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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 28 (Wed.): **VALENTIN BEREZHKO**V, Soviet diplomat and public figure, will speak on "The Stalin Era and Perestroika" at the Mershon Center, 199 W. Tenth Avenue, third floor conference room, 3:00 pm. Cosponsored by Mershon and the Slavic Center.
- Dec. 3 (Mon.): **DR. MIHAILO MARKOVIC**, Yugoslav philosopher and political figure, will speak on "Eastern Europe at the Crossroads" in Dulles Hall 09, 3:00 pm. (This is the visit by Dr. Markovic originally scheduled for October 22.)

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**ILSE LEHISTE** (Professor Emeritus, Department of Linguistics) presented a paper at the 11th Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, on June 22, 1990, in ~~Seattle, Washington~~. The title was: "An Acoustic Analysis of the Metrical Structure of Orally Produced Lithuanian Poetry." A copy will appear in the Journal of Baltic Studies Vol. XXI, No. 2 (Summer 1990), pp. 145-156. During the 7th Finno-Ugric Congress in Debrecen, Hungary, August 27-September 2, 1990, Professor Lehiste also presented the paper: "Moraic analysis of Finnish and Estonian". In Stockholm at the September 5-8, 1990 International Wenner-Gren Symposium - Music, Language, Speech, and Brain, Professor Lehiste presented the paper: "Overview of Speech Research" on September 6. And on September 12, 1990, she presented a paper in Belgrade, Yugoslavia: "Primena modela izbrojavanja mora na tradicionalnu srpsko-hrvatsku poeziju".

**DAVID NEAL MILLER** (Associate Professor, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures) served as a visiting professor of Yiddish literature at Oxford University (UK) during the summer of 1990. He taught two courses on "Genre: Power and Play in Modern Yiddish Literature" and "Postmodernism in Yiddish Literature".

**MARK SVEDE** (Graduate student, Department of Art History) was local exhibit curator for the event: Creativity Under Duress: From Gulag to Glasnost, (11 painters from Leningrad) which was sponsored by OSU Learning Guild and the Slavic Center, October 1990. He delivered a paper at the Xth Baltic Studies Conference in Seattle, Washington, in June 1990 entitled "Jazeps Grosvalds and the Foreign Language of Latvian Patriotism". "Duress for Success, or Donning the Yoke of Oppression for Fashion and Fame," was also presented at the Institute for the Advancement of the Arts in Education at Ohio State, October 1990.

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## STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**Moscow State Historico-Archival Institute (MGIAI).** Opportunities for research in the USSR with the Program for the Study of Russian and Soviet History are now available. Eligibility is limited to Russian and Soviet studies candidates who have completed at least one year of graduate study toward a Ph.D. Successful applicants will be expected to pay the program fee (\$2250) plus round-trip air travel to and from Moscow (approx. \$1500). One or two outstanding applicants with clear financial need may receive a fee waiver. Participating scholars will be issued visas for research in the Soviet Union between June 15 and August 25, 1991. All applications should be postmarked no later than **December 15, 1990**. For information on applications, please contact either U.S. liaison: Professor J. Arch Getty, Department of History, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521 or Professor Jeffrey Burds, Department of History, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **University of Kansas** announces the opening of a full-time position in its Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. The position is tenure-track and its concentration is in the field of language pedagogy and applied linguistics. A candidate would have to oversee the Russian language program, train and supervise the graduate teaching assistants and teach Russian, language pedagogy and applied linguistics. The qualifications include a PhD by the time of appointment, native or near-native competence in Russian and English, the ability to teach Russian at all levels and interest in language pedagogy and new technologies. All interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and copies of any publications to Professor Stephen Parker; Slavic Languages and Literatures; University of Kansas; Lawrence, KS 66045. The deadline for the application is November 26, 1990.

The **University of Michigan** is extending its search for a candidate for a tenure-track assistant professorship in nineteenth-century Russian literature. The candidate will be expected to show promise of becoming a productive scholar in Russian literature of the nineteenth century, teach large undergraduate surveys of nineteenth-century Russian literature in English as well as monographic courses and seminars at the graduate level. Applications will be accepted from persons who will have finished and defended the doctoral dissertation by September 1, 1991, as well as from those who already occupy tenure-track positions at other institutions. All qualified candidates should submit their application with a curriculum vitae and bibliography, an academic dossier or transcript supplied by the university, and at least three letters of recommendation from professors who know the applicant's work. Please send the application to Professor Benjamin A. Stolz, The University of Michigan, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, 3040 Modern Languages Building, 812 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1275.

The **Ohio State University** is extending its search for the position of Director of the Foreign Language Center. Qualifications include a doctorate in Second Language Acquisition, Applied Linguistics, Language Pedagogy, or a related discipline, strong research orientation, knowledge of the applications of technology to language teaching and learning and strong leadership and interpersonal skills. Some of the duties include the promotion of faculty research in L2 acquisition and teaching methodology, development of extra-mural funding sources for the Center and for individual faculty, the fostering of strong local, regional, and national professional ties. The position is available July 1, 1991 and consideration of applications will begin November 1, 1990. Please submit applications with a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, E-mail address, if any, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three references whom candidates will ask to write directly to the Chair of the Search Committee, to: Professor David P. Benseler, Chair, FLC Director Search Committee, 186 University Hall, College of Humanities, the Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210-1319.

The **University of Toledo** is seeking a candidate for the position of Director of the Center for International Studies and Programs, who will report to Vice President for Academic Affairs. Responsibilities will be to provide leadership for development of international programs, help define the Center's organizational structure, provide guidance for international teaching, research and service, assist the internationalization of curricula, coordinate services to international students and scholars, secure extramural funding and develop outreach programs. Qualifications should include scholarly achievement, experience in academic administration, cooperation skills, earned doctorate and qualifications for appointment in an academic department and fluency in English and one other language. The position remains open until filled, but applications including letters of application, curriculum vitae, and names and addresses and phone numbers of five references are desired by November 15, 1990. Please submit applications to the Chair, International Programs Search Committee, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606.

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## CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

### 1990

December 28-30, 1990. **Annual AATSEEL Meeting**, in Chicago. Bonnie Marshall, Dept. of German and Russian, Davidson College, Davidson, NC 28036.

### 1991

February 23, 1991. Annual meeting of the **Southwestern Association for Slavic Studies** (AAASS regional affiliate), University of Texas, Arlington. Milan Reban, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 76203; (817) 565-2276.

March 21-23, 1991. The **Southern Conference on Slavic Studies** (AAASS Regional Affiliate), at the DeSoto-Hilton, Savannah, Georgia, hosted by Armstrong State University. Local arrangements: Olavi Arens, History Dept., Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA 31406. Program: Prof. Ted Uldricks, Dept. of History, U. of North Carolina, Asheville, NC 28804. Tel.: (704) 251-6415.

March 21-24, 1991. **Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** will meet in Indianapolis. For information contact Jody Thrush, Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI 53704, telephone (608) 246-6573.

March 25-27, 1991. Call for Papers and Panels. **5th Biennial Conference on East Central Europe, Russia and the Soviet Union**, sponsored by New College of the University of South Florida. Topics include history, the social sciences, and interdisciplinary fields, with focus on recent changes, but all 19th and 20th c. welcome. Send proposals by **December 15, 1990** to: Laszlo Deme, Program Coordinator, New College, U. of South Florida, Sarasota, FL 34243-2197.

April 6, 1991. Call for Papers. The **Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) will hold its annual meeting at Bryn Mawr. Send proposals on any topic related to Slavic Studies by **December 31, 1990** to: George Kline, President, MASC, Thomas Hall, Dept. of Philosophy, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010; or Jeffrey Hahn, Executive Secretary, MASC, Political Science Dept., Villanova U., Villanova, PA 19085.

April 12-13, 1991. Call for Panels and Papers. The **New England Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting, at Framingham State College. Proposals for complete panels especially welcome, but every effort will be made to accommodate individual papers. Send proposals by **January 31, 1991**, to Joseph Harrington, NESA Program Chair, History Dept., Framingham State College, 100 State St., Framingham, MA 01701.

April 24-27, 1991. Call for Papers and Panels. For the **Rocky Mountain Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Reno, Nevada. Helen S. Hundley, History Dept., Wichita State U., Wichita, KS 67208; (316) 689-3150.

May 16-18, 1991. An international colloquium on "**Underdevelopment, Ethnic Conflict, and Nationalism in the Soviet Union**," sponsored by the Feltrinelli Foundation, Milan, Italy, the Association for the Study of Nationalities (USSR and East Europe), New York, and Central Asian Survey, London, will be held in Cortona, Italy. Contact: Michael Rywkin, Chair, Association for the Study of Nationalities (USSR and East Europe), c/o Russian Area Studies Program, City College of New York, New York, NY 10031; (212) 690-6739.

May 22-24, 1991. Call for papers. **7th Biennial Conference on the Non-Slavic Languages of the USSR**, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies and the Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago, H.I. Aronson/B, J. Darden, Dept. of Linguistics, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; E-MAIL: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

May 25, 1991. The **5th Conference on the Cultures of Caucasia**, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, University of Chicago. Topics include folklore, literature, art, music, ethnography, history, political science, economics, and sociology. Howard I. Aronson, Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; (312)702-8522; E-mail: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

June 13-16, 1991. **11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia** at Stockholm University, with a general theme on Scandinavia and the Baltic. Lennart Frick, Chair, Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia, Baltiska Institutet, Virebergsvagan 18, S-171 40, Solna, Sweden, Tel. 08/730/07 06; FAX: 730 07 09.

August 8-15, 1991. **The 18th Annual International Congress of Byzantine Studies**, in Moscow. The Congress will focus on relations between the Byzantines and the Slavs, particularly Rus'. Prof. George Majeska, President, US National Committee, Dept. of History, U. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

November 22-25, 1991. **The 23rd National Convention of the AAASS**, hosted by the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, will be held in Miami, Florida. The meeting will have two special themes: Soviet & East European Studies in Latin America; and Soviet & East European Relations with Latin America.

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April 22-25, 1992. Call for Papers and Panels. **The Rocky Mountain Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas. For information, contact: Christopher Kuehl, Dept. of Business and Economics, Baker U., Baldwin City, KS 66006; (913)594-6451, ext. 541.

July 1992. **Annual Meeting of the Society for Romainan Studies** (AAASS Affiliate) and the International Congress of Romanian Studies, at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

November 1-2, 1992. Call for Proposals. **The 15th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures** will be held at Youngstown State University. The committee is soliciting proposals for either workshops (2 1/2 hours), or other presentations (50 minutes or 30 minutes), on topics related to the teaching of foreign languages. The deadline for proposals is **March 15, 1991**. Send proposals or inquiries to: Foreign Language Conference, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State U., Youngstown, OH 44555; (216)742-3461.

November 19-22, 1992. **The 24th National Convention of the AAASS**, hosted by the Western Slavic Association, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona at the Sheraton and Hyatt Regency Hotels.

## CAMPUS SUPPLEMENT (11/90)

The Center's application for Title VI funding from the Department of Education for 1991-1994 has been completed and sent off to Washington. We have requested altogether over \$300,000 for the first year of the three-year cycle, though even if we are funded it is unlikely that we will receive that amount. We have been told that grants for comprehensive centers such as ours will average about \$175,000 to \$200,000, of which an average of \$125,000 will be designated for the operation of a National Resource Center and \$50,000-\$75,000 for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships for graduate students. Fellowship stipends may be raised for 1991-1992 to \$10,000 for the academic year and \$2,000 for summer.

Funding designated for National Resource Center operation has been requested in a wide variety of categories--library acquisitions, educational materials, conference support, faculty professional travel, outreach activities, faculty and staff salaries, and others. If the application is successful, we will receive guidelines from the Department of Education concerning which of the proposed activities should be funded with the support allotted to us. Since the application is for a three-year cycle, if successful we will be guaranteed support for three years, though the actual amount to be received is determined year-to-year.

No date has been set for announcement of awards, but we have been told informally that we cannot expect to hear until March at the earliest. The grant period would then begin on August 15, 1991 (i.e., funds would be available from that date on). We already have the funds for FLAS fellowships for summer quarter, 1991 (they were included in the 1988-1991 cycle, for which we received FLAS fellowship funding but not National Resource Center funding).

In sum, by March or April we should know whether we are among (1) the ten to twelve institutions which receive both National Resource Center and FLAS fellowship funding, (2) the half dozen or so institutions which receive only FLAS fellowship funding, or (3) the institutions that are left without a cent from the federal government. Readers of OSEEN will be among the first to know.

Jim Scanlan