

ABOUT THE 3d INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Significant event in the life of scientific community was holding the Third International Scientific Conference “Theoretical Problems of Ethnic and Cross-cultural Psychology” on from May 24 till May 25, 2012 at Smolensk University of Humanities with the support of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research. The Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Ethnology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow State University named after M.V. Lomonosov, Moscow Municipal University of Psychology and Pedagogics, Saratov State University named after N.G. Chernyshevsky, Kharkov National University named after V.N. Karamzin, Institute of Cultural Heritage of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova contributed to the organization of the conference.

With brief opening remarks the head of Smolensk University of Humanities, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Honored Worker of Higher Professional Education of the Russian Federation N.E. Mazhar opened the conference. Welcoming the gathered participants he stressed that this scientific forum that brought together the specialists of different fields of the Humanities from different countries: Azerbaijan, the Republic of Belarus, Israel, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia, Ukraine, Finland, Estonia as well as local researchers of the leading scientific centers, which geography is represented by many Russian cities from Kaliningrad till Ussuriysk, was held at Smolensk University of Humanities the third time.

Welcome addresses to the participants of the conference and the wishes of fruitful work on behalf of the director of the Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of RAS A.L. Zhuravlev were read out by the Leading Researcher at the RAS the Institute of Psychology, Professor of Psychological Sciences E. Reznikov.

At the plenary session six reports were presented, which discussion continued at the science section meetings.

Doctor of Psychology, Professor, Leading Researcher at the RAS Institute of Psychology Alexander V. Sukharev substantiated an introduction of the basic principles of “archegeny” and “ethnofunctionality” establishing ethnofunctional paradigm of scientific knowledge to Psychological Science. He has emphasized that “ethnic paradigm” in the modern world modifies into a broader “ethnofunctional paradigm” based on the ethnic functions of all diversity of various ethnic features.

Doctor of Sociological Sciences N.P. Malikova (Moscow, Russian State University for the Humanities) revealed the relevance of interdisciplinary analysis of various kinds of ethno-cultural phenomena of socio-psychological resources of interethnic communication, stressed the need for methodological support of cross-cultural studies, but also highlighted the productivity of scientists’ appealing to the possibilities of cross-country cross-cultural research.

Doctor of Psychology R. Shamionov (Saratov State University named after N.G. Chernyshevsky) drew attention to the importance of the study of ethnic and

psychological determinants of a person's social activity. Revealing the differences of socio-psychological determinants of a person's social activity from different ethnic groups, as well as its nature, depth and dynamics and identifying peculiarities of this determination you can reveal the conditions for the formation of the person's subjective position, its achievement of social success and self-realization.

Candidate of Psychology A. Tatarko (Moscow, Higher School of Economics) acquainted the conference participants with the main research directions in the International Scientific-Educational Laboratory for Socio-Cultural Research of the National Research University Higher School of Economics of such fundamental problems as psychological cultural dimensions, dynamics of the Russians' basic values, psychology of socio-psychological capital, civil, religious and ethnic identity.

The report of Candidate of Psychology L.P. Ponomarenko (Odessa, Odessa I.I. Mechnikov National University) "Answer strategies by carrying out test procedures as a communicative style speciality of representatives from different cultures" was devoted to the analysis of some common methodological errors in cross-cultural research – tendencies of respondents to agree with the points of the questionnaire or choose the extreme answers.

Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences E.R. Khakimov (Izhevsk, Udmurt State University) pointed out in his report "Creating of open scientific and educational space of the researchers of Poly-Multi-Intercultural Education: problems and perspectives" the main problems of scientific cooperation among scientists in the field of ethnic psychology and multicultural education. He has selected the basic resources and potentials of Russian-speaking scientists, reported about starting a project on the open scientific and educational space among the multicultural education researchers and pedagogical experts in 14 universities through the Internet-Symposium on "Education and Interethnic Relations" on 14-16 November 2012 with participation of the leading theorists of the European Union and the USA.

The discussion of priority directions of the development of ethnic and cross-cultural psychology assigned for the plenary session was continued within the framework of science sections.

For discussion of the science section "**Ethnic Identity as a Basic Category of Ethnic Psychology**" (co-chairmen of the science section are Doctor of Psychological Sciences E. Reznikov and Doctor of Psychological Sciences A. Sukharev) were brought up the following theoretical questions: content and dynamics of ethnic identity, the ratio of ethnic identity with civil, religious, personal identity, relationship of ethnic identity with other psychological phenomena, in which discussion Candidate of Psychological Sciences N.S. Arinushkina (Saratov), Candidate of Psychological Sciences A.A. Gayvoronskaya (Smolensk), Candidate of Psychological Sciences M.V. Efremova (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences O.V. Kalinichenko (Ussuriysk), Candidate of Psychological Sciences N.G. Kaunova (Kishinev, the Republic of Moldova), L.A. Rybakova (Nizhni Tagil), Candidate of Psychological Sciences L.P. Ponomorenko

(Odessa, the Ukraine), Candidate of Psychological Sciences G.S. Stepanova (Voronezh), Candidate of Historical Sciences I.A. Snezhkova (Moscow) took part.

At the science section **“Culture and Personality. Cultural Values”** (co-chairmen of the science section are Candidate of Psychological Sciences A.N. Tatarko and Candidate of Psychological Sciences T.N. Smotrova) the reports by Candidate of Psychological Sciences I.I. Kaunenka (Kishinev, the Republic of Moldova), Y.V. Kovaleva (Smolensk), Y.D. Gavronova (Smolensk), Candidate of Psychological Sciences A.N. Tatarko (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences E.V. Osipova (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences T.N. Smotrova (Balashov), V.A. Shorokhova (Moscow) were heard. The presented papers aroused lively discussion on such problems on cross-cultural psychology as cultural variety of social behaviour regulators; the relationship of psychological culture characteristics with value-semantic personality sphere, social capital, moral ideal.

On the agenda of the science section **“Culture and Cognitive Processes”** (co-chairmen of the science section are Doctor of Psychological Sciences V.A. Vasyutinskiy and Doctor of the Humanities Y. Mardosa) the following questions were placed: theoretical approaches to the study of cultural conditionality of the perception, memory, thinking processes, as well as the formation and functioning of ethnic stereotypes and ethnic attitudes.

The reports by Doctor of Psychological Sciences V.A. Vasyutinskiy, Candidate of Sociological Sciences Y.N. Dolgova (Balashov), Doctor of the Humanities Y. Mardosa (Vilnius, Lithuania), O.V. Maslowa (Moscow), N.G. Ranchugova (Smolensk), S.A. Knyasyutenkova (Smolensk) were devoted to the search for answers for the on the agenda placed questions.

At the combined science section, devoted to **Psychology of Cross-Cultural Interaction, Ethnic Conflicts, Migration and Acculturation** (co-chairmen of the science section are Doctor of Sociological Sciences N.P. Malikova, Candidate of Psychological Sciences I.I. Kaunenka) the reports by I.A. Derkhanova (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences Z.Kh. Lepshokova (Moscow), Y.A. Logashenko (Kaliningrad), Doctor of Psychological Sciences T.I. Pashukova (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences N.V. Tkachenko (Moscow), Candidate of Psychological Sciences E.N. Yurasova (Moscow) were presented. The report by Candidate of Physics and Mathematics Y.I. Brodskiy (Moscow) **“Tolerance, intolerance, identity, migration: the simplest mathematical models of Intercultural Interaction”** was of particular interest, where it was emphasized, that intercultural interaction is modeled by the Volterra-Lotka equations of the competition.

At the science section **“Ethnic Socialization and Problems of Multicultural Education”** (co-chairmen of the science section are Doctor of Psychological Sciences R.M. Shamionov and Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences Khakimov) the questions concerning the theoretical approaches to the study of the factors, conditions, mechanisms of ethnic socialization and multicultural education in the modern world were discussed. Fruitful discussion of possible ways to solve theoretical issues on the basis of technology **“brainstorming”** was held.

O.Y. Emel'yanova (Voronezh), N.V. Kukhtova (Vitebsk, Belorussia), Candidate of Psychological Sciences M.Y. Chibisova (Moscow), Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences E.R. Khakimov (Izhevsk), Doctor of Psychological Sciences V.V. Gritsenko, B.A. Boshmakov and V.V. Dodusov (Smolensk), R.M. Shamionov (Saratov) took part in its discussion.

At the end of the conference two round tables were organized.

Under the guidance of Doctor of Psychological Sciences, Leading Researcher at the RAS the Institute of Psychology E.N. Reznikov and Doctor of Psychology, Professor, Leading Researcher at the RAS Institute of Psychology A.V. Sukharev the round table **“Ethnopsychology, the relationship of theory and practice”** took place. In the opening address E.N. Reznikov highlighted the issue that for the last two years among the numerous psychological studies some papers (including the Institute of Psychology at the RAS) with a focus on the implementation of their results in practice have appeared (for example in the education system, in the sphere of management and business, the Emergency Control Ministry and others). In his speech A.V. Sukharev spoke about the possibilities of using research results based on the theory of ethnofunctionality in the educational sphere for correction of psychological development of primary and secondary students.

Then the questions of relationship between scientific and applied ethnic psychology, the gap existence between research and psychological practice (counselling, psychotherapy and others) were discussed.

For the discussion of the round table **“Cultural conditionality of the person's life strategies in the conditions of socio-economic instability”** (the moderators: Candidate of Psychological Sciences T.N. Smotrova and Candidate of Sociological Sciences Y.N. Dolgov) were three questions submitted: about life strategies stability-variability ratio indicators in the rapidly changing world; about the need of extracting the base for the constructing typologies (classifications) of life strategies, which can be used for the investigation of their cultural conditionality, determining methodological foundations and development of methodological tools for doing similar research.

During the discussion Professor Vasyutinskiy from Kiev made a point of on the impact of the political situation on the developing the person's life strategies. He also came up with an idea, that for all the complexity of the problem of constructing the typologies of life strategies the system of value orientations represents itself as one of the leading reasons for them. The discussion was aroused by the problem of self-actualization and professional self-realization strategy as an optimal one for all life situations.

As a consequence of the work of the plenary session, science sections and round tables the results of the theoretical and methodological development of ethnic and cross-cultural psychology were summed up, the main goals and future trends for their achieving were set.

By the beginning of the conference the volume of abstracts **“Theoretical problems of ethnic and cross-cultural psychology”** was published: Materials for the 2nd International scientific conference 24 – 25 May 2012 in V-s/ed. by V.V.

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