

association with National Academy of Sciences in Armenia are of the organized conferences.

- Translation of Shahnamah into Azari by the late Prof. Mohammad Mobarez Alizadeh- the Azarbaijani Orientalist and Iranologist - in Baku. The final editing has been done by Prof. Ali Baba Hajizadeh and published by Iran's Cultural Attache in Azirbaijan.

- Forthcoming publication of Farhang-e Jami'e Farsi (Comprehensive Persian Dictionary) by the Academy of Persian Language and Literature.

The dictionary would be a great help for researchers to digitally find entries from 1000 Persian texts. 35 million words have already been compiled. The book would be completed in 10-15 years, as Dr.Sadeghi - the member of the Academy - stated.

- Introduction of Mofarrih al-Qaloub - one of the first weekly Persian journals in Karachi by Dr.Tavassoli, the Head of Iran's Cultural House in Karachi. He saw the journal at the University of Sindhi in Jamshoro. The last issue of the Journal had been published in 1293 A.H.

- 3791 manuscripts, 4689 litographic book, 720 rare typography and 505 pieces of calligraphy were added to the preservation department of the National Library of Iran (NLAI).

- The news of performing the Digitalization of the National Memory in Iran by NLAI and establishment of the E-library in Golpaygani library.

- The 6th European Conference on Iranian Studies (ECIS-6) to be held from 18 to 22 September, 2007 at the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Introduction to IIS

The Institute of Ismaili Studies is a research institute under the AghaKhan IV, Seyyed Karim Hoseini's leadership. The Institute's programmes seek to promote methodical approach to the Islamic history and ideas, Shi'ism in general and Ismailism in particular.

Interview

- An Interview with Dr.Seyyed Mohammad Hoseini as regards text editing. He edited Tafsir-e Kashf al-Asrar on the basis of critical editing and

dedicated it to Allamah Tabatabayi University as a research project three years ago, the first volume of which is ready to be published. This interview includes Dr.Hoseini's responses to the questions about this valuable commentary and other related questions.

It should be mentioned that this text was firstly edited by the late AliAsghar Hekmat decades ago and was the only reference for the researchers. The interview points to some differences between these two editions.

"Newly published Books"

This issue introduces the following newly published books:

- Maqalat fi Tahqiq Iqamat al-Hodoud fi Hazehi al-A'sar.

- Hashiyat Irshad al-Azhan

- Al-Barahin al-Qati'at fi sharh-e Tajrid al-I'teqad

- Tazkirat al-Salekin

- Rasa'il al-Mirza al-Qomi

- Tarjomah va sharh-e Ilahiyat-e Nejat

- Fahang-e A'lam-e Tarikh-e Islam

- Vajehaye Farsi- ye Uzbaki

- Fehrest-e Noskhehaye Khati-ye KetabKhaneye Markazi va Markaz-e Asnad-e Daneshgah-e Isfahan (1st Vol.)

- Ketabshenasi-ye Asar-e Dastnevis-e 'Allamah Kamal al-Din Meisam bin 'Ali Bahrani Mahouzi

Some journals have also been introduced:

- Namah-ye Anjoman (Vol. 6, Nos. 1 and 2)

- Sokhan-e 'Ishq (Vol. 8, No. 4)

- Kavosh namah (Vol. 7, No. 12)

- Ganjinah (No. 62)

- Ayinah-ye Hind (No. 15, April 2007)

- Tarikh dar Ayineh-ye Pajouhesh (Vol. 3, No. 4)

- Qand-e Parsi (No. 35, Autumn, 2006)

- Nameh-ye Baharestan (Vols. 6 & 7, Nos. 11 & 12)

- Bokhara (No. 59)

- Motale'at-e Honar-e Islami (Vo. 3, No. 5)

- Golshan-e Litafat (Poems from the 10th Century) published as the 3rd annexation of Namah-ye Anjoman.

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Abstract

Iran is an ancient country which originated one of the most significant civilizations in the history of the world on the basis of human values in pre-Islamic and Islamic era. This article, named "Vulnerability of Cultural Heritage" reminds us to face globalization more carefully as the inheritors of such civilization.

- "Preservation of Documentary Heritage and UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme" has been written to introduce the International Memory of the World programme about protecting the human thought heritage. The programme provides techniques to preserve the invaluable heritage and audio and audiovisual materials.

Two cultural - historical works from Iran namely Shahnamah Baysanghori and Rab'-I Rashidi Endowment were registered in the Memory of the World.

"Shahnamah Baysanghori" (Prince Baysanghor's Book of the Kings) by the famous poet Ferdowsi (941-1020) is considered the equivalent of the "Iliad" or the "Aeniad" in the Persianate world. The work was recopied many times, but the only remaining copy was executed in 1430 at the request of Prince Baysanghor (1399-1433), grandson of legendary Central Asian monarch, Timur (1336-1405).

The Deed For Endowment: Rab'- I Rashidi, Deed written by Rashid al-Din (1247-1318), Persian statesman and historian who built a huge complex on the outskirts of Tabriz comprising schools, hospitals, libraries, hammams, caravanserais, workshops, etc, known under the name of Rab'- I Rashidi.

"Sessions and Conferences"

Two sessions were held in the Centre this month, the reports of which are given in this issue: In the 56th session held on 30th April, 2007, Dr. Mahmoud Omidsalar - Iranologist and librarian of California University presented his speech regarding some points about Siyar al-Molouk, Shahnamah and the history of Iranian National epic under the title of "Khoday-namah; a United Book

or a Genre?"

Khoday- namahs are the ancient books in Pahlavi language about the life of Iranian kings some of which were translated into Arabic in the advent of Islamic era called Siyar al-Molouk.

The 57th session named "the Difficulties in Editing and Publishing Texts" was held on 5th May, 2007 in Saraye Ahle Qalam in the 20th International Book Fair. Dr. AliAshraf Sadeghi, Dr. Akbar Irani, Jamshid Kiyanfar, Abd al-Karim Jorbozehdar shared their opinions about text editing and other related subjects with the audience.

"Points and Articles"

"Hakem-e Joshami or Hakem-e Cheshomi?" is the name of a brief research by Jouya Jahanbakhsh about Hakem-e Cheshomi- a famous statesman in Beihaigh in the 6th century whose name goes back to the name of "Cheshom" village in Khorasan province which has been called and recorded "Josham" derived from some Arab tribes.

"Academic and Cultural News"

- The Research Centre for the Written Heritage (Miras Maktoob)'s cooperation in cataloguing Persian and Arabic manuscripts deposited at the Ferdaws Library, Wadham College as a joint project with the college.

Ali Mir - Ansari was elected to catalogue the manuscripts. It would be published by the Centre. This invaluable collection of manuscripts had been granted to the Oxford library by Karou Minasiyan - an Isfahani Armenian.

- Agreement between The Research Centre for the Written Heritage and the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) for joint Publication of unpublished texts in Subcontinent, Transoxiana and Turkey.

- 25th of Ordibehesht (15th May) is Known as Firdawsi day in Iran. Ceremonies are held in the honor of this legendary epic poet. "Hikmate Ferdowsi" Conference in Anjoman-e Hekmat va Falsafe and "Ferdawsi Studies" Conference held by the effort of Iran's Cultural Attache in Yerevan in

