

St. Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan,
Institute of Russian Literature (The Pushkin House) of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences,

invite you to take part in the international conference
**"History of Writing of European Civilization
and the Written Culture of the Peoples of Russia"**

Kazan, 17-19 October 2023.

The history of material and formal aspects of written culture has been a subject of scientific research for several centuries, and it remains highly relevant today. The St. Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan hold the distinction of being custodians of some of the most valuable collections of written language monuments in Russia. They are also the oldest special centers dedicated to the scientific study and publication of these materials.

Equally significant collections can be found in the Manuscripts Department of the Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Manuscripts Department and the Drevlekhranilische of the Institute of Russian Literature (The Pushkin House) of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Manuscripts and Rare Books Department of the Lobachevsky Scientific Library at Kazan (Volga Federal University), the National Library of the Republic of Tatarstan, and the State Archive of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The modern digital revolution presents unprecedented opportunities for extensive and detailed research on the history of writing, including its evolving techniques, stylistics, material carriers of written texts, and the emerging social functions of documents, books, and other written forms in various alphabets such as Latin, Greek, Cyrillic, Arabic, Hebrew, and more. Conducting such research necessitates collaborative efforts among teams of researchers from different specialties and the cooperation of multiple institutions.

Within the framework of the conference "The History of Writing of European Civilisation and the Written Culture of the Peoples of Russia," the scientific sessions on the history of writing have specific objectives. These objectives include promoting further research on manuscript materials representing the traditions of writing in Europe and among the peoples of Russia, summarizing recent research findings from both Russia and abroad, facilitating the exchange of experiences among researchers, identifying current challenges in the field, and determining promising directions for future studies on writing and written monuments.

The conference will focus on the following main directions of research:

- 1) Written Culture of the Peoples of Russia in the Context of the Development of European Civilization;
- 2) Greek, Latin, Armenian, Georgian, Glagolitic, Scandinavian Runic and Permian Writing in the History of Europe;
- 3) Cyrillic Writing as a Component of Written Culture;
- 4) Monuments of Jewish Writing: Place, Role, and Significance in the Historical Context;
- 5) Origins of Turkic Writing: Runic and Uiguric;
- 6) Arabic Writing as a Phenomenon of Cultural Evolution of Eastern Civilization;

7) The Role of Numismatics in the Study of Written Culture.

The conference will be held in a mixed format: face-to-face and online. The venue of the face-to-face sessions is Kazan.

Regulations for presentations: 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. A special session will be devoted to the presentation of posters and presentations (10 minutes for presentations).

Working languages: Russian, Tatar, English.

Application Deadline: 10th September 2023.

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Appendix

Application form for participation in the international scientific conference
"History of Writing of European Civilization and the Written Culture of the Peoples of Russia"
(To be filled in one of the three working languages of the conference)

1. Surname, first name, patronymic of the author	
2. Title of the presentation	
3. Thematic direction of the presentation	
4. Academic degree, academic title	
5. City	
6. Organisation (full name)	
7. Position (full name)	
8. Office telephone number with the city code	
9. Mobile telephone number	
10. E-mail	
11. Form of participation (face-to-face/online)	

Filling in the application form confirms the participant's consent to the processing of the personal data provided, which is necessary for the activities of the Organising Committee and the preparation of the conference programme.

Organising Committee