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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Byzantine News**  Issue 58, August 2022 (Addendum)  Editors: Sergei Mariev (Mainz) and Annick Peters-Custot (Nantes) IT Support: Panagiotis Kanelatos (Athens) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The editors apologize for the omission of the following material that was scheduled to appear in the regular Issue 58 of the Newsletter. The omitted material is included below. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Appeal of the Armenian National Committee for Byzantine Studies**    **Honourable colleagues,**  **the members of the Armenian National Committee for Byzantine Studies appeal to AIEB and to all the National Committees to express their solidarity with the statement recently made by the UNESCO intended to preserve historical monuments on the territory of Nagornyj Karabakh. We hope that our declaration may be conducive to monitoring the protection of ancient and medieval monuments on this territory, a part of which is found, as a result of the war of 2020, under Azerbaijan's control. In the light of numerous cases of intentional destruction of Armenian monuments on territories controlled by Azerbaijan (cf. in particular the destruction of mediaeval Armenian cemetery in Nakhichevan), as well as the erasure of Armenian inscriptions on churches and especially in view of the recent declarations made by Azerbaijani authorities intending to ‘verify' the authenticity of ancient Christian monuments and to ‘cleanse’ them from what they claim to be traces of ‘Armenianisation’ of monuments of Caucasian Albania, the rich historical heritage of Nagornyj Karabagh is in imminent danger.**  **Therefore, we call you to raise your voice against this cleansing of the millennia-long presence of Armenian culture on the territory of Nagornyj Karabakh.** **May our voice sound at least as eagerly as it did against the modification of the status of Hagia Sophia in 2020.**  **1 June 2022** **Yerevan**  **Announcement from the Armenian National Committe for Byzantine Studies**  **NERSES SHNORHALI: THE GRACIOUS PATRIARCH**  **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  The 850th anniversary of the death of great medieval thinker, poet and theologian Nerses Shnorhali (Patriarch Nerses IV Clayetsi (1166-1173)) has been included in UNESCO 2022-2023 calendar commemorating historical events and anniversaries of eminent personalities.  The Mesrop Mashtots Matenadaran, as the most important center of medieval Armenian written culture, is planning a number of events on this anniversary, including an international Armenological conference, entitled *Nerses Shnorhali. The Gracious Patriarch*.  It aims to re-evaluate Nerses Shnorhali’s unique role and significance in Armenian medieval literature and culture. The conference will be an effective platform to gather prominent Armenian and foreign Armenologists, young and experienced scholars, to reflect on Shnorhali's diverse and multi-layered literary heritage, pan-Christian and universal ideas, to evaluate the achievements of the field, as well as to set new directions. The conference will be held on June 21-23, 2023 at the Matenadaran (Yerevan, Armenia).  Applications and abstracts of the papers are accepted until January 31, 2023.  Each presenter will be allocated 15-20 minutes for the paper presentation. The main working languages of the conference are: Armenian, Russian, English. Those who wish to participate, please fill out the attached registration form and send it to the following email:interrelmatenadaran@gmail.com   Directorship of the Matenadaran** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submission Instructions and Deadline**    **The next regular issue of the Newsletter will appear on September 19, 2022**. We will be able to consider submissions that reach the editors **by 16:00 (Central European Time) on 15th of September 2022.** Submissions that reach us after this deadline will be considered for publication in the following issue of the Newsletter. | | |