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Museums, Museology, Development of Historical and Cultural Heritage*****From the Editors***

This issue was prepared within the framework of the project “Man, society and power in Russia of the 20th – early 21st century: processes and results”. The museum is an important socio-cultural institution, whose activity is determined by a triad of actors: the state, society, and man. Museology as an interdisciplinary branch of knowledge creates theoretical prerequisites, generalizes and synthesizes empirical experience in the field of heritage development by museums and other cultural institutions. This creates a new space for the integration of science, education, and culture.

The pages of this issue of the “Historical Courier” present the results of scientific research and practical experience in the museum and heritage development. The following sections are presented to the readers: “The public role of scientific heritage”, “Man and heritage: interconnectedness”, “Ethno-cultural heritage in museums”, “Museums – centers for the study of local history”, “The world of books”. It is noteworthy that the issue includes a variety of materials covering many aspects of the topic. Among them are documents of traditional and electronic archives, unique expedition and personal diaries, stock collections of Russian and foreign museums, the results of socio-cultural practices in local history museums. In the section “World of books” E.N. Mastenitsa presented the textbooks published by museologists from St. Petersburg, which are of a significant scientific and educational interest to a wide range of readers.

Of course, within the framework of a single journal issue, it is impossible to fully cover the entire diverse range of issues related to the study of museums and museology, the current and promising scientific trend “heritage development”, which is actively being developed in the “Museum of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences” sector of the Institute of History of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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