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Dear Professor Koder,

With this letter we would like to inform you officially that a new **Serbian Association for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies** has been founded and properly registered, with all the necessary legal procedures observed.

The **Serbian Association for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies** is founded by the university professors in Byzantine Studies in Serbia, as an unavoidable step towards bringing the functioning of a society of the scholars of Byzantine, Balkan and Hellenic history and culture back in the legal frames, and in accordance with the academic standards of cooperation, transparency communication and deliberation. As we have informed you in the late August of the previous year, we deemed this action indispensable in order to stop the decay of Byzantine studies, and manipulations that had all but destroyed the future of this scholarly field in Serbia: the exclusion of the only two professors of Byzantistik in Serbia from all the processes that are taking place in all the illegitimate "bodies" or "committees", and with it, the exclusion of the university from the decision-making whose essential part it forms everywhere in the academic world, points to a complete incompetence, arrogance and amateurishness on the part of all those who are involved in such ill-advise actions.

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We intend to defend the dignity of the university and the Seminar for Byzantine Studies, founded in 1905, and for more than a century the leader in Byzantine studies is Serbia and abroad. In that respects, a series of legal procedures have been entered into, that will doubtlessly result in a reestablishment of the legal order in the field of Byzantine studies in Serbia. We are now in the final stages of establishing the **Serbian Association for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies** as the only relevant scholarly association in these fields at the Serbian Ministry for Education and Science, which should be followed with the acceptance of the **Serbian Association for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies** in the Association Internationale des Études byzantine.

Henceforth, we would like to ask you to communicate with the the **Serbian Association for Byzantine and Hellenic Studies** as Serbian member of the Association Internationale des Études byzantine.

With best regards,

Professor Radivoj Radić, President, Head of the Chair and Seminar for  
Byzantine Studies

Associate Professor Vlada Stanković, Vice President

