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Rome, 6 June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Founded by Albanian writer Ernest Koliqi in 1957 in Rome, the journal "Shejzat" came back to life three years ago after a long absence of four decades.

In order to emphasise and publicise the scientific and academic research, activity and achievements of the Institute for Albanological Studies "Shejzat-Pleiades, the staff have programmed to organize an international conference on 3-4 October 2019, in Zara/Zadar Croatia, devoted to Albanological and Balcanic Studies.

Such conference is organized in co-junction with the Zadar University. In fact, "Shejzat" wishes to thank the colleagues and the authorities from this University for their promptness to cooperate and help.

This two-day conference follows in the footsteps of the conference organized in Vatican (2015) and that in Tirana (Dec 2017). The proceedings of the first were published with the title *Albania nell'archivio di Propaganda Fide* whereas the proceedings of the second conference, *Light of Archives* – *Light on Archives*, were published by Shejzat (see issues 3-4, 2017).

The choice of the town of Zara is mainly owed to the deep-running bonds of friendship between this coastal town in Croatia and Albania and the Albanians. It is widely known that Zara is home to an Albanian community (Arbëresh) which settled here three centuries ago. True to its best traditions, prominent intellectuals from this community have in years contributed to art, culture and even politics and economy.

Set to unfold in two days, the conference consists in four sessions, of which the first will take place in the Aula Magna of the university of Zara. The sessions are divided as follows:

I.Albanological and Balcanic Studies; 2.Linguistic and Literary Studies; 3.Historical and Judicial Studies; 4.Studies revolving around relationships among cultures and peoples in South-Eastern Europe.

It has been thought that sixteen scholars from different countries can participate.

The staff are glad to invite you in the hope that you will come up with an original paper. Your study will then be published in the proceedings of this conference, along with a peer review.

Should your reply to this invitation be positive, we would ask you to send us the title (be it definitive or temporary), a short abstract of 150-200 words and, of course, the language in which you might like to lecture. The deadline is 30 September 2018.

Best regards,

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