

Presidium of Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Rylsky Institute of Art Studies, Folklore and Ethnology of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv) has been maintaining active scientific relations with Institute of Ethnology of Research Centre for the Humanities of Hungarian Academy of Sciences for nearly forty years. It includes the participation in the general international InterAcademy agreements, projects between NAS of Ukraine and HAS (particularly, the Special issue publication “Hungarian Ethnography” of the journal “Folklore and Ethnology”, participation in the general conferences and field research).

Ukrainian researchers appreciate the work of the Institute as a leading facility specializing in ethnology of Hungary and Europe. Hungarian ethnologists developed and published the extraordinary works (Magyar Néprajz nyolc kötetben. K. I–VIII (1988–2009); Hármás határok néprajzi nézetben / szerk. Turai T. ; Mészáros Cs. (2015); Hármás határok néprajzi értelmezésben / szerk. Turai T. (2015), which enriched scientific heritage of Hungarian and world humanities, filled gaps in the knowledge of modern European peoples’ ethnic history, in the coverage of their socio-cultural character.

Narrowing the activities of the ethnological science division of HAS by reforming or transferring to other institutions will be undoubtedly detrimental to the scientific capacity not only of Hungarian, but also European humanities in general. Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology are the key sectors of social studies in major European countries, as these disciplines are the source of modern peoples’ humanitarian and socio-cultural awareness. Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology promote the peaceful coexistence and understanding of the peoples. Therefore, we Ukrainian scientists are very concerned about the future of the ethnological institutions in HAS. We look forward to the level-headed and reasoned position of the corresponding State structures’ high authority and Presidium of HAS while taking important publicly provided decisions on the future of the mentioned disciplines.

Please be assured of our support and honest respect. We are looking forward to our further cooperation.

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