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The Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Christian Antiquities of Central and Eastern Europe – UARCA

The Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Christian Antiquities of Central and Eastern Europe – UARCA was founded in 2015.

The goal of the activities of the Association is academic research, the discovery and preservation of Christian historical and cultural monuments, carrying out civic control of the adherence to international and Ukrainian laws regarding the preservation and use of cultural heritage, and carrying out cultural educational work.

The association in its activities depends on Ukrainian legislation regarding the preservation of historical-cultural heritage, and also on international conventions and charters regarding the preservation of historical-cultural heritage.

The association is working on the creation of filial branches in the oblasts of Ukraine, as well as beyond Ukraine's borders. Currently the Association has branches in Chernihiv, Cherkassy, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, and also in Canada (in Montreal). Upcoming plans of the Association is to develop its network throughout all regions of Ukraine, and the creation of branches (representatives) beyond Ukraine's borders.

In the near future the Association will be organizing a series of academic conferences to study the preservation of Christian monuments. The Board is working on the development of a focused complex program, concepts and recommendations regarding research and the use of Christian monuments, in particular the organization of a series of academic expeditions with the goal of discovering and researching Christian monuments.

The Association is studying international experience in the research of Christian cultural heritage and has the intent to establish cooperation with organizations and academics from different countries which practise in this area.

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