

Workshop on Armenian folklore and mythology

Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September 2013

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Dedicated to the blessed memory of Dr. Nira Stone.

Program

Saturday 31 August, at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, 395
Concord Ave., Belmont, MA.

10 AM: Coffee.

10:30 AM: Welcome by Marc Mamigonian (NAASR, SAS Executive Council); Opening
remarks by Prof. Valentina Calzolari (Université de Genève, President, AIEA), Prof. J.R.
Russell (Harvard University).

First session: Marc Mamigonian, moderator.

11 AM: Dr. Hranush Kharatyan (Institute of Ethnography, Erevan), *Hay-aleviakan
sots'ial-kronakan sint'eze Dersimi alevineri avandazruyts'nerum* ("The Armeno-Alawi
socio-religious synthesis in the traditional tales of the Alawis of Dersim").

11:45 AM: Christian Millian (Harvard University), "The *Hushamatean* (Memorial Book)
as a source for the study of Armenian folklore and mythology."

12:30 PM: Prof. Bert Vaux (Cambridge University), "Towards a geography of folkloric
motifs: the case of the sun shower in Armenia and beyond."

1:15-2:45: Lunch break.

Second session: Prof. Christina Maranci (Tufts University), moderator.

3 PM: Dr. Michael Pifer (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor), "Oral Literature and the
de-figurement of cross-cultural contact."

3:45 PM: Prof. Suren Zolyan (Leading researcher of the Institute of Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences, Erevan), “On the deep level of the plot of the epic of David of Sassoun.”

4:15 PM: Prof. Seta Dadoyan (American University of Beirut), “The cycle of Mahmet legends: the Armenian Muhammad.”

5 PM: Discussion.

6:30 PM: Dinner for workshop participants.

Sunday 1 September, at the Armenian Library and Museum of America, 65 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

11 AM: Coffee.

11:30 AM: Welcome by Dr. Barbara Merguerian (ALMA).

Third session: Dr. Barbara Merguerian, moderator.

11:45 AM: Prof. Valentina Calzolari, “Avétis Aharonian, *Les anciennes croyances arméniennes* (1913), et Fustel de Coulanges, *La Cité antique* (1864).”

12:30 PM: Prof. Theo Van Lint (University of Oxford), “Applied antiquarianism? Genealogy, epic, and the poetics of folklore in Grigor Magistros’ works.”

1:15 PM: Prof. James R. Russell, “A spirit of time and place: the Armenian *Shvot*.”

2 PM: Discussion and closing remarks.

3:30 PM: Tour of ALMA.

5 PM: Dinner for workshop participants.

Admission to sessions is free and open to the public.