

This was distributed at the opening of the Czechoslovakian
Exhibition at the Rockefeller Center. Dr. Novak opened the Exhib.
I will sound him out
on this connection ---
Greetings!
G. J. L.

KONDAKOV INSTITUTE
SLUNNÁ, 10, STŘEŠOVICE
PRAGUE XVIII, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

American Committee:

JOHN O. CRANE, ESQ.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL I. ROSTOVTZEFF.

PROFESSOR GEORGE VERNADSKY,
Secretary.

PRINCESS NATALIE YASHVILL,

Treasurer.

Dr. NICHOLAS TOLL,

Acting Director.

Dr. DMITRI RASOVSKY,

Secretary.

DEAR SIR,

I take great pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to join the Kondakov Institute.

The Institute, as you may know, is an organization devoted to the study of the problems of Byzantine art and archaeology. Special consideration has been paid to the Byzantine and Russian Icon-Painting. The archaeology of the Scythians as well as that of other nomadic tribes of Eurasia also constitutes an important feature of the Institute's research and publications.

The Institute was founded in 1926 in Prague by a group of friends and pupils of the late N. P. Kondakov, who was Fellow of the Russian Imperial Academy and one of the greatest scholars of our times. Since then the Institute has published a number of volumes including an annual magazine, the *Seminarium Kondakovianum*; a series devoted to the study of Icon painting, the *Zographika*; another series devoted to the investigation of the art and archaeology of nomadic peoples, the *Skythika*; and the great work of the late Kondakov, *The Russian Icon* (with two volumes of plates). Scholars of various countries have contributed to the publications of the Institute.

The last issue of the *Seminarium Kondakovianum*, an illustrated quarto volume of 360 pages, contains, among others the following articles: "De la Véronique et de Sainte Véronique" by Professor P. Perdrizet, of Strassbourg, France; "Die Slavische Übersetzung des Symeon Logothetes" by Professor G. Ostrogorsky, of Breslau, Germany; "Das Tiergeflecht in der Nordrussischen Malerei" by Dr. W. Born, of Vienna, Austria; "Harun-ibn-Yahya and his description of Constantinople", by Professor A. A. Vasiliev, University of Wisconsin. The price of this issue of the *Seminarium Kondakovianum* in the bookstores is eight dollars. The members of the Institute receive the *Seminarium Kondakovianum* free and other publications of the Institute at a considerable reduction. Libraries and corporations are also eligible for membership.

Your cooperation is solicited. The staff of the Institute will be glad to be of any assistance in your scientific work. While visiting Prague the members of the Institute have the privilege to work in its library.

The only financial obligation involved is the payment of the annual membership fee of five dollars. We are able to offer so much to our members, owing to the fact that the editorial staff of the Institute serves without remuneration.

It will be a great pleasure to include your name.

Very cordially yours,

Dr. NICHOLAS TOLL,
Acting Director.