



## Moscow Hosts Exhibition on the Russian House of Oldenburg



The opening ceremony of an exhibition entitled the 'Russian House of Oldenburg, Enlightened Benefactors' took place on 15th November 2021 in the Marble Hall of the Library of Foreign Literature. The exhibition marks the 140th anniversary of the death of prince Peter Georgievich Oldenburg (1812 – 1881), grandson of emperor Paul I and the founder of the Russian branch of the Oldenburgs. He made his name as a renowned benefactor in the area of charity and education. The organizers and partners of the exhibition were the Library of Foreign Literature, the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society, the Oldenburg Russian Society and the Strana Voskreseniya non-commercial organization.

Among the guests at the ceremony were the deputy chairman of the State Duma of the Russian Federal Assembly Alexei Gordeyev, the director of the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society Sergei Stepashin, the director of the German-Russian Society of Leipzig Konstantin of Oldenburg, the head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia Dietrich Brauer and other public figures. With the blessing of the chairman of the Department of External Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate the metropolitan of Volokolamsk Hilarion, archpriest Sergy Zvonarev, secretary of the DECR MP for affairs of the distant abroad, took part in the event.

Those gathered were greeted by the director general of the Library of Foreign Literature Pavel Kuzmin, who read out a welcoming speech by the director of the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) Yevgeny Primakova and the deputy minister for culture of Russia Olga Yarilova. Also greeting the participants were Duke Constantine of Oldenburg, Sergei Stepashin, Alexei Gordeyev and archbishop Dietrich Brauer. After the official opening was concluded, the guests were able to acquaint themselves with the exhibition which contained materials from the Russian State Archive, the St. Petersburg Friends of the House of Oldenburg Society, the Moscow Central State Archive, the Palace Ensembles of the House of Oldenburg Historical and Cultural Centre and the Library of Foreign Literature.

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