

10th Annual Vygotsky Memorial Conference

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Vygotsky Russian Fund
Russian State University for the Humanities
Vygotsky Institute of Psychology

“THE STONE WHICH WAS DISDAINED BY THE BUILDERS. * THE CULTURAL-HISTORICAL THEORY AND SOCIAL PRACTICES”

Key Note Speakers

Elena Kravtsova (Russia)

Gennadi Kravtsov (Russia)

Lois Holzman (USA)

Marilyn Fleer (Australia)

V. Zinchenko (Russia)

A. Asmolov (Russia)

We are planning the following themes for the conference sections:

1. The methodological meaning of the “practice” concept in cultural-historical psychology.
2. The developing education as a construct in cultural-historical psychology.
3. The cultural-historical psychology in family education and consulting.
4. Modern clinical applications of cultural-historical psychology.
5. Art as the development social practice from the point of cultural-historical approach.

Together with the discussion of practical solutions to social problems there will be a discussion of the results of psychological investigations and the ways they are used in practice. Special attention will be given to the professional training of future cultural-historical psychologists and teachers at colleges and universities.

We invite everyone involved in the cultural-historical approach to participate in the conference...especially those interested in the implementation of psychological approaches of theory into practice.

Selected presentations will be published.

Abstracts

All abstracts are due by August 25, 2009. Please attach a separate cover with the following information:

- *Name
- *Affiliation
- *E-mail address
- *Title
- *private address
- *Key words

Send that information together with another page that includes the abstract, without your name.

The abstract must be 350 words or shorter. Longer abstracts will not be considered. The abstracts must be in excellent English, or they cannot be accepted. All abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and you will be notified per-email of the decision by September 10, 2009. Please send your abstract to the address listed at the bottom of the page. **All abstracts must be sent to the following e-mail address: vygotsky.conf@gmail.com. Also, please send a “cc” to dot.robbins@gmail.com.**

Registration Information (We can only charge these registration fees if we have 20 international participants. Otherwise, the costs will be higher)

Regular Registration fees: \$285 (will include: conference material, translation of Key Note speeches, use of the facilities, use of technology, refreshments during the day and evening, trip to the grave of L. S. Vygotsky, etc.).

Fees for Translation of sections and Russian Student Advisors: \$160 (They will meet you at the airport/or hotel and bring you to the conference, and translate for you in the different sections you want to attend. They will be willing to help you back to the hotel the first evening. This student will stay with you during the conference, and translate the sessions you want to attend); Or, \$200 for two people.

\$100 (If you would like help with the sessions only, and no Student Advisor)

Banquet: \$ 45 (with entertainment)

Student/Retired Registration fees: \$235 [will include the same privileges as the Regular Registration fees]

Translators and Russian Student Advisors: \$160 (no discount) for one person. \$200 for two people.

\$100 (for the translation of sessions on only, no discount)

Banquet: \$ 30 (with entertainment)

*Regular fees are calculated regarding the country you live in, not your passport or actual nationality. If you live in a developing country (which will be determined by each case), you can request to pay the student registration fees. We ask that if your salary is the same as that in a developed country, you will support the conference by paying the full registration fees.

*Please pay your fees per PayPal (www.paypal.com) to dot.robbins@gmail.com. Please pay through the “bank” option, not the “credit card” option. Thank you. The money goes directly to the International Vygotsky Association. Please pay the registration fees as soon as possible and remember to send in the registration form. If you cannot attend the conference, please let us know by September 10th. All fees will be refunded before that date. 50% of the conference fees will be refunded if you contact us before October 10th; and, after October 10th no fees will be refunded. You will receive verification of your payment, and at the conference, you will receive an official receipt. Also, please send in your application form and information of what you will need (please check the appropriate boxes). If there is a problem, please print the form, scan it, and e-mail it to vygotsky.conf@gmail.com and D. Robbins.

*Fees for the Russian Student Advisor and translation of the sessions. The only language that will be translated into is English. The price for the Russian Student Advisor and translation of the sessions is designed for one participant only. If there are two people wanting one Russian Student Advisor, the price will be \$200.

*More information will be available in August and September regarding the evening program, possible workshops, the Roundtable, tour of Moscow, trip to Sergei Posad, etc.

*Because Moscow is one of the most expensive cities in the world, we will try to help you with accommodations. If you apply for a Russian visa at least six weeks before the conference, the International Office at the Russian State University for the Humanities will help you with the police registration. If you are applying for a one-month tourist visa, it is suggested that you work through a travel agency connected with the Russian system (e.g., WayToRussia, etc.). You will also need to pay the full price for a Student Advisor for help. At that point we can try and find a place with a Russian family for a reasonable price. If we have a group of 4 or 5 participants wanting to stay together, we hope to be able to rent an apartment very close to the conference. We also have other opportunities for small groups, who want privacy, but not the high cost of a hotel, but we will need to know quickly about these wishes.

*We will be able to have lunch together at two places very close by: 01 Café (which is a small, modern cafeteria-style café/restaurant. You will be able to have fresh, excellent food for a reasonable price). Also, you can have sandwiches and coffee at the Coffee House XAY3.

*After Conference Events: (information will be available in August)

Possible workshop with Lois Holzman

Tour of Moscow (if there is enough interest)

Tour to Sergei Posad to visit the Blind and Deaf Institute (if there is interest)

Registration Form

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Profession/title:

Affiliation:

E-mail:

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_____ \$160 (Translation service from Russian into English only for the individual sections + Russian Student Advisor to meet you at the airport and show you Moscow on a short walking tour, and take you to the conference. The Student Advisor will stay with you and translate for the sessions you want to attend); Or,

_____ \$ 200 (Translation service + Student Advisor for two people)

_____ \$ 100 (for the translation of sections only for 4 days. No Russian Student Advisor)

_____ \$ 45 (Banquet + with entertainment)

Student/Retired Registration (reduced fees for participants from developing countries): [Please check the appropriate form]

_____ \$235 (registration)

_____ \$160 (Translation + Russian Student help + airport pickup and walking tour. For one person only;

Or,

_____ \$200 (Translation + Russian Student help + airport pickup and walking tour for two people).

_____ \$100 (translations for the sessions only. No Student advisor.)

_____ \$ 35 (Banquet + entertainment)

Honorary President of the Conference

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*The Stone Rejected by the Builders

“The center has shifted in the history of science: what was at the periphery became the center of the circle. One can say about applied psychology what can be said about philosophy which was rejected by empirical psychology: ‘the stone which the builders rejected has become the head stone of the corner (p. 305).’ L. S. Vygotsky. The Collected Works of L. S. Vygotsky. Vol. 3: Problems of the Theory and History of Psychology. 1997.