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’ze 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.”

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.”

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).”

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.