

National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
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**The First Belarusian Congress of Philosophy
«NATIONAL PHILOSOPHY IN THE GLOBAL WORLD»**

Republic of Belarus, Minsk, October 18–20, 2017

Information message

Organizers and expert-discussion platforms

- Institute of Philosophy of the National academy of sciences of Belarus.
- Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Belarusian State University.
- The Academy of Public Administration under the aegis of the President of the Republic of Belarus.
- Institute of Social and Humanitarian Education of the Belarusian State Economic University.
- Departments of philosophy and social-humanitarian disciplines of higher education institutions of the Republic of Belarus.

About the Congress

The Congress is organized as a part of the program of the Year of Science in the Republic of Belarus. It is intended for integration of philosophical community of the country around the ideals, values and research tasks shared by its members. The organizers of this forum have the goal to present systematically the history and intellectual capital of the Belarusian philosophical tradition, to reflect its role in the development of philosophical knowledge nationally and globally.

During the Congress, it is planned to reveal the potential of domestic philosophy in the solution of theoretical-methodological, spiritual-cultural, and value problems. There will be discussed the cultural-creative role of philosophical knowledge in the modern society, its capabilities in the field of harmonization of social relations, optimization of the processes of state-building, theoretical-methodological support of the modern education system.

The Congress will promote better coordination between philosophical schools, institutions, and communities of the countries of East and West. It will contribute to the improvement of the strategy of philosophical research nationally, regionally and globally. Also it will help to reveal the promising areas of international scientific cooperation on the base of a wide range of philosophical knowledge and practices.

The organizers expect that the Congress will actualize the interest of national and international media and general public to the heritage of philosophical culture of Belarus and the latest achievements in the field of philosophical sciences. We believe that this forum will be a place of meeting, discussion and cooperation of representatives

of the academic, university and other sectors of philosophical science. We hope that it will promote the involvement of researchers, who work in the field of natural sciences, engineering and social-humanitarian disciplines, graduate students and undergraduates, in work within the framework of interdisciplinary research teams, oriented to solving the urgent problems of philosophy and interdisciplinary knowledge.

The working languages of the Congress: Belarusian, Russian, English.

Thematic areas

At the Congress, there will be discussed the whole range of problems of modern research, educational and social-practical programs in the sphere of philosophical knowledge. The following problems are among them:

- The origins, historical development and current state of the Belarusian philosophical tradition.
- Nine centuries of Belarusian philosophy: names, events, publications.
- The phenomenon of national philosophy in the global world.
- Philosophical classics and modern trends in the development of global philosophical thought.
- Philosophy as a tool for understanding the global social dynamics, assessment of information, educational, social and spiritual processes.
- Global problems and risks as a subject of philosophical reflection.
- Philosophy in the Eurasian social-cultural space: methodological and expert capital, experience and tasks of participation in social transformations.
- Human in the 21st century: philosophical aspects of intellectual-cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and ideological potential.
- Logic and methodology of natural sciences and humanitarian knowledge: classics, non-classics, post-nonclassics.
- Philosophical-methodological grounds and ideological principles of transdisciplinary programs in science.
- Modern problems of ontology, metaphysics and philosophy of cognition.
- Philosophy of mind and methodology of cognitive sciences.
- Philosophy of language, linguistic philosophy, semiotics, discourse analysis.
- Philosophical knowledge as a precondition of the mechanisms of sustainable development in the system “human-society-nature”.
- Philosophical problems of the global information community. Philosophy of virtual reality and network communication.
- Ethical challenges of social and scientific-technological development.
- Philosophical problems of gender studies.
- Philosophical views on the evolution of educational system. Topical problems of philosophical education in Belarus and in the post-Soviet space.
- Philosophical knowledge and justification of the ways of harmonization of intercultural and interfaith relations. Philosophy of religion.
- Current philosophical programs for the study of culture, social-political and ideological dynamics: Belarus, region, world.
- Development of philosophical and interdisciplinary research in the system of priorities of the state scientific policy.

Events of the Congress

Within the framework of the Congress, there will be held plenary sessions, international scientific symposium “Philosophical knowledge in science and culture: traditions, paradigms, perspectives”, international scientific conference “Philosophy and civilization challenges of postmodernity”, seminars, workshops and round tables.

Presentations of the participants will be distributed among the events on the base of thematic areas specified in the applications. The exact list of events will be determined after receiving the applications.

Participation

To participate in the Congress, please register on the website <http://congress.philosophy.by> in the period **from April 5, 2017 to June 16, 2017**, indicating the name of the presentation, information about the author (authors), selected thematic area, and brief theses of the presentation (up to 3 000 characters with spaces, which corresponds to approx. 1 page of printed text, font size 14, single interval).

You can find instructions for registration and requirements to the texts of theses on the website <http://congress.philosophy.by>.

The Organizing Committee does not accept the following applications: those not registered on the website; those containing incomplete information about the authors; those without text of theses; those not meeting the criteria for texts published in the scientific edition; those not meeting the requirements for registration and exceeding the predetermined volume; those not corresponding to the problems of the Congress and its thematic areas; those that need correction (containing multiple errors and typos).

The Organizing Committee does not enter into a discussion based on the consideration of applications; it does not give information about the progress of their examination.

Written invitations will be sent to participants included in the program of the Congress. The fee for presentation and placement of theses in printed materials of the Congress is not charged. Travel and accommodation expenses are paid by the participant or the sending organization.

Publications

Theses of participants will be posted on the website of the Congress and published as a separate book before the beginning of the event.

After the Congress, we plan to publish a collection of reports and materials.

Key dates

Registration of participants, submission of theses – April 5, 2017 – June 16, 2017.

Preparation of the program, distribution of invitations – before September 20, 2017.

Publication of the collection of theses – before October 18, 2017.

Arrival of participants – October 16–18, 2017.

Registration – October 18, 2017.

Work of the Congress – October 18–20, 2017.

Preparation of the collection of materials of the Congress – October-December 2017.

Further information

Full information about the Congress, the program of events, the possibilities of accommodation in Minsk will be published on the website **<http://congress.philosophy.by>**. Participants are welcome to follow the updates of this information. Invitations and other important information will be sent to the e-mail provided during registration.

In case of questions and difficulties, please contact the organizing committee by e-mail congress@philosophy.by. Please use this address only for solving organizational problems, not for sending submissions.

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