



Association for Russian Centers for the Religious Studies
The Forth Congress of Russian Scholars of Religion

September 24–26, 2018

The Amur State University, Blagoveshchensk, Russia

Theme:

“Religion as a Factor of Interrelation of Civilizations”

Information letter № 1

Association of Russian Centers for the Religious Studies announces The Forth Congress of Russian Scholars of Religion with international participation. The Congress aims to continue scientific studying, which took place during the First and the Second Congresses in St. Petersburg in 2012–2014 and the Third Congress in Vladimir in 2016.

The Forth Congress will take place at The Amur State University, one of the centres for Russian religious studies. The subject of the Forth Congress has been determined by geopolitical location of the AmSU situated on border of Russia and the Pacific Rim, the Russian civilization and civilizations of Asia and America, and also relevance of fundamental intercivilizational processes defining the fate of mankind from antiquity till the present time.

Themes to be discussed during the Forth Congress:

- Modern theories of religion in the context of civilization approach.
- Contribution of the Russian and foreign religious studies to the research of place and role of religion in the course of interaction of cultures and peoples.
- Scientific heritage of the Metropolitan Innocent (I.E. Popov-Veniaminov), outstanding researcher of the peoples, cultures, and religions of Siberia, the Far East, and America.
- Religions in the history of development of civilizations.
- Religions as a factor of dialogue of civilizations.
- Religions as a factor of confrontation of civilizations.
- Religions of Russia as a component of history and culture.
- Modern religious and ethno-religious processes as a factor of intracivilizational development of Russia.

Round table theme: “Religious and Civil Political Institutes in Russia: From Political Framework to the State Policy”.

*Abstract submission deadline is **May 1, 2018**.* Applications are sent to congressamgu-2018@yandex.ru.

An application should include: full name, position, academic degree, affiliation, city, country, e-mail address, subject of a report, key words, and abstract (up to 900 characters).

Applications for planning of sections and round tables are sent to *congress-amgu-2018@yandex.ru*, deadline is **April 1, 2018**.

An application should include title of section, full name, position, academic degree, affiliation, city, country, and e-mail address of an organizer, number of expected participants, suggested topics, and abstract (up to 900 characters).

The steering committee reserves the right for selection of applications.

Full texts of reports for publication are submitted by **June 1, 2018**. The reports should be written in Russian or English. The submitted texts shall not exceed 20,000 characters with spaces.

Article layout rules correspond to the Article submission guidelines of the scientific and theoretical journal "Religiovedenie". The guideline is published in the issues of the journal and on the website.

Arrangement fee including the publication of the report and organizational expenses is supposed. The amount and payment procedure will be determined in *the information letter № 2*.

Accommodation and transportation expenses are covered by sending organizations.

Participants and guests of the Congress will be offered a cultural programme.

The Steering Committee:

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