


INSTITUTE OF LITERATURE NAMED AFTER NIZAMI



Institute of Literature named after Nizami of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences is one of the important scientific centers with its own honorable history, great research traditions, and prominent scholars.

In the early XX century literary studies were first carried out at the Azerbaijan Association of Study and Profound Survey that functioned in 1923-1929. Further, literary studies were conducted by the Division of Language, Literature and Art established in 9 October 1929 at the Azerbaijan State Scientific Research Institute. The Division was first headed by Prof. Bakir Chobanzadeh and Associate Prof. Ali Nazim Mahmudzadeh, and later Prof. Vali Khulufu.

The issue of substantial foundation of scientific institutions in Azerbaijan was addressed following the organization of the Azerbaijani Branch of the Transcaucasian Affiliate of the USSR Academy of Sciences on 29 December 1932. Since the mentioned date all the rights of the Azerbaijan State Scientific Research Institute were given to the newly-founded academic institution. On



22 March 1933 an order on the Formation of the Division of Literature was issued at the Azerbaijani Branch of the Transcaucasian Affiliate of the USSR Academy of Sciences. Thus, the formation of the Division of Literature headed by Ali Nazim Mahmudzadeh can be considered as the date of foundation of the Institute of Literature named after Nizami.

Following the foundation of the Azerbaijani Affiliate of the USSR Academy of Sciences on 25 October 1935 an independent Institute of Language and Literature was founded within that academic institution. This scientific-research Institute was supervised by the following persons till 1950:

1. Artur Rudolfovich Zifeldt-Simumyagi (1889-1938) – 27 February 1936 – 1 June 1937.
2. Ahmad Ali oghlu Ahmadov (1903-1937) – 1 June 1937 – 11 July 1937
3. Idris Zaman oghlu Hassanov (1897-1950) – 19 July 1937 – 17 February 1938
4. Aleksey Alekseyevich Klimov (1894 -?) – 17 February 1938 – 31 December 1938
5. Heydar Huseinov (1908-1950) – 1 January 1939 – 25 September 1939
6. Yakov Dmitriyevich Kozin (1896-1973) – Acting Director: 20 June 1939 – 1 August 1939
7. Fazladdin Babayev(1903-1939) – 1 August 1939 – 1 October 1939
8. Mammad Arif Dadashzadeh (10.06.1904 – 27.10.1975) – 25 September 1939 – 27 July 1950

Two scientific institutions were established on the basis of the Institute of History, Language and Literature by the 2nd of January 1939 order of the Azerbaijani Affiliate of the USSR Academy of Sciences: the Institute of Literature and Language named after Nizami Ganjavi, and the Institute of History, Archeology and Ethnography.

In 1939 the Institute of Literature and Language named after Nizami Ganjavi consisted of four departments: the Department of Azerbaijani Literature; the Folklore Department; the Linguistics Department; the Museum of the History of Azerbaijani Literature named after Mirza Fatali Akhundzadeh.

On 8 September 1938 the Institute of Language and Literature was named after Nizami Ganjavi by order 4925 of the Council of the Azerbaijan SSR People's Commissars.

The Institute of Literature named after Nizami Ganjavi was headed by the following scholars after its admission to the Azerbaijan SSR Academy of Sciences (1945):


1. Academician Mammad Arif Maharram oghlu Dadashzadeh (10.06.1904-27.12.1975) – 25 September 1939 – 27 July 1950; the second time: 7 December 1957 – 17 September 1959
2. Academician Mirza Ajdar oghu Ibrahimov (28.10.1911-17.12.1993) – 15 August 1950 – 29 February 1952
3. Professor Mirzagha Yuzbashi oghlu Guluzadeh (24.10.1907-1979) - 29 February 1952 – 7 December 1957; the second time: 19 April 1968 – 9 April 1979



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4. Academician Mammadagha Shiralioglu Shiraliyev (13.09.1909-19.04.1991) – 1 June 1960 – 19 April 1968

5. Academician Kamal Abdulla Shaig oghlu Talibzadeh (1923-2006) – Acting Director – 19 April 1979 – 15 May 1980

6. Academician Mammad Jafar Zeynalabdin oghlu Jafarov (09.05.1909-09.05.1992) - 15 May 1980 – 10 April 1981

7. Corresponding Member of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Aziz Mirfeyzulla oghlu Mirahmadov (11.02.1920-28.08.2002) – 10 April 1981 – 9 September 1985

8. Corresponding Member of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Yashar Vahid oghlu Garayev (05.03.1936-25.08.2002) – 9 September 1985 – 25 August 2002

9. Academician Bakir Ahmad oghlu Nabiyeu (21.08.1930-15.03.2012) – 10 February 2003 – 15 March 2012

10. Academician Teymur Hashim oghlu Karimli (2 October 1953) – Acting Director – 4 July 2002 – 10 February 2003; the second time: 15 March 2012 – 19 June 2013

11. Academician Isa Akbar oghlu Habibbeyli (16 October 1949) - from 19 June 2013 up to present.

Isa Habibbeyli is also Vice-President for Humanitarian and Social Sciences of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, member of Milli Majlis and chairperson of the Committee for Science and Education.

A number of useful researches have been developed and published at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami.

Different years saw the publication of History of Azerbaijani Literature in 2 volumes (1943-1944), then in 3 volumes (1957-1960), the journal Molla Nasraddin in 8 volumes (2005-2010), the journal "Fuyuzat" in 1 volume (2006), and the newspaper "Ziya" (2013).

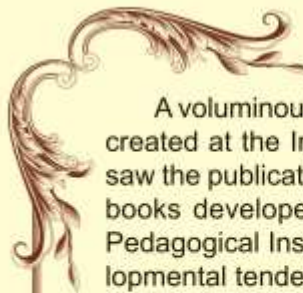
The Institute of Literature has published four volumes of the seven-volume History of Azerbaijani Literature. The work on the first and second volumes of the ten-volume History of Azerbaijani Literature to be developed in a new structure has been accomplished. The two-volume monographic research Literature of Independent Azerbaijan (2016) with a general volume of 1870 pages is an important scientific publication worth to be considered one of the scientific achievements of literary studies.

The books dedicated to the great thinker Alibey Huseinzadeh (2014) and Academician Arif Dadashzadeh (2015) facilitate the presentation of the classical scientific and literary legacy to modern society.

The scientific works by the outstanding scholars representing the Institute of Literature Academician Bakir Nabiyeu (in 5 volumes), Corresponding member Yashar Garayev (in 5 volumes), Professor Gazanfar Pashayev (in 7 volumes), Professor Teymur Ahmadov (in 5 volumes) have also been published.



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A voluminous series The Library of Azerbaijani Émigré Literature has been created at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami, and the year 2016 saw the publication of the book Mammad Amin Rasulzadeh in this series. The books developed and published jointly with Stavropol Affiliate of Moscow Pedagogical Institute. The Citizenship and Patriotism of the Youth: the developmental tendencies in modern world (Stavropol, 2015), Mikhael Sholokhov (Stavropol, 2015), Friendship and Cooperation: the cultural values of Azerbaijan and Russia (Baku, 2015), Multiculturalism: tendencies and realities (Baku, 2016) are significant contributions to the development of literary relations.

Five special supplementary bulletins (2015-2016) dedicated to Azerbaijani literature and released jointly by the famous Literaturnaya gazeta published in Russia and the Institute of Literature named after Nizami are a unique event in the history of literary relations.

The great Turkmen poet Mahdumgulu Faragi's unknown Divan has been discovered, jointly developed by the Institute of Literature and the Institute of Manuscripts and published with its scientific-critical text (2015).

The publication of the four-volume anthology Azerbaijani Folklore and Literary Monuments at the Publishing House Khudozhestvennaya Literatura in Moscow is an event of great importance.

The Dissertation Board of the Institute of Literature named after Nizami has an important role in training new high quality science specialists. The Institute trains high quality specialists at the levels of MA, Doctorate of Philosophy and Doctorate of Philosophical Sciences.

The journal The Literature Collection of the Institute issued since 1946 is recognized as one of the main scientific publications throughout the Republic.


The journals Poetics.ism and Literary Relations lately-founded at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami promote the introduction of new researches in different aspects of literary studies to the public.

The 50th and the 80th anniversaries of the Institute of Literature named after Nizami were celebrated throughout the Republic on 29 December 1982 and 16 January 2014, respectively.

In 1982 the Order of Peoples' Friendship was conferred on the Institute of Literature named after Nizami.

At present reforms are being implemented at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami, like in the entire Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. The following new departments have been established at the Institute since 2013: the departments of Literature of Independent Azerbaijan, Azerbaijani Émigré Literature, Literary Criticism, History of Press and Journalism, Azerbaijani-Asian Literary Relations, Azerbaijani-Turkmen-Uzbek Literary Relations, Nizami Studies; the Division of Fizuli Studies.

Also, the newly-opened departments: International Relations, Publication and Forecasting, Public Relations and Education are coordinating the multi-aspect activities of the Institute.



Lately the Institute of Literature named after Nizami has signed agreements on mutual relations and international cooperation with the following scientific institutions and universities:


1. The Department of Azerbaijani History at Humboldt University of Germany - 2 November 2013
 2. The International Turkish Academy (Astana) – 6 November 2013
 3. The Institute of Georgian Literature after Shota Rustaveli of the Republic of Georgia – 19 December 2013
 4. The Union of the Caucasian Universities of the Republic of Turkey – 17 January 2014
 5. Stavropol Affiliate of Moscow State Humanitarian University after Mikhael Sholokhov – 27 May 2014
 6. St.Petersburg 'Smolny University' Innovation Scientific-Educational Consortium – 16 October 2014
 7. The Institute of Literary Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences – 19 November 2014
 8. Confucius Institute at Baku State University – 4 February 2015
 9. The Institute of World Literature after Maxim Gorky of the Russian Academy of Sciences – 3 June 2015
 10. Tabriz University of the Islamic Republic of Iran – 14 September 2016.
- There is also Chinese Centre and Korean Centre founded at the Institution 4 February 2015 and 9 February 2015, respectively. There are Chinese language courses for the staff members of the Academy at the Chinese Centre.

The Memorandums of Cooperation signed among the Institute of Literature named after Nizami, the Centre for Cultural Studies of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism (2 November 2015) and Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Art (2 May 2016) promote the development of mutual cooperation within the country.

There is an electronically-controlled hall, electronic reading room and electronic screen equipped with high quality technology at the Institute.

The meetings at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami with the Nobel Prize laureate Wole Shoyinka (on 28 September 2016), the outstanding Hungarian scholar in Turkology, Academician George Hazai (on 17 January 2014), the well-known public figure, great Kazakh poet Olzhas Suleimenov (25 April 2016) and the renowned scholars from Turkey Ahmad Bijan Arjilasun, Osman Fikri Sertkaya, Fikret Turkmen and Ramazan Korkmaz (15 November 2016) have turned into indelible historical events.

Lately the Institute of Literature named after Nizami has hosted the international scientific conferences on the following themes:


1. The Living Yunis Emre (the Academies of Sciences of Turkey, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan) (9 December 2013);
 2. Physics and Lyrics: world experience and Azerbaijani realities (9 November 2014);
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**"Çağımızdan görünən orta əsrlər". AMEA-nın müxbir üzvü
Azadə Rüstəmovaya həsr olunmuş beynəlxalq elmi konfrans
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Soldan: Məmməd Əliyev, Yılmaz Özkaya, Ömər Özcan, İrfan Murat
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3. The Middle Ages as Viewed from Our Present Day. The international scientific conference dedicated to the Corresponding member of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Azada Rustamova (15-16 December 2014);

4. Azerbaijan-Turkey: Seven Great Ozans (7-8 May 2015);

5. Literature of Turkic Nations: the origin, developmental stages and problems (1-2 December 2015);

6. Sadi Shirazi's World (1 June 2016);

7. The Great Turkmen Poet Mahdumgulu Faragi and Azerbaijan (19 May 2015);

8. The Azerbaijani-Hungarian Relations and Hungarian Scholars' Role in the Development of Turkology. The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (21 September 2015);

9. The Outstanding Russian Writer Mikhael Sholokhov and Azerbaijan. Videoconference. The Russian Stavropol University (12 December 2015);

10. The Horizons of Mahammadhusein Shahriyar's World of Art. Jointly with Tabriz University, Iran (14 September 2016);

11. Azerbaijani Émigré Literature: realities, problems and obligations. The second international scientific conference (10-11 October 2016);

12. George Hazai and Azerbaijan (Hungary, George Khazai Foundation) (25 October 2016);

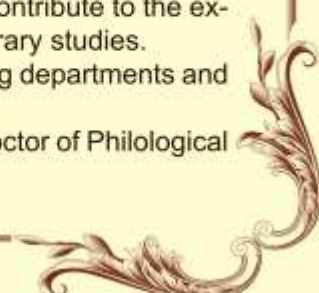
13. Alishir Navai anda Azerbaijan literature (16 November, 2016);


14. Multiculturalism: realities and tendencies. The international seminar participated by Azerbaijan, Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, Estonia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Kirgizia, Moldova, and Tajikistan (20 December 2016).

The material on the creative councils Literary Process dedicated to the annual outcomes on literature at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami for 2013-2015 has been published as a book. At the creative council Azerbaijani Children's Literature held jointly with the Writers' Union (2015) vital issues on this important branch of literature have been discussed. The bibliographic chronicle of the Institute of Literature named after Nizami (for 1933-2012 and 2013-2015) has been developed, published and presented to the public. The staff members of the Institute have made scientific presentations at the conferences hosted by Turkey, Russia, the United States of America, the People's Republic of China, Germany, France, Poland, Macedonia, Hungary, Spain, Italy, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Greece, Afghanistan, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Tatarstan and other countries. The scientific studies conducted at the Institute through the grant projects of the Science Development Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and various international scientific foundations and organizations of the People's Republic of China, Turkey, and Germany contribute to the expansion and enrichment of the scientific boundaries of literary studies.

At present literary studies are conducted in the following departments and divisions at the Institute of Literature named after Nizami:

1. Azerbaijani Folklore and Manuscripts (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.M.Gasimli)





2. Ancient Azerbaijani Literature (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.I.Hamidov)

3. Medieval Azerbaijani Literature (headed by Corresponding member of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences A.Safarli)

4. Department of Nizami Studies (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.N.Arasli)

5. Division of Fizuli Studies (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.M.Guliyeva)

6. Present-day Azerbaijani Literature (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.Z.Asgarli)

7. The XX-century Azerbaijani Literature (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.Sh.Alishanli)

8. Azerbaijani Émigré Literature (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Associate Prof. N.Jabbarli)

9. Literature of Independent Azerbaijan (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.T.Mustafayev)

10.Literature of South Azerbaijan (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.T.Ahmadov)

11.Theory of Literature (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.T.Mammad)

12.Literary Criticism (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, V.Yusifli)

13.History of Press and Journalism (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.A.Rustamli)

14.World Literature and Comparativistics (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.G.Abdullabeyova)

15.Azerbaijani-Asian Literary Relations (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.B.Ahmadov)

16.Literature of Turkic Nations (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.M.Aliyev)

17.Azerbaijani-Turkmen-Uzbek Literary Relations (headed by Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof.A.Binnatova)

The creative staff of the Institute of Literature named after Nizami of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences successfully continue their researches and advance along the course of development of scientific-literary and public view in the light of the period of independence.