

Palimpsest Manuscripts of the Matenadaran

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The infrastructure project will put the scientific analysis of the oldest texts of the Armenian language, which are preserved in palimpsest form, on a contemporary basis. It will pave the way for providing essential new knowledge about the early history of Armenian literacy as well as the development of the Armenian Christian tradition in the Caucasus. The Matenadaran (Scientific Research Institute of Ancient Manuscripts named after Mesrop Mashtots) in Yerevan houses a total of at least 50 palimpsest manuscripts comprising about 1,500 folios (plus some 4,500 fragments) from the time of the 5th-10th cc.. A.D., whose scientific analysis has hitherto been possible only to a small extent. The use of a multispectral digitization system and the experiences made in predecessor projects open up completely new perspectives for a systematic exploration of the contents of these handwritten codices, which comprise the oldest available testimonies of the Armenian language (about 5th-8th cc.). Within the German-Armenian cooperation project, which also involves a French consultant, the texts contained in these manuscripts are to be prepared for scientific editions.

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