

# **CONVENTION ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK PAX BYZANTINO-SLAVA**

## Article 1

Having in mind their common interests and the definition of long-term common goals in the domain of research, the following centers, institutes, academies, departments, and associations shall hereby establish the International Research Network Pax Byzantino-Slava:

1. Center for Byzantine-Slavic Studies, University of Niš
2. Institute for Byzantine Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade
3. Center for Slavo-Byzantine Studies “Ivan Dujčev”, University of Sofia
4. Serbian Committee for Byzantine Studies (member of the International Association of Byzantine Studies), Belgrade
5. Center for the Research of the Cultural Heritage of Cyril and Methodius, Thessaloniki
6. Cyrillo-Methodian Research Center, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
7. Serbian Society for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies, Belgrade
8. Center for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade
9. Center for Cypriot Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade
10. Center for Historical Geography and Historical Demography, Faculty of Philosophy, Belgrade
11. Center for Advanced Studies of Patristics and Byzantine Spiritual Legacy, University of Sofia
12. Center for Church Studies, Niš
13. Institute of Slavonic Philology of the Jagiellonian University of Krakow
14. Institute of Slavic Philology of the University Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan
15. International Center for Orthodox Studies, Niš
16. Department of Slavonic Studies of Academy Ambrosiana, Milan
17. Moscow Theological Academy, Sergiev Posad
18. Institute of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Bern
19. Center for Byzantine Research of Aristotile University, Thessaloniki
20. Center for the Study of the History and Culture of the Mediterranean Area and Southeast Europe, University of Lodz
21. Institute for Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Tbilisi State University
22. Association “A Dialogue between Cultures – XXI”, Tbilisi

## Article 2

The network shall emerge as a result of the Letter of Intent on the establishment of the International Research Network Pax Byzantino-Slava (hereinafter: the Network) and of the cooperation so far, supported by the awareness on the importance of the joint sources of history, spirituality, and culture, and also of the joint intention to become present in the global research community.

## Article 3

This Convention shall create a framework for the further cooperation of the aforementioned institutions, whose goal shall be to implement common activities and reach common goals, i.e. to provide support to mutually beneficial developmental and research relations.

## Article 4

The network Pax-Byzantino Slava shall support the mutual cooperation of the said institutions, intercultural exchange, and the transfer of knowledge and research results.

This shall provide an impetus to the development of a broader academic and research community, not just in the region, but also in Europe and the world.

#### Article 5

The parties confirm their understanding of the importance of joint activities in the research of Byzanto-Slavic relations, and also of the broader domain of Medieval studies.

They express their unequivocal intention to undertake common efforts in the domain of science so as to affirm the cultural and spiritual values embodied in the concept of *Pax Byzantino-Slava*.

#### Article 6

All the institutions shall unite their common research potentials and have therefore resorted to signing this Convention with the following objectives and tasks:

- Exchange of research materials, publications, and academic data
- Exchange of scientific and research staff
- Joint meetings and research studies
- Development of joint research projects
- Group research activities
- Specific scientific programs
- Organization of joint scientific activities such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia, lectures
- Development of joint projects of common benefit, which can be defined and developed more precisely at a later time
- Technical assistance

#### Article 7

Before the implementation of the aforementioned tasks all parties shall consider further courses of action and specify the forms of particular activities, which are to be harmonized with the general principles of this Convention.

#### Article 8

The signatories of the Convention on the Foundation of the International Research Network Pax Byzantino-Slava shall not commit themselves to any general financial liabilities.

#### Article 9

The tasks, conditions and financing of every individual project shall be the subject of agreement of the participating members in individual projects and shall be specified in a separate contract, which shall serve as an appendix to this Convention. This supplementary contract shall have to respect the fundamental principles of this Convention.

#### Article 10

In accordance with the provisions of this Convention and in the joint interest of the participating institutions, the Network shall be managed by the chairperson, elected by a majority vote, upon the proposal of the representatives of at least three institutions.

The term in office of the chairperson shall be two years.

Every chairperson that follows next shall be from a different country.

The tasks of the chairperson shall be to communicate with all members of the network and oversee the expenses arising from the implementation of individual projects, if any.

The chairperson shall appoint the Network secretary, whose term in office shall be two years.

#### Article 11

All parties participating in individual agreements shall agree to exercise joint copyright benefits, coming as a result of the joint activity. National legislations shall apply.

#### Article 12

Other research centers, institutes, academies, departments, associations, and related institutions may join the network, with the purpose of promoting international research cooperation.

#### Article 13

The network may have institutions - friends, who shall acquire this status by submitting the official letter of friendship.

The institutions - friends shall not take part in the legally binding decision making process in the Network.

#### Article 14

All parties agree that this Convention is a result of their good will, yet in the event of misunderstandings or indecisions they shall agree to arbitration.

#### Article 15

Members of the International Research Network Pax Byzantino-Slava shall not use its name without the prior authorization of all members of the Network.

#### Article 16

The Convention shall enter into force on the date of signature provided by each individual party.

This Convention shall be effective for the period of five years after it has been signed by all parties.

The conditions of the Convention may be changed, if there is general consent.

Each of the signatories of this treaty may terminate its participation by submitting a written notice to all parties at least one month before the date on which the Convention shall cease to be effective.

Upon the expiry of this Convention, the Convention shall automatically be extended for the period of the next five years, unless any party notifies the others of its wish to terminate the agreement, within the aforementioned one month period.

#### Article 17

The Convention is written in the English language and each of the parties shall retain one copy.

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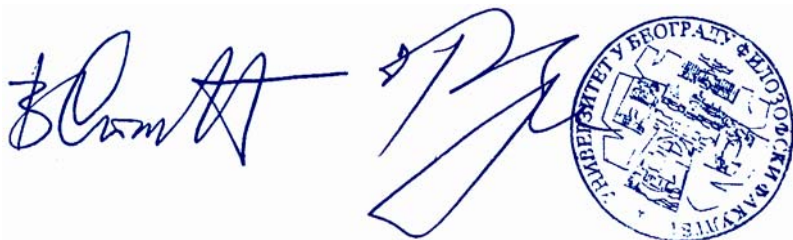
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