



ANJOMAN-E TĀRĪK-E AFĠĀNESTĀN

ANJOMAN-E TĀRĪK-E AFGĀNESTĀN (Paštō: Da Afgānestān Tārīk Țōlana; Historical Society of Afghanistan). The Society was founded in Kabul in 1321 Š./1942 to disseminate information about the history of Afghanistan by conducting research, promoting scholarship, and publishing scholarly works. It was officially recognized as a historical research institute in 1333 Š./1954 and was placed under the auspices of Wezārat-e Ma'āref. In 1345 Š./1966 it became an organ of the Ministry of Culture and remained as such until 1357 Š./1978 when it merged with the newly founded Academy of Sciences. According to its articles of association the Society is charged with the following responsibilities: 1. compiling a complete history of Afghanistan from the earliest time to the present; 2. conducting research in the fields of archaeology, geography, culture, and literature of Afghanistan; 3. collecting and publishing sources of Afghanistan history (documents, treaties, and MSS as well as published texts); 4. conducting research about folklore of Afghanistan; this was later turned over to a specialized department within the Ministry of Information and Culture responsible for the publication of the bimonthly journal *Folklor* (26 issues published between 1352 Š./1973 and 1356 Š./1978), replaced since 1357 Š./1978 by another bimonthly journal *Farhang-e kalq* (*Farhang-e mardom* since 1359 Š./1980); 5. establishing reciprocal relationship with other cultural and scientific associations within the country and abroad.

The Society also founded two periodicals: *Āryānā* (founded 1321 Š./1942;



languages: Darī and Paštō) and Afghanistan (founded 1325 Š./1946; languages: English and, to a lesser extent, French). They are now published quarterly by the Social Sciences Scientific and Research Center (before 1360 Š./1981 Institute of Social Sciences) of the Academy of Sciences.

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