

the Center arranged a total number of 118 anthropological exhibitions in the various villages in Iran.

#### **2. Regional Anthropological Exhibitions:**

At the same time as the Festival of Culture and Art in 1975, 1976 and 1977, 41 regional anthropological exhibitions were arranged in the provincial capitals and large cities of Iran.

#### **E. Publications:**

The Center for Iranian Anthropology has printed and published seven books, fifteen essays, thirty-six brochures and four posters since 1975.

#### **F. Foreign Scholars' Contributions:**

The Center for Iranian Anthropology has worked together with foreign scholars to conduct research on different aspects of Iranian anthropology and folk culture in Iran. In total, 17 foreign researchers from England, Germany, Austria, France, the United States and Japan have researched different aspects of anthropology in 1975, 1976 and 1977 and some are still continuing their researches.

#### **G. The Twentieth Anniversary of the Center for Iranian Anthropology:**

The Center for Iranian Anthropology celebrated its 20th anniversary in the presence of the Minister of Culture and Arts and many scholars and researchers, on Dec. 13, 1976, in the Amphitheater of the College of Decorative Arts. To introduce the activities and functions of the Center, reports were prepared and circulated among the various educational institutions and scientific and cultural organizations of the country.

#### **H. Festival of Popular Traditions**

By order of Her Imperial Majesty Shahbanou Farah, the Center for Iranian Anthropology in collaboration with National Iranian Radio and Television arranged the First Festival of Popular Traditions in the city of Esfahan on 12-18 October, 1977.

The program of this festival had two levels; scientific and display. The scientific section consisted of the First International Seminar of Iranian Popular Culture, Seminar on Handicrafts in Developing Countries, Seminar on Ethnographical Films on the daily life of the people, and printing and publishing books, brochures and posters. The display section consisted of traditional exhibitions, a film festival of the daily life of the people, music and dance, and folk and field shows.

#### **I. Sending of Researchers to Foreign Universities:**

The Center for Iranian Anthropology has taken active steps for the provision of experts in the fields of tribal, rural, urban and physical ethnological research.

To accomplish this, some experienced researchers of the Center are sent abroad every year to specialize in the above fields at American and European institutions. At the present time, 8 researchers are studying in the United States, England, France and Italy.

A few of the graduates have already returned home from England and France and have efficiently resumed their research in the Center.

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# A Glimpse at the Activities of the Center for Iranian Anthropology (Autumn 1975 - Winter 1977).

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and Art during Oct. - Nov. 1975, 1976 and 1977.

## A. Research in Rural Areas:

According to a pre-planned program, rural investigations continued during 1975-1976. In order to study folk culture and ways of living, 35 groups of researchers were sent to 327 villages of the country. There they completed questionnaires on the subjects of general and social characteristics of the village.

## B. Research in Urban Areas:

The Center for Iranian Anthropology began to study the anthropological aspects of urban societies throughout Iran in 1975. According to the plan, the researchers have identified the urban societies and have used this information to divide the cities according to their economic circumstances. From this division, they have begun to conduct their investigations.

The Center for Iranian Anthropology in 1975 and 1976, selected 42 urban centers in the country in which to complete the questionnaires.

## C. Congresses and Seminars:

1. At the Sixth Iranian Research Congress held during the last week of August 1975, at Azarabadegan University in Tabriz, a group of 5 scholars delivered speeches on different aspects of anthropology and folk culture in the section "Folk Culture and Dialects".

2. In 1976, another group of 8 members of the Center for Iranian Anthropology delivered speeches on "Different Aspects of Iranian Anthropology" at Melli University in Tehran.

3. During the Eighth Festival of Culture and Arts, at the Seminar on "Culture and the Family" at the University of Tehran, the Director General and two researchers of the Center continued a discussion on "Women's Role in Traditional Culture"

4. Participation of the Research Director of the Center in the Congress on "Habitat" held together with the Congress of the United Nations on "Human Settlement" in Vancouver, B.C. Canada in 1976. The Research Director also participated in the Eleventh General International Conference on Museums in Leningrad and Moscow in 1977.

5. Participation of two researchers of the Center in the Congress on Falconry in the United Arab Emirates in 1976.

6. Participation of the head of the urban research section in the Asian symposium ICOM in Sri Lanka in 1977.

7. Participation of 11 researchers from the center in the Eighth Congress of Iranian Research in Kerman. They delivered speeches on different forms of Iranian folk culture and anthropology.

## D. Anthropological Exhibitions:

The Center for Iranian Anthropology, in order to present the economical and social values of household goods and production tools of Iranian traditional life to the people, arranges exhibitions every year in different cities and villages of Iran.

### 1. Rural Anthropological Exhibitions:

At the same time as the Festival of Culture