

The International Association for Belarusian Studies (IABS)

Call for papers

5th Congress for Belarusian Studies
(Minsk, May 20-21, 2010)

The IABS announces call for papers for the 5th Congress for Belarusian Studies. The Congress is one of major scientific events in the world dedicated to Belarusian Studies. The past Congress held in 2005 attracted more than 170 scholars from 12 countries.

Sessions of the 5th Congress for Belarusian Studies will be held in the form of so called thematic blocks and roundtables and will cover the following disciplines:

- Linguistics
- Literary Studies
- Cultural Studies
- History
- Folklore Studies
- Ethnology
- International Relations

Each application for conducting a thematic block must include:

1. Field of knowledge (see above).
2. Name of the block's head, his/her country of residence, city, institution, position.
3. Name of the block (two variants recommended).
4. Short justification of the relevance of the block (50-100 words).
5. Names of four or at minimum three speakers with the information about their countries of residence, institutions, academic degrees and positions. For each paper you should provide a short summary (30-40 words).
6. Name of the block discussant with the information about his/her country of residence, city, institution, academic degree and position.

Block sessions

Upon presenting planned papers and discussant speeches, the discussion will be held in the form of a free debate. Official block discussants must receive the papers for prior reading no later than in a month before the Congress starts.

Selection criteria for thematic blocks

An important criterion for block's inclusion in the program of the Congress will be international composition of the block's participants. Blocks that include citizens of different Belarusian cities will be given an advantage as well.

Blocks that include citizens of one city will have little chance to be accepted.

Applications complete with speakers from the same institution will not be considered.

Applications for thematic blocks must be sent by the block's head to kanhres@gmail.com no later than **September 1, 2009**.

Notification about results

In September 2009 a special program committee will consider applications for thematic blocks to be included in the program and suggestions on roundtables. In October 2009 all applicants will be notified by email about the committee's decision.

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