announce the availability for sale of its first phase of its microfilms of its Armenian language newspapers.

The Armenian Cultural Foundation

Founded in Boston in 1945 and located in Arlington, MA since 1962, the ACF is the repository of an extensive collection of Armenian periodicals, atlases, and encyclopedias dating chiefly from the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The holdings, as detailed in the ACF's *Bibliography of Armenian Periodicals, Monographic Series and Reference Materials* (2000), include 144 series of newspapers published in Constantinople, Tiflis, Baku, Yerevan, Paris, New York City, Boston and elsewhere as well as 199 titles of monographic series and 121 yearbooks, encyclopedias and

dictionaries. Research into the major Armenian program libraries in the United States, the Mekhitarist libraries in Europe and institutions in Armenia revealed no plans to duplicate their holdings. For this reason and because of the journals' importance and their condition (their age and their acidic paper on which they were printed are turning them brown and brittle), the ACF decided in 2002 to microfilm its entire newspaper collection.

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The following is a list of the first five titles available for sale:

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During the last several weeks of 2003, a number of studies produced by Zoryan Institute's Director of Genocide Research, Prof. Vahakn Dadrian, have appeared, including new publications by Vahakn Dadrian on the Armenian Genocide in the United States, England and Japan.

New Paperback Editions

Berghahn Books of New York and Oxford, has just come out with a sixth printing of *History of the Armenian Genocide*, this time in a revised edition, and also in soft cover. Noteworthy in this new edition is a new chapter inserted as an Epilogue, along with its twenty-eight endnotes. In a compact style, Prof. Dadrian explores in this new chapter two

critical aspects of the Armenian Genocide that were not fully accounted for in the main body of the text. One of them refers to ongoing Turkish arguments regarding the incidence and scope of Armenian atrocities perpetrated against unarmed Turkish civilian populations. Confronting this argument head-on, Dadrian, relying mainly upon the official documents of Imperial Germany and Imperial Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire's staunch allies in World War I, and even those of the U.S.A., which was neutral until April 1917, demonstrates two cardinal facts which serve to reduce to irrelevance the Turkish arguments. To the extent that Armenian atrocities took place, they were acts of vendetta by individual Armenians, mostly volunteers in the Russian Caucasus Army, who went literally berserk after seeing the vast desolation of their native villages and the ghastly evidence of the massacres attending that desolation. In other words, these atrocities were committed in response to and in relation for the preceding acts of genocide. Secondly, as attested to some by Ottoman documents and Austro-Hungarian and American official testimony, these acts of vengeance claimed no more than 5,000-6,000 victims and bore no relationship to the comprehensive mass murder that the Ottoman central government organized and carried out against its Armenian population.

The other issue covered in this new chapter deals with the cardinal role in the conception, decision making, organization, and implementation of the Armenian Genocide by Dr. Behaeddin Shakir, the physician-politician who exerted a decisive influence in the councils of the Central Committee of the Young Turk Ittihad party, along with his cohort, Dr. Nazim. Through meticulous research, Dadrian has established the fact that the last massacre of World War I that took place in Baku on September 15-17, 1918, and to which some 20,000 Armenians fell victim, was masterminded by none other than the same, notorious Dr. Behaeddin Shakir, who, by special arrangement, had accompanied the invading Turkish Army of Islam, and acting as temporary Police Chief of Baku, had organized that last bloodbath of World War I. Through his research of old and new Turkish sources, Prof. Dadrian ascertained that already in the years 1906-1908, Dr. Shakir, through a number of secret letters, had promised his followers in Baku that the time would surely come when Ittihad, at the peak of its power, would know how to settle scores with the Armenians. In the same chapter, Dadrian exposes the duplicity through which not only the Ittihadist, but subsequently the Kemalist leaders tried to lull the Armenians by way of two-track cipher traffic into an illusory peace. On November 8, 1920, the fledgling Ankara government, in a top-secret cipher, ordered Kemalist general Karabekir to prepare for the political and material destruction of Armenia, meaning the newly established Republic of Armenia, to whose Foreign office the same authority in Ankara, i.e. Foreign Minister Ahmet Muhtar, on the same day had conveyed in a new spirit of friendship his assurances of wanting to help the new Armenia recover economically.

Another of Prof. Dadrian's books, *Warrant For Genocide: Key Elements of Turko-Armenian Conflict*, published by Transaction Publishers of New Brunswick, NJ and London, has recently also appeared in its 4th edition in a soft cover format.

Other Books of Interest

Ashjian, Abp. Mesrob (Comp.) *The Etchmiadzin Chronicles Recorded by Missionaries and Merchants, Diplomats and Scholars* with 96 Colour and 176 Black and White Illustrations. Moughni Publishers, Armenia, 2003.

Balakian, Peter, *The Burning Tigris. The Armenian Genocide and America's Response*. New York, 2003.

George Bournoutian's, *The Chronicle of Zak'aria of K'anak'er*, published by Mazda Press, is the critical annotated translation with commentary, glossary, maps, plate, bibliography and an index of a very important primary source on Armenian, Iranian, and Ottoman history of the second half of the 17th century.

Demirjian, Derenik, *Book of Flowers*. Eng. Tranl. James R. Russell. Belmont, Mass., 2003.

The National Association for Armenian Studies and Research announces the publication by the Armenian Heritage Press of the newly translated *The Book of Flowers* by Derenik Demirjian, with commentary by Prof. James R. Russell, Mashtots Professor of Armenian Studies at Harvard University. The book was officially launched during a special holiday open house at the NAASR Center at 395 Concord Avenue in Belmont, MA, Thursday, December 11.

Galichian, Robert, *Historic Maps of Armenia. The Cartographic Heritage*. London, I. B. Tauris, London, New-York, March, 2004.

The book is a compilation of over 160 maps related to the region of Armenia, which have been taken from the maps prepared by world renowned cartographers and geographers of various nationalities and times. All the maps are reproduced in their original form, accompanied with only additional description and information related to their authors, sources and important features.

The oldest map shown in the book is a Babylonian clay tablet, dating from the sixth century BC. Then there are maps of the classical Greek and Alexandrian geographers, as well as the early Christian maps. Islamic and Armenian cartography is also represented with a number of maps, followed up by the European early and late Medieval ones.

A few rare Ottoman and Arabic maps are also shown, which show where the country of Armenia is and which are its main cities. Some Ottoman and Arab geographers' manuscript pages are reproduced, where names of the towns, cities and borders of Armenia are discussed.

The collection includes many manuscript portolan sea charts and maps, which in addition to being informative, are beautiful works of art too. The western cartography is represented by multitude of maps from fifteenth to the nineteenth century.

The book includes an essay about the history of maps and mapmaking related to the region of Armenia, as well as a dictionary of oft-used geographical names.

The maps are compiled and the texts are prepared by using the resources of various libraries and museums of the world. These include the British Library, the British Museum, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, Library of Congress, University of Bologna, Museum of Jerusalem, Walters Gallery, John Rylands Library, Matenadaran and other sources.

Bearing in mind the current "historic facts" reported by Azerbaijani and Turkish "scholars", who try to prove that the Armenians are not indigenous to the South Caucasus and Eastern Turkey, the book, through the works of various Greek, Islamic and Western cartographers proves where Armenia has been located for the past 2600 years.

This is a book, which is a MUST for anyone interested in the history and geography of Armenia and its neighbouring countries, including the geopolitics of the area. It is a source of many references for any student of geography and cartography, interested in the area of the Middle East and Asia Minor.

It also clarifies the location of the country of Azerbaijan (south of the Araxes river) and shown the names that today's territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan by which it was known by until 1918.

Gellately, Robert and Ben Kiernani (eds.), *The Specter of Genocide*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2003.

Gordin, Iakov, *Kavkaz: zemlia i krob: Rossiia v kavkazskoi voine xix veka [Caucasia: Land and Shelter Russia in the Caucasian War in the 19th century]*. St. Petersburg, 2000. Just published:

Gregorian, Vartan. *The Road to Home: My Life and Times*. Simon and Schuster, 2004.

Halacoglu, Yusuf, *Facts on The Relocation of Armenians 1914-1918 Ankara*, Turkish Historical Society Printing Office, 2002. Softbound. ISBN 975-16-1554- .

Kerovpyan, Virginia. *Saints de l'Eglise Arménien*, Akn, Centre d'études liturgique arménien, 2003.

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