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JEFFERSON IN RUSSIA: ICJS scholars discuss government and policy in Moscow

In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson received a plaster bust of Tsar Alexander I of Russia from the American consul general, Levett Harris, in St. Petersburg. More than two centuries later, prominent American and Russian historians convened in Russia to discuss ideas about government and foreign policy during Jefferson's presidency.

The Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS) at Monticello, the Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Russian Association for the USA History Studies teamed up for the first time to present the symposium, "Idealism, Statecraft and Foreign Policy in Jeffersonian America and Russia of Alexander I," at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, October 13-14.

The symposium featured Professor Gary Hart, former U.S. Senator, and Professor Gordon S. Wood, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian. They were among the 20 American and Russian scholars who met to examine Russian-American relations between 1800 and 1815, the attempts of Russia and the United States to counter Napoleon, and the efforts of Thomas Jefferson and Tsar Alexander I to act as enlightened leaders.

Alexander I by
Aleksandr Matveyev after
Fedot Shubin, 1955 copy
of 1803 original T:JF

Global Outreach

Diplomacy and Education: Discovering and Teaching Reality

Robert H. Smith Center at Montalto, June 13, 2011

Hosted by the American Academy of Diplomacy (AAD) and the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS)

Jefferson Innovation Summit

Monticello Dinner, West Lawn, Monticello, October 11, 2011

Hosted by the University of Virginia, sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Foundation, CNBC, Accenture, Fred Friendly Seminars, Keswick Hall

Liberty Today Summit

Monticello, Robert H. Smith Center at Montalto, August 1-3, 2011

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Moscow Conference

Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, October 13-14, 2011

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Recent publications supported by ICJS scholarship

Thomas Jefferson's Granddaughter in Queen Victoria's England: The Travel Diary of Ellen Wayles Coolidge, 1838-1839, Ann Lucas Birlle and Lisa A. Francavilla, editors, December 2011.

Thomas Jefferson, the Classical World and Early America, Peter S. Onuf and Nicholas P. Cole, editors, October 2011.

A Companion to Thomas Jefferson, Francis D. Cogliano, editor, 2011.

Revolutionary Democracy: How America Became the Republic of Liberty. (in Arabic), Mounira Soliman and Walid Hamamsy, translators, April 2011.

Monticello in Measured Drawings, William L. Beiswanger, annotator, republished 2011.

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Retirement Series: Volume 7: 28 November 1813 to 30 September 1814, Jeff Looney, editor, January 2011.