

**Call for the International Scientific Conference “Reading Solzhenitsyn”,
Dedicated To the 100th Birthday of the Writer**

In 2018, the world will celebrate the 100th birthday of the great Russian writer and thinker, **Aleksander Isayevich Solzhenitsyn**, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 1970, and a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Solzhenitsyn lived and worked in Vermont for many years, and taking into consideration the great impact of his ideas on the international community and their undeniable value for the humanities, **the Institute of Russian Language, History, and Culture (Lyndon State College / Northern Vermont University, Vermont, USA)** calls for the **International Scientific Conference “Reading Solzhenitsyn”, Dedicated to 100th Birthday of the Writer**, where we would like to offer discussion in the following topics:

1. “The sense of deepness and dilation of the Russian language”: Solzhenitsyn’s contribution to the development, study, and promotion of the Russian language.
2. Literature – Solzhenitsyn’s heritage and the constants of Russian culture: clarity and conscience, spirit and consciousness.
“I firmly believe that the Russian language will not tilt, and will never allow to foul itself irretrievably, as long as even just the last small group of Russian people will exist on Earth. I apply the same to Russian Literature. Despite abundant littering, it keeps a clear and conscientious basis, and it will for sure give us examples, supporting our spirit and consciousness.” (from interview of A.I. Solzhenitsyn for the newspaper “Moscow News” 04.28.2006).
3. Appreciating Solzhenitsyn’s ideas in contemporary interdisciplinary research.
4. A.I. Solzhenitsyn and the spiritual world of Western society.
5. Solzhenitsyn Studies in schools and institutions of higher education.
6. A.I. Solzhenitsyn: above politics. Ideals of social structures and the search for “the unique way” for Russia.
7. A.I. Solzhenitsyn: understanding the most important events of Russian History through artistic means of expression.
8. A peer of the Revolution of 1917: the concept of Russian History in the compositions of A.I. Solzhenitsyn.
9. “The Vermont recluse”. The American period of Solzhenitsyn’s life through compositions and contemporary journalism.
10. Contemporary civilization and the future of humankind: Solzhenitsyn’s moral-religious view on the world.
11. «If an artist imagines himself as a god...». A.I. Solzhenitsyn – on the role of a writer and art, and Russian national character in the imagination of the writer.

Official languages of the conference: **Russian and English**.

All interested researchers of Solzhenitsyn’s works: professors, educators, writers, and museum officers are invited to participate in the conference.

The conference will take place from **September 6 – 9, 2018** (arrival - September 6, 2018; departure – September 9, 2018).

The working sessions (**September 7-8, 2018**) will take place on the campus of **Lyndon State College / Northern Vermont University**, in Lyndonville, Vermont, USA.

Organizational committee provides visa invitations for participants.

A book, which will include the presented papers, is planned for publication at the end of the conference. The requirements for submitting texts for publication will be e-mailed to participants in a forthcoming letter of information.

Rules of participation in the conference:

Expenses relating to the visa fee, airfare, hotel accommodation, and organizational fee payments are the responsibility of, and shall be paid by participants of the conference. Airports of arrival are Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) or Burlington International Airport (BTV). Accommodation for participants of the conference will be at the “Burke Mountain Hotel and Conference Center”, with a special price – from \$ 97.00 per night. Room reservation should be made only after receiving the official invitation for the conference, after submitting an application. Please mention the “Solzhenitsyn Conference” when making your reservation.

An organizational fee of \$ 300.00, includes conference transport expenses, meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), a trip to the **Cavendish, Vermont**, and other related expenses. The organizational fee shall be paid at the time of registration.

Applications for the participation in the conference shall be sent no later than **February 1, 2018** to the following e-mail addresses alexandre.strokanov@lyndonstate.edu, elena.strokanova@lyndonstate.edu.

**Application form
for participation in the International Scientific Conference “Reading Solzhenitsyn”,
dedicated to 100th birthday of the writer.**

1. Name (in Russian or in English):
2. The topic of the paper (in Russian or in English):
3. Abstract (in Russian or in English):
4. Degree:
5. Educational institution/employer:
6. Position:
7. E-mail:
8. Phone:
9. Mailing address:

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