

International conference “Documentation of Languages and Dialects of Indigenous Peoples of Russia”

2019 has been declared by UNESCO as the International Year of Indigenous Languages. In this regard the Institute for Linguistic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences announces the International Conference “Documentation of Languages and Dialects of Indigenous Peoples of Russia”. The conference will be held on October 14-16, 2019 at the Institute for Linguistic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Saint-Petersburg, Tuchkov pereulok, 9).

In this rapidly changing world, languages and dialects that do not have a large number of speakers are under the threat of an ever-increasing limitation of their use. The primary task of the researcher is the maximum possible and high-quality documentation of languages and dialects in their natural use. However, various situations often arise during the work with a native speaker which can change the workflow of the documentation process. Nowadays there are various technical means of recording, decoding, annotating, analyzing and archiving of linguistic materials. Many of us are documenting endangered languages and have an extensive experience in using various tools of documentation as well as different approaches to solving the documentation problems in the field. The conference will primarily focus on the problems of the documentation of languages and dialects of Indigenous Peoples of Russia in the field.

A list of areas which will be covered at the conference on the material of languages and dialects of indigenous peoples of Russia includes:

- field research methods
- theoretical background of language documentation and the use of archival materials
- quality and diversity of data obtained during the documentation process
- description of phonetic, grammatical and lexical phenomena using field research methods
- archival data processing
- corpora and digital archives development
- ways of presenting the received data
- use of documentation data for cultural and ethnic identity
- unknown archival data

Anonymous abstracts for participation should be sent to e-mail: langrus.spb@gmail.com until **June 1, 2019**. The abstract should not exceed 3600 characters (with spaces), including examples, diagrams, tables and the list of references. The abstract should be sent in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx or .rtf. If non-standard fonts are used, they should be attached to the letter; in this case abstracts should be sent also in .pdf format. The letter should contain the information about the author / authors: name, place of work / study, e-mail address. Each participant may submit no more than two applications -- in this case one of the two presentations should be made in co-authorship.

The Organizing Committee will select abstracts based on anonymous reviewing. The notification of the acceptance / rejection will be sent to the authors no later than July 1, 2019.

Time for presentations: 30 minutes (20 minutes talk + 10 minutes discussion). Conference languages: Russian, English. There is no registration fee for participation in the conference. Unfortunately, the organizing committee will not be able to reimburse expenses for travel and accommodation. A collection of abstracts will have been published by the beginning of the Conference.

Important Dates:

June 1, 2019 - Deadline for the submission of abstracts

July 1, 2019 - Notification of acceptance / rejection of abstracts

October 14-16, 2019 - the Conference

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