







13th Annual International School Conference Language and the World

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2017-2018 academic year event plan

Moscow, 06th April, 2018

Year theme: Dialogue among world civilisations as a means of conserving environmental and cultural heritage of countries and their peoples

Информационное письмо № 1

"Language and the World", an International school conference organized by Linguistics School Centre of Youth International and Social Diplomacy, is to take place for the thirteenth time. The conference is run at the academic and practical levels by Cambridge Language Assessment Centres in Russia, academic journal "Issues in Philology", and Russian Academy of Science Education Committee.

In previous conference teachers and pupils from 12 Moscow and Moscow region schools as well as schools from Saint Petersburg, Tver, Kazan, Anapa, Crimea and Kazakhstan participated and demonstrated high levels in their research and project work, their presentations and in their command of their native and foreign languages. The variety and relevance of the conference themes attract the attention of participants, who are not indifferent to and are interested in the global problems of the modern world as well as in the history, culture and environment of their homelands.

The 2018 conference is dedicated to issues of conserving environmental and

cultural heritage, language development, the issue of preserving rare and dying languages, and issues of social development in its broadest sense; these are issues that cover virtually all spheres and levels of human activity from economics and the multi-layering of interaction to politics and culture as well as from inter-personal relations to dialogue among civilisations.

The conference will host presentations from a Linguistics School research group who have been working for three years on collecting, translating, recording and online publication of old folk tales in a specially created portal for the "Tales and legends of indigenous peoples" project.

2018 promises a year rich in dates and events of public and cultural significance both in Russia and in the whole world; we hope that these topical themes will too be reflected in the research and project works of pupils.

Thematic sections of the Conference

- 1. World and domestic cultural heritage and means of preserving it (problems and solutions)
- 2. Language evolution: 21st century tendencies
- **3. Issues in sustainable development** (conservation of natural resources, the state of the environment as a whole world problem, maintaining stability in social and cultural systems).
- 4. Joint space exploration as an example of successful international cooperation.

5. 2018 in Russia and the world:

- Year of citizen participation (citizen public activeness and volunteering) in Russia;
- Year of nationalities and peoples of Russia;
- Year of theatre and domestic ballet in Russia;
- Year of Solzhenitsyn (100th anniversary of his birth);
- European year of cultural heritage

- Russia and Japan crossover year
- Sport for the benefit of the world and development

Conference schedule

- 1. Participant and guest registration (09:00-09:30)
- 2. Opening ceremony (09:30)
 - Welcoming guests
 - Presentations from specialists in the fields of linguistics, history, philosophy and diplomacy
- 3. Pupils present their research and projects (11:00-12:10)

Lunch break (12:10 - 12:40)

4. Presentations continue (12:40 – 14:45)

Coffee break (14:45 - 15:00)

- 5. Conclusion of conference. Award ceremony. (15:00 15:45)
- **6.** Closing ceremony (15:45 16:00)

Applications to participate in the conference should be sent as attachments to school@gaudeamus.ru by 23rd March, 2018.

Summary (abstract of report no more than half a page) should be sent in writing in Russian, English, French, German or Spanish to the conference committee along with the application. When material is being sent, please create an automatic reply message for the recipient.

There is no registration fee

Registration for participants will take place on 06th April, 2018 between 09:00 and 09:30 at: **14A bldg. 1, ul. Verkhnyaya Krasnoselskaya, Moscow**

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