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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Transylvanian Rugs in their Context: Records From a Study Tour to Transylvania

Lecturer: Alberto Boralevi

Time: 3:00 PM

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2005

Location: Room 200 at the Mary Graydon Center at American University

Today there are more than 380 Ottoman “classical” carpets in Transylvania. Together they comprise the most important corpus of Turkish textile art still surviving in Eastern Europe, a region that for centuries was part of the Ottoman Empire. These carpets also form the largest ensemble of rare Turkish rugs to have survived in exceptional condition anywhere in the world. The carpets, many of them prayer rugs, date from the second half of the 15th century to the second half of the 18th century, a time when Ottoman textile production was at its peak. They have survived mostly in the Lutheran Evangelical churches of the Transylvanian German (Saxon) minority, who lived side by side with the Romanian Orthodox and Hungarian Reformed communities.

For 15 years, from 1986 to 2000, Alberto Boralevi ran his Gallery, The Carpet Studio, where he organized a number of exhibitions, some accompanied by catalogues. In May 2001 he closed this location and moved to a new venue on the first floor of the Palazzo Frescobaldi, in the heart of Florence, on the left bank of

the Arno river. Alberto Boralevi has been a Member of the ICOC International Standing Committee since its foundation, and was Chairman of the Academic Committee of the 9th ICOC in Milan and Florence (1999).

Directions to American University:

From Virginia, cross the Key Bridge into Georgetown, turn left at M Street, and go right (north) on Foxhall Road. Continue on Foxhall until it ends at Nebraska. Turn east (right) and continue along Nebraska.

From Maryland and DC, take either Wisconsin or Massachusetts Avenue and turn west onto Nebraska.

The Mary Graydon Center is on the main campus of American University, North of Nebraska Avenue. (For a campus map see www.american.edu/maps/campus.htm) The center is in the third row of buildings north of Nebraska Avenue, east of Bender Library.

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE NEBRASKA PARKING LOT, on the south side of Nebraska Avenue (between Massachusetts and New Mexico Avenues). From Nebraska Avenue, turn onto New Mexico avenue. Enter the lot from New Mexico Avenue, park as close to the entrance as possible and cross Nebraska Avenue to the campus.

New Members

The IHBS would like to welcome the following new members:

Terry and Bruce Baganz
Heide P. Freygang
Michael Gellner
Margaret Jones

Jeffrey Krauss
Frances Plunkett
Amy Rispin
Daniel Walker

New IHBS Website

The IHBS has a NEW WEBSITE, thanks to Jeff Krauss, who volunteered to set it up. An incredibly huge “thank you,” Jeff, from all of us. The name of the website is: www.intlhajjirugsociety.org Jeff also created some links to the website which he will update periodically.

8th ACOR

The 8th ACOR (American Conference on Oriental Rugs) will be held April 20 through 23, 2006, in Boston. Anyone wishing to receive a printed registration form should contact Virginia and Harry Day (Tel: 703-354-4880) or by e-mail (h26ncrgt@erols.com). If, however, you would like to register on-line, you can do so on www.acor-rugs.org.

Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia

This exhibit at the Textile Museum opened on September 2 and will continue through February 26, 2006. John Wertime, a member of the IHBS Board, author and rug dealer, curated this wonderful exhibition of 38 beautiful Central Asian objects of costume. The IHBS provided a grant toward publication of the excellent catalogue.

REPEAT NOTICE FINAL SALE OF BOOKS

Please do not forget to put in your orders to the Days (703 354-4880) for the IHBS books you would like to buy. They are going like hotcakes! The final list of books was sent to all members together with the September Newsletter. The deadline to buy the books is December 31, 2005.

Fall Textile Museum Symposium

Japanese Style and the Culture of Cloth
October 21-23, 2005

The people of Japan are enamored with textiles, which have been an integral and valued part of Japanese life since ancient times. The Textile Museum's annual fall textile symposium, **JAPANESE STYLE AND THE CULTURE OF**

CLOTH, explores the role of textiles in Japan, and the variety of textile dyeing techniques for which Japan is known.

Designed to complement the exhibition “Rozome Masters of Japan” (on show at the TM from October 14, 2005 through February 12, 2006), the symposium begins with a festive exhibition reception on Friday evening followed by a full day of lectures and conversation with experts in the field, including exhibition curator Betsy Sterling Benjamin. The week will conclude on Sunday with demonstrations of Japanese resist-dyeing techniques, a Japanese textile “show and tell,” and some special surprises.

Fee: \$215/members, \$260/non-members, \$175/students. Advance registration required. For further information, or to register, visit www.textilemuseum.org/symposium.htm, call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64, or e-mail reception@textilemuseum.org. (From TM Bulletin)

From a Member in Wyoming

Glenn Ross, one of our Society's members living in Jackson Hole, Wyoming writes: “As a member living so far from your meeting sites, I never have attended them. I thought it might make sense to extend an invitation to your members to contact me if they are ever in the Jackson Hole area. I have a substantial collection of carpets and textiles and would love to share my collection with other members. My e-mail address is glenn@kaz.com and my phone is 307-733-5813.”