

News of the Profession

Russian Literary Heritage on-line

By April 2007, researchers, scholars, students, and individual users from all over the world will be able to electronically access unique resources related to Count Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy.

'Russian Literary Heritage On-Line' is a pioneering collaboration between a museum and a library in Russia: the Leo Tolstoy Museum Estate and the Russian State Library. It has been financed by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based in the United States, and under the coordination of the British Council, Moscow.

The project's technical experts from the two Russian institutions have been working together since April 2006 to develop an on-line joint portal which will offer integrated access to more than 100,000 bibliographic records and a selection of digital resources related to Leo Tolstoy.

Among the key resources which will be made accessible via the portal are the bibliographic catalogue of the Personal Library of Leo Tolstoy, held by the Museum Estate; full texts of all the works written by the author (ninety volumes); as well as rare photographs, articles, and dissertations.

The site will be operational starting March 2007. Visit it on the Web at <http://www.tolstoy-nasledie.ru>. (For more information, please contact Galina Alekseeva, Project Coordinator at the Tolstoy Museum Estate: galalexeeva@tula.net)



Yasnaya Polyana Conference

The Fifth International Academic Conference "Leo Tolstoy and World Literature" will take place at Yasnaya Polyana, the Leo Tolstoy Museum-Estate, August 12-16, 2007. Yasnaya Polyana is the home of Tolstoy's Personal Library, which contains books in 39 foreign languages. New editions of Tolstoy's collected works will be presented at the conference, and there will discussion on ways to mark the centennial anniversary of Tolstoy's death in 2010. Yasnaya Polyana will publish the conference papers.

For more information about the conference and how to apply to attend it, please contact Donna Tussing Orwin of the University of Toronto at donna.orwin@utoronto.ca, or Galina Alexeeva of Yasnaya Polyana, at galalexeeva@tula.net. Applications must be received by February 1, 2007.



Donskov Joins Editorial Board

Professor Andrew Donskov, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Ottawa, has joined the editorial board for the new, 100-volume *Complete Collected Works of Tolstoy*, published by the Gorky Institute for World Literature, under the general supervision of A. V. Gulin. Donskov is the only non-Russian national to be included on the board.

Professor Donskov is a leading Canadian Slavist in Russian literature and a world-renowned Tolstoy expert. His meticulous research on Tolstoy's drama and the perception of the Russian peasantry (especially religious dissidents) on the part of Tolstoy and other nineteenth-century Russian writers has challenged prevailing critical opinion. His ongoing work on Tolstoy's epistolary legacy and his publication of hitherto unpublished archival materials has likewise been met with worldwide acclaim. He is the only North American scholar invited to participate as a contributor in the massive new edition of Tolstoy's works now being published by the Russian Academy of Sciences.