

The Contribution of Eastern Europe Research Institute to the Research and Dissemination of Culture in Neighbouring Countries

Summary

The Eastern Europe Research Institute was acting in Vilnius in 1930–1939. It has a purpose to study history, geography, politics, economics and culture of nations living in countries between the Baltic sea and the Black sea as well to disseminate knowledge about these nations and countries. The scientific and publishing work was carried out in sections and special departments. Sections of Philology, History and Ethnology together with departments of *Balticoslavica*, Baltic countries and Education and Culture were mostly involved in the research of culture in neighbouring countries and its dissemination.

Results of these researches were used to prepare public lectures and articles for publishing in the magazine *Balticoslavica* and in the series of books published by Institute.

In the *Balticoslavica* journal there were published articles of Poles Włodzimierz Antonowicz, Jan Safarewicz and Stanisław Westfall, Estonians Oscar Loorits, Helmi Kurrik, Otto Livv, Fins Albert Hämäläinen, Germans Ernst Fraenkel, A. Luther and others. In the book series of the Institute there were published the work in two volumes of Jan Otrębski on ties of Slavonic and Lithuanian languages and their peculiarities, a book of Erwin Koschmieder on the language of Russian religious books of songs, the study of Julian Krzyżanowski of Russian epic creative works. The activity of Institute members and collaborating scientists was very important for the perceiving of culture of neighbouring countries especially in the areas of literature, linguistics and ethnography.

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