

**XV International Peter the Great Congress**  
**“NOT AN ENCHANTER, BUT A GENIUS...”**  
**THE PERSONALITY OF PETER THE GREAT**  
**AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE EPOCH**

St Petersburg, 9-11 June 2022

Held in St. Petersburg on an annual basis on the occasion of the anniversary of the birth of Peter the Great, the International Peter the Great Congress is aimed at studying and promoting the historical and cultural heritage of the Petrine epoch.

The Congress is held under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of Russia and the Committee for Culture of St. Petersburg. The organizers are the Peter the Great Institute and the Dmitry Likhachev Foundation with the support of the State Hermitage Museum, the Peterhof State Museum-Reserve, the Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (the Kunstkamera) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the St. Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the State Museum of the History of St. Petersburg, the St. Petersburg State Academic Capella, the St. Petersburg Institute for Cultural Programs, and many other Russian and European institutions of culture, science and education.

The 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Peter I is a special event in the life of Russia. It enables us to review the role of the personality of Peter the Great in both Russian and European history from a longer perspective and to get a deeper insight into the effects of his reforms on the history of Russia and the destinies of its nations.

Modern Russian society seems to have no single institution, no single area of culture or sphere of life whose foundation was not laid by Peter I. As the historian Mikhail Pogodin put it, “No, it’s not an enchanter, but a Genius, Peter.” Moreover, this historical figure does not become less significant, nor does he vanish after any turning point in history as we move through time, but instead remains as titanic and majestic as ever.

The year 2022 will see a special Congress. It is dedicated to Peter himself rather than to any of his various accomplishments and transformations. The focus of the anniversary Congress will be on highlighting different facets of the multidimensional personality of the Emperor in an attempt to show what this unique phenomenon in our history and culture known as Peter the Great is really about.

The Congress will provide a forum for discussion on a few topics that will help synthesize the image of the Great Transformer as follows:

- The personality of Peter the Great and his view of the world
- Peter within his family
- Teachers and mentors
- Peter with his friends and close associates
- Peter and the sea
- Peter as a traveller
- Peter as a collector
- Peter on the battlefield and at the negotiation table
- Peter’s contemporaries about his personality
- St. Petersburg in Peter’s life
- Impact of the personality of Peter on the content and methods of reforms in Russia
- The figure of Peter the Great as a symbol of new Russia

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The working languages of the Congress are Russian and English.

In order to take part in the Congress as a speaker, please, submit your application. **Deadline is 14 February 2022.** The application should provide the following details: full name, place of employment and position, academic degree, contact details (e-mail, office/home and mobile telephone numbers), the title and short synopsis of the proposed paper (1000-1500 characters).

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select the papers to be delivered at the Congress.

The organizers of the Congress will provide accommodation and subsistence in St Petersburg from 8 to 12 June 2022 for the out-of-town and foreign participants.

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