

uscripts' International summer-school in Austrian National library which will be held on 1-8 July, 2007.

### New books

The new books reviewed in this issue are as follows:

- Tazkira-yi Mashayikh-I Qom
- Joghrafiya-yi Tarikhi-yi Shahristan-I Qom (Historical Geography of Qom)
- Shahnamah-yi Firdawsi (the oldest manuscript of Shahnamah-Florance copy), by Dr. Azizullah Jovayni, Tehran University press.
- Ghazalha-ye Sa'di (Sa'di Lyrics), edited by the late Dr. Gholam Husayn Yousofi.
- Fehrist-i Noskhiha-yi khatti-yi kitabkhanah-yi Madrisah-yi Mi'marbashi (the Catalogue of the manuscripts kept in Mi'marbashi School Library) Tehran.
- Fihrist-i Noskhiha-yi Khatti-yi Kitabkhanah-yi Afshin 'Atefi, Kashan (the catalogue of the manuscripts in Afshin 'Atefi's library)
- Qatli al-Qor'an, Argoun publishing co.
- Takmilat al-Asnaf (Arabic-Persian Dictionary of the 6th century A.H.), edited by Dr. 'Ali Rawaqi and Sayyedah Zolaikha 'Azimi.
- Divan-e Farid Isfahani, by Dr. Mohsen Kiyani
- Vajinamah-yi Tawsifi-yi Sahhafi-yi Sonnati, by Shirin Mohammad Lou 'Abbasi;
- Fihrist-i Kitabha-yi Chapp-i Sangi-yi Qat'i Vaziri, Akram Mas'oudi, Department of Persian language, Tehran University.
- Persian language learning for Turks, Ankara
- Katibah'hayi Pahlavi-yi Kaziroun, Dr. Sirous Nasrollah Zadah.

### Introducing Institutes

Sulaymanov Institute for Oriental Studies in Kazakhstan is introduced in this part. The constitution, goals, activities, data base, International cooperations, staff and services of the Institute are some points considered.

The specialized library of Foreign Ministry including 1000 manuscripts, 64 issues of unique journals of transoxiana and approximately 2000 litographic prints is introduced too. Digitalization of this collection has already started and would finish in near future.

Dr. Yusof Zaidan's website is another part in this issue.

The manuscripts kept in Polish libraries which have been catalogued in 1967 by the Polish Orientalist, Tadeusz Majda with the effort of Ms. Anna Bylinska have been introduced. This catalogue includes the

Persian manuscripts preserved in Wroclaw Library, department of Krakow in National Library, Warsaw University Library and some private and state libraries.

"Two Names, Two Cultures" is a report of the Iranian academic boards' trip to Greece for participating in "Ferdawsi and Homer Conference." The report has been written by Dr. Mohammad Ja'far Yahaghi. Dr. Qadama'li Sarami and Dr. Abolghasem Isma'ilpour took part in the Conference, too. The Conference was pursuant to the one held on 16th January, 2006 in Tehran. It was held by the effort of Iran's cultural Attaché and the Council for Improvement of Persian Language and Literature on 19th January 2007 in the Centre for National Greek Studies. Iranian and Greek researchers and scholars delivered their speeches and articles about the Iranian and Greek National epic poets, Ferdawsi and Homer. Dr. Abolghasem Isma'ilpour investigated the similarities between Achilles and Esfandiyar in Ferdawsi and Homer epics that can clarify the common bases in these two stories. Dr. Yahaghi considered and introduced The National Hellenic Research Foundation and pointed to the necessity of the establishment of these kinds of foundations for cultural researches in Iran.

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- Zij-i Mofrad (calendar part) edited by Dr. Rahim Rezazadeh Malek is the 11th annexation of Ayene-ye Miras quarterly journal.
- Hikayat-i Ayini, the review of the book Mirsad al-'ibad, edited by Mohammad Reza Movahhedi, Mirasban.
- The abstracts of the 33-34th issue of Ayene-ye Miras Quarterly Journal
- Publication of the 3rd Special Issue of the History of Science as one of the issues of Ayene-ye Miras prepared by Dr. Ja'far Aghayani chavoshi. It consists of the articles written by Iranian and non-Iranian scholars of the history of science.
- Publication of the facsimile of Mathnavi-ye Mosaddas (Noskhi-yi Nasikhhih) which is an example of editing in old days. Prof. Ziya' al-Din Ahmad Disa'ie has written an introduction about 'Abd al-Llatif and the importance of this book.
- Forthcoming publication of Javahirnamah, Sadr al-Din Mohammad Bin Mansour Dashtaki-the 9th century scholar. Dr. Manouchehr Sotoudeh edited this book with reference to two manuscripts.
- And the last part of this issue is the letters received to the Centre.

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# Abstract

"Difficulties in Text Editing" in this issue tends to the necessity of being broad-minded when facing newly published books and avoid fanaticism. This has been written due to some unreal points written in a newspaper about Sharaf al-Nabi. In some cases, this may result in neglecting years of effort and research done by the author and depriving ourselves of the virtues of a book.

## Sessions & Conferences

In this issue, we have written about two of the sessions held in the Centre.

- The 52nd session under the title of "the Review of Al-Ighraz

al-Tibbiyah" was held on 1st of January, 2007. Dr. Hasan Tajbakhsh, Dr. Ali Ashraf Sadeghi, Mohammad Reza Shams Ardakani and Mohammad Vojgani presented their speeches regarding the book and its edition. Al-Ighraz al-Tibbiyah is a Persian medical text of the 5th century and has some special linguistic and academic features that makes it a significant Persian text.

- In the 53rd session of the Centre held on 22nd January, 2007, the "Social and Linguistic Features of Achaemenian Tablets" was discussed. Abdulmajid Arfa'i, Dr. Hasan Rezayi Baghbidi and Seyyed Ahmad Tabatabayi stated their viewpoints in this regard. The Achaemenian tablets including 30 thousand pieces were discovered by the archeology group of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago in 1310 (1929 A.D) and were transferred to America for safe-keeping in 500 boxes. It should be mentioned that just a small part of them have been returned back to Iran.

## "Points and Articles"

The article written by Jouya Jahanbakhsh with the title of "Khahishgar-i Ta'lif-I Kitab al-Ghaybat" (The necessity of editing Al-Ghaybat) tends to the mistakes committed by the editor of this book. This book has been attributed to Shaykh Mofid considering a note in Tehran lithography and Jahanbakhsh has rejected this opinion using some evidences.

## "Academic and Cultural news"

- conferring the Werner Welzig prize to Dr.

Nosratollah Rastegar by the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

- Zakhayir-i Kitabkhanayah-i Irani (Treasures in Iranian libraries) is the collection of facsimile of unique Iranian manuscripts. Editing this collection has been started by the efforts of Majma'i Zakhayir-i Islami-yi Ghom. Two books from the collection have already been published: Divan-i Sa'ib-i Tabrizi (his handwriting) and the Summary of Oqlidus book.

- UNESCO project for protecting the written heritage of Timbaktu (Mali).

- Shaykh Bahayi's Memorial Ceremony.

- NLA and digitalization.

- Establishment of professional libraries including libraries for blinds, Children and teenagers, and the Centre for Islamic and Iranian Studies by National library of Iran.

- Holding Iranology exams in Tajikistan National library.

- Establishment of a centre with an equipped laboratory to study and repair manuscripts in Sulaymaniyah library, Turkey with UNESCO support which is going to be a centre for these activities in Middle East.

- The Conference on Islam-Iran in Osaka University for Foreign studies; Scholars from Iran participated in this seminar and presented their speeches and like the previous seminars, the Research Centre for the Written Heritage was the secretariat. Dr. Ali Ashraf Sadeghi, Ahmad Sam'i, Dr. Hasan Rezaie Baghbidi, Kamyar 'Abedi, 'Ali Bahramiyan and Seyyed Hasan Mir'Abedini were the participants from Iran.

- The 24th ceremony for the Year Book of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The President, Parliament Speaker and Minister of Guidance and Islamic Culture, Book and Book Reading General Director of the Ministry of Guidance delivered their speeches and the scholars and researchers of the selected Books of the Year were conferred their awards. The main subjects considered this year were Islamic Philosophy, West Philosophy, Religion, Social Science, Language, Practical Science, Art, Literature and History.

- Call for participating in Arabic Papyrus man-

