Belarusian National Technical University (BNTU), Minsk, Belarus
Field Committee on Discourse Linguistics of the International Committee of Slavists
Institute of Journalism of the Belarusian State University
Center of Applied Linguistics of the University of Latvia, Riga
Institute of Foreign Languages of Jan Kohanowski University in Kielce, Poland

SECOND CIRCULAR LETTER
CALL FOR PAPERS

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Dear colleagues,

It is our pleasure to assure you that the 1st International Scientific Conference «PROFESSIONAL DISCOURSES-1: RESEARCH AND EDUCATION» organized on the initiative of Eastern European and Slavic discourse researchers and hosted by the Belarusian National Technical University (BNTU) will be held in Minsk, Belarus, in September 28–30, 2017.

THEMES

The Conference aspires to provide an interdisciplinary event for sharing both theoretical and empirical findings, as well as pedagogical practices on the broad topic of Professional Discourses. We hope that the contributions will cover issues concerning research traditions, current trends and perspectives in the subject area.

Possible themes include, but are not limited, to the following subject areas:

- Professional discourse and scientific discourse, interdisciplinary and applied science discourse included: Theory, methodology, research procedures, theoretical modeling, problems of classification, genre representation, etc.
- The problems of representation of professional and research discourses in specialized dictionaries of different types, readers and other types of academic literature in the context of global science;
- Professional and scientific discourses in institutionalized and interpersonal communication. Professional and research discourse communities and their website representation;
- Cross-cultural and inter-cultural aspects of professional and scientific interaction;
- Launching scientific journals and book series in Lingua Franca: problems of editing.
- Terminological systems of professional and scientific fields.
- Professional discourses and translation.
- Discourse expertise in the context of interdisciplinary knowledge.
The working languages of the conference are English, Russian and Belarusian.

Please, inform the organizing committee, if you need oral translation during plenary post-report discussions or other social contexts. If necessary, we can help with oral translation during the plenary session.

In the framework of the conference, we welcome the following formats of participation:

- Plenary sessions (30 min reports, incl. question-answers);
- Round tables (5-7 participants, 100 min session, incl. 10-15 min questions-answers);
- Lectures (50 min each, incl. 10-15 min questions-answers);
- Presentations of readers on professional discourses, dictionaries of professional terminology (on request of the participants);
- Session of virtual presentations (on-line reports or in the formats of video films; 20-25 minutes, incl. on-line questions-answers);
- Master-classes (max 45 min, plus 10 min questions-answers);
- Session of poster reports for MA and PhD students;
- Joint meeting of the Field Committee on Discourse Linguistics and members of the project @Professional Discourses;
- An open meeting of the members of the Field Committee on Discourse Linguistics.

IMPORTANT DATES:

One is to keep the time schedule in order to participate in the conference:

- **By April 30, 2017** please submit abstracts in any conference language (350 words, with no references) and the application form filled to 2348843@tut.by. Invitations to the contributors will be sent during 10 days after the registration.
- **By May 14, 2017** early payment fee, which is:
  - 60 EUR for all participants, but 40 EUR for postgraduates,
  - 40 BYN for Belarusian participants and 20 BYN for Belarusian postgraduates;
- **By June 27, 2017** participant fee is 80 EUR;
- **By September 10** payment fee is 100 EUR;
- For the guests without presentations the fee is 15 EUR (and 15 BYN for Belarusians);
- **By June 5, 2017** one should receive the invitation with relevant information.

All participants cover transport, accommodation and board expenses by themselves or their institutions.
SCHEDULE

The conference will start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 and end at lunchtime on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

EQUIPMENT

The conference room is equipped with an OHP, microphone and video projector for PowerPoint presentations – there is no need to bring your own laptop, but your presentation should be fully Windows compatible.

INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE MATERIAL PUBLICATIONS:

We plan four publications of the conference materials (enriched by additional material in case the editorial board of the series finds it appropriate):

- **In our Russian language scientific series** “La Table Ronde”, vol. 3. «Профессиональные дискурсы», вып. 3. Минск: Изд-во БНТУ, ISSN 2218-8002.
- **In our new Belarusian language scientific series** “Прафесійныядыскурсы», вып. 1. Мінск: выд. БНТУ, ISSN.
- **In our special Russian language scientific series** «Методология исследований политического дискурса», вып. 7 (on the proceedings of the round table “Discourse of Reflection: an Interdisciplinary Collection”). Минск: изд-во БНТУ, ISSN.

In case you choose to publish in each of these volumes, please write to the organizing board.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES:

- **July 10, 2017**, submitting articles for publication (max 24000 signs) in English. Publication is planned in volume 4 of the scientific series “Discourse Analysis and Beyond” in the publishing house of “Sprachlit”, Regensburg, Germany, ISBN 978-3-9816960-6-6;
- **July 20, 2017**, submitting articles for publication (max 15000 signs) in Russian and / or Belarusian. Publication is planned in volume 3 of the scientific series “La Table Ronde” in the publishing house of BNTU, Minsk, Belarus, ISSN 2218-8002 and in “Прафесійныядыскурсы», вып.1. Мінск: выд. БНТУ, ISSN.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

FOR THE ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN/BELARUSIAN LANGUAGE ARTICLES

Page size – B5;
font: Cambria, font sizes:
- title of parts 16, title of chapter 11, subtitle 11;
- block quotations 10, footnotes 10, references 10, contents 10
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**PLEASE FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE**

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| **Length of participation in the conference** | **Full-time**  
**part-time (from __ to ___)** |
| **Hotel reservation** | **from _______ to _______ 2017**  
- single-room  
- double-room  
- no need |
| **Do you need entrance visa?** | **• yes**  
**• no** |

*At present you do not need Belarusian visa if you travel to Belarus by air and stay no longer than 5 days. If you travel in another way and need an ENTRANCE VISA, please, send information from the main page of your passport (where your name, passport number, date of issue, date of expiring, etc. are given) or a Xerox copy of this page. We will get in touch with you upon this matter on receiving your application (as a rule, visas for conference participation are given free of charge).*