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Center for Russian Studies at RANEPА Revives Key Directory of Russian Archives and Manuscript Repositories ArcheoBiblioBase with Dutch Cooperation

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Thanks to a cooperative agreement between RANEPА and the International Institute of Social History (IISH/IISG) in Amsterdam, the Center for Russian Studies at RANEPА has launched a mirror website for the ArcheoBiblioBase (ABB) directory and bibliographic information system for archives in the Russian Federation.

Founded by Dr Patricia Kennedy Grimsted, an Honorary Fellow of both IISH and RANEPА, and Associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, the extensive Internet directory is based on published collaborative ABB directories under her supervision:

- Archives of Russia: A Directory and Bibliographic Guide to Holdings in Moscow and St. Petersburg, 2 vols. (Armonk, NY/ London: M.E. Sharpe, 2000);

first published in Russian:

- Arkhivy Rossii: Moskva i Sankt-Peterburg: Spravochnik-obozrenie i bibliograficheskii ukazatel' (Moscow, 1997; with Rosarkhiv sponsorship).

The website currently displays information about nearly 400 archives and manuscript repositories in the Russian Federation (with their administering agencies if appropriate) for which coverage has recently been updated. (The ABB database itself contains information for over 200 additional repositories that are still being updated.)

Moscow and St. Petersburg coverage extends to archival holdings in 195 federal, local state and non-state repositories, including major libraries, museums, and academic institutions. Presenting data on unpublished sources of all types and periods– from the Archive of the President of the Russian Federation (AP RF) to film studios and factory museums – it provides basic reference for those using traditional state and CPSU records, medieval manuscripts, and personal papers. The directory provides a starting point to locate manuscript maps, folk songs, motion pictures, genealogical data, technical documentation, and architectural drawings, to name only a few among the specialized sources covered. Notes about access provisions and working conditions in each repository augment researcher-orientation; annotated bibliographic entries give hot links to available digital editions. A complete bibliography lists guides and specialized finding aids (total over 8,000 records). Historical notes link present repositories with all of their previous names and acronyms.

Basic listings also extend to 186 regional state archives throughout the Russian Federation and their reference literature.

Currently coverage is only in English, but funding and staff assistance are being sought to add Russian-language data, updating the 1997 Russian directory *Arkhiv Rossii*.

This ABB coverage should alert researchers in all disciplines to the wealth of archival holdings of all types and historical periods. As ABB online coverage expands to a wider range of repositories, with accompanying bibliography of reference aids, it will open information about the wide range of research opportunities in the Russian Federation.