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Seals of Constantinople from Kyivan Rus Territory: their addressers and addressees

The finds of Byzantine *molydoboulloi* in Kyivan Rus area are rare in comparison with Rus seals, yet they are a source of extraordinary importance for the history of medieval Rus. Among the seals that came to the area of Kyivan Rus from Byzantium, there is a group of those remaining as several copies and thus supplying evidence that their owners wrote many letters. N. Likhachiov's collection makes known Rus seals originating from the territory of modern Turkey and thus uncovering two-way contacts. The work on the catalogue of Byzantine seals in the collection of O. Sheremetiev (Kyiv) in cooperation with W. Seibt and F. Androshchuk gives us a possibility to use new information. My presentation will discuss the seals that came to our land from Constantinople, particularly those of emperors, their court, administration, and church figures. The main goal of this research is to uncover the general historical framework of suggested addressees by findspots of the said *molydoboulloi*. Who in Kyivan Rus could receive messages from the Byzantine capital? Another important aspect is whether the sigillography reflects some events described by Rus chronicles.