

Newsletter # 1

Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Karelia
Karelian State Regional Museum

II International scientific and practical conference "Museums in the Northern Dimension"

The conference is devoted to the 140th anniversary of the Karelian State Regional Museum's foundation.

Dear colleagues!

We invite you to take part in the conference "Museums in the Northern Dimension", which will be held by the Karelian State Regional Museum on **October, 18-20th, 2011 in Petrozavodsk** (Russian Federation, Republic of Karelia).

The following problems are proposed for discussion:

- Museums in cultural space of the Northern Europe and Northwest Russia

Creation and development history of museums and museum collections; establishment of the museum activity in the specific context of the European North territories, international projects in the field of cultural heritage actualization and preservation.

- Museum as a brand of a territory, city and place

Museums' role in creating new public values, regional ideologies and cultural brands; identification of territories, cities and places through museum interpretation and their specifics presentation, revealing unique resources.

- National museums and museums of indigenous people

Museum and the national policy; distinctive features and problems of the museum activity in the national regions and indigenous people residence territories.

- Museum and intangible cultural heritage

Problems of involving folklore, traditions, rituals, toponymy in the museum activity; creating significant traditions-based events for local community; innovative projects, etc.

- Museum and immovable cultural heritage objects

Influence of cultural landscape concepts and the environmental approach on the museums' activity; museums functions on cultural heritage objects in connection with museums' participation in tourism activities; museums and the state preservation of natural and cultural monuments; museums and archaeological heritage; museums in the architectural environment of a city, etc.

A round table "Museums and the northern Identity: general value issues in cultural heritage and political views" will be held during the Conference. The round table will consider the museum activity in the context of community of northern cultures, mentality and character, ways of international cooperation and integration.

The Conference materials will be both printed and published on the website of the Karelian State Regional Museum. In this connection **application forms for participation in the conference and presentation texts (reports)** are accepted till **April 5, 2011** by e-mail yalexandrov@pochta.ru

Requirements for the presentation text in English:

RTF electronic format, Times New Roman 12 font, volume no more than 3 pages, 25 mm page border, report's title by lower case bold letters with the center alignment, please do not establish spaces by tabulation or blank, a footnote trailer, the literature reference - number in square brackets, the literature list - in the interval after the text.

The information on the text author should be placed after the summary (first name, last name, scientific degree and work position, place of work and post address, phone, e-mail address). In the theme of the letter we kindly ask you to specify "Museums in the Northern Dimension".

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