

RUSSIAN–HUNGARIAN COOPERATION



ESTERHÁZY-SEMINAR

The Library of Foreign Literature in Moscow is one of the Russian libraries with substantial Hungary related materials. At the Esterházy seminar on 28th April 2009, Russian, Hungarian and Austrian col-



leagues shared their most recent research findings related to the Esterházy stocks. Following the presentation by General Director Ekaterina Genieva on the fate of European book collections taken to Russia, István Monok talked about the provenance of the Esterházy Library, Edina Zvara about the books of Protestant preachers in the collection and finally, representing the *Esterházy Privatstiftung*, Dr. Alfred Weidinger introduced the collection under Prince Nicholas Esterházy II. The next block comprised papers given by the Russian colleagues, who examined the situation of the Esterházy books kept in the Moscow Library of Foreign Literature from three perspectives. Nikolai Zubkov talked about 18th and 19th century volumes, Karina Dimitieva analysed the fate of the collection from an archival point of view,

and Roza Salnikova addressed issues of stock protection.

KORNFELD-SEMINAR

The Kornfeld seminar focusing on the Kornfeld Library and discussing recent research was held on 15th May 2009 with the participation of colleagues from the State Science Library of Nizhni Novgorod. A keen collector of art and books, Baron Móric Kornfeld had several early prints and about 500 volumes of Hungary-related volumes in his private library of some ten thousand items. A part of the Kornfeld Library is now kept in Nizhni Novgorod. The seminar discussed the ongoing library reconstruction project that Russian and Hungarian librarians are carrying out.

Valentina N. Marusova, deputy director of the Nizhni Novgorod library and Anna O. Marieva, head of the Old Books Department introduced the library's collection of old books and its special features. The next presenter was Judit V. Ecsedy, who summarised her research findings



under the title *Unknown Rarities in the Kornfeld Library*.

Milestones in Russian-Hungarian library relations, the two successful seminars and the visit laid the foundations of further cooperation between the two libraries.

PROBLEMS OF STALINISM

An exhibition based on the historical series of the ROSSPEN Publishing Company

ROSSPEN (РОССПЭН Российская политическая энциклопедия – Russian Political Encyclopedia) is one of Russia's leading book publishers. The company established in 1992 produces some one hundred publications annually in the fields of history, political and social sciences and philosophy, with edited volumes, textual editions, memoirs and reference books among them. They enjoy great popularity with Russian scholars and book producers alike, receiving numerous prizes and recognitions each year.

The exhibition was held in our library from 21st September to 21st October 2009, where ROSSPEN put on display a selection of their publications from past years. In addition, a scientific conference was organized on the morning of the exhibition launch. Following scientific director László Boka's words of welcome, historian Zoltán Sz. Bíró from the Institute of History of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences opened the exhibition by evaluating the ROSSPEN's books as excellent professional sources for researching 20th century Russian and Soviet history, thus for the exploration of post-WW II Hungarian developments. The main reason for this is that in the framework of the so-called "archival revolution," Russian historians and archivists are now allowed to publish millions of documents previously regarded as top secret. Chief Director of ROSSPEN, Dr. Andrey Sorokin donated to the National Széchényi Library the exhibits, which are catalogued and are then made available to our readers.

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A section of the ROSSPEN Publisher's chamber exhibition

