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The last meeting of the group took place on 11th November at Clare College, Cambridge. Papers were read by Andrew Curtin on "The Class of Orthodox Icon-Painting and the Medi'val Christian Style in mid-nineteenth-century Russia", Paul Stephenson on "Byzantium and the 'Feudal Subjection' of Hungary, 1162-67", Francis Thomson on "A.I.Jacimirskij and his falsification of the work of Grigorij Camblak" and Cynthia Vakareliyska on "Matching menologies: two fourteenth-century Serbian Gospel codices".

At the AGM, the Chairman reported that the recent HEFCE report on Slavonic and East European Studies made no mention of things mediæval, having ignored the submission made to it by her on behalf of the Group. Pre-twentieth-century matters had been only slightly better represented at the ICSEES congress in Warsaw, but there had at least been a panel on "Nobility and political culture in the Middle Ages".

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the number of members has risen to seventy-eight (including eleven honorary or ex- officio members), and that our bank balance at the time of the last statement was £857.55. The proposal agreed at the previous AGM to support the Novgorod Archæological Expedition had made less progress than we had hoped, owing to the extraordinary difficulty in communicating with Academician Janin in the present state of the Russian postal service. One possibility that had been raised was the possibility of funding the production of camera-ready copy of the third volume of Russian seals. The Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to pursue the matter further.

There being no other nominations for Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, Dr Hughes and Dr Cleminson were re-elected for another year.

The next meeting will be on March 16th, 1996, at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. It has been suggested that it might include *inter alia* a round table on the *Slovo o polku Igoreve* to commemorate the approximate 200th anniversary of the discovery of the MS. Anyone who might be interested (however tentatively) in participating is urged to contact the Secretary/Treasurer as soon as possible, so that we can gauge whether there is sufficient support for the proposal to go ahead. Needless to say, papers on other subjects are also solicited.

1996 will also be the 400th anniversary of the Union of Brest, and it has been suggested that our autumn meeting could be devoted to it, and might perhaps be a slightly more notable occasion than usual. The Chairman is pursuing the matter, and will be happy to receive any suggestions.

On the subject of anniversaries, members will be pleased to note that with the last meeting SEEMSG came of age: the inaugural meeting was held on 16th November 1974.

Polata k'nigopis'naja has resumed publication; all enquiries from within the UK to [Dr Wigzell](#) at SSEES, from other parts of the world to [Michael Bakker](#) at Slavisch Seminarium UvA, Spuistraat 210, 1012 VT Amsterdam.

There is no future without a past!

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