Program

Sunday, March 11, 2007

3.00-3.30 pm Coffee

3.30-4.00 pm Opening
BIRGIT MENZEL, University of Mainz/Germersheim, Slavist

CATHARINE NEPOMNYASHCHY, Harriman-Institute, New York

11.30 am Discussion

PANEL 1
Historical Roots of the Occult and the Paranormal in 20th Century Russia
Chair: Birgit Menzel

3.00-4.00 pm Occultism in Fashion: A Historical Perspective
Key note Speech by BERNICE ROSENTHAL, Fordham University, New York, Historian

4.00-4.30 pm Occultism in the Early Soviet Union: Physiologist Leonid Vasiliev (1891-1966) and his „Experiments in Mental Suggestion” – A Scientific Legacy
EBERHARD BAUER, Institute for Border Areas of Psychology and Mental Hygiene, Freiburg, Psychologist

5.00-6.30 pm Discussion

7.00 pm Dinner

8.00-9.00 pm Films

Monday, March 12, 2007

PANEL 2
Esoteric Aspects of Soviet Intelligensia I. (Ideology, Art and Politics)
Chair: Michael Hagemeister

3.00-4.00 pm Occultism in the Russian Neo-Pagan Movements: in Search of a National and a Natural Spirituality
MARK SEDGWICK, American University, Cairo, Historian of Religion

4.00-5.30 pm Magical Discourses in Soviet Literature to the Thaw
REBECCA JANE STANTON, Columbia University, New York, Slavist

5.00-6.30 pm Dinner

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

PANEL 4
Religion and the Occult in Late Soviet Intelligensia
Chair: Julia Mannherz

9.00-9.15 am Sekty i esotericheskie kruzhi na ogran
Pravoslavnoi Tserkvi
VALENTIN NIKITIN, Moscow, Theologian

9.15-9.30 am Gurdzhievskoe dvizhenie v Rossii 1960-kh i 1970-kh – vospominaniia i refleksii uchastnika
ARKADY ROVNER, Moscow, Writer

9.30-10.30 am Discussion

10.30-11.00 am Coffee
Shamanism in the Russian intelligentsia (postsovetskoie vremia i prostranstvo)
NATALIA ZHUKOVSKAIA, RAN, Moscow, Anthropologist and Ethnologist

Discussant: WOUTER HANEGRAAFF, Historian of Hermetic Philosophy, University of Amsterdam

Plenary Discussion
Podium: BIRGIT MENZEL, CATHARINE NEPOMNYASHCHY, WOUTER HANEGRAAFF

Closing Remarks
CATHARINE NEPOMNYASHCHY, Harriman-Institute, New York, Slavist

End of the Conference