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## **Russia in the Twenty-first Century: Freedom of Conscience, Religion, and Church**

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The religious organizations of our country, together with the government, can do much to avoid a spiritual decline and spreading of pessimistic feelings in society. We should work together to put a stop to all displays of extremism, including acts and propaganda of extremism. We should include youth in intercultural dialogues, in cooperating together, and bring them up in a spirit of tolerance. At the same time, we must help them remember Russian patriotism, which is upheld by interethnic consent in maintaining unity in our multi-confessional society. Practically all of our cooperative efforts depend on this.

**From the Speech of Russian President D. A. Medvedev,**

**12 March, 2009**

## **Conference Program**

### **2 August (Sunday)**

**12.00** - Arrival and accommodations for conference participants at Azimut Hotel  
(Lermontovskii Prospect, 43/1), Business hotel (Bumazhnaya, 4), and Christian  
University Hotel (Narvsky Prospect, 13/B)  
**20.00-22.00** – Dinner (Christian University Hotel)

### **3 August (Monday)**

**8.30 -9.30** – Breakfast (According to hotel location)  
**9.30** – Departure of participants from Azimut Hotel to the University

**9.30-19.20**

**Opening of the Conference**  
**First Plenary Session**  
**Round Table**  
**Presentation**  
**Of New Theological and Human Rights Publications**  
**Spiritual Music Concert**

Saint Petersburg Christian University  
(Narvsky Prospect, 13/b, Auditorium)

**9.30-10.00** – Participant Registration  
**10.00 – 10.30** – Conference Opening, welcome

**First Plenary Session**  
**10.30-12.30**

## **Legislative Maintenance, Conditions, and Problems**

### **Moderators:**

**Negrov, Aleksandr Ivanovich**

**Odintsov, Mikhail Ivanovich**

### **Reports:**

**Lopatkin, Remir Aleksandrovich** – General Evaluation of the Religious Atmosphere in Russia

**Sebentsov, Andrey Evgenevich** – Conditions and Perspectives of perfecting Russian legislation on freedom of conscience

**Sipko, Yuri Kirillovich** – Problems in implementing rights to freedom of conscience in daily activities of religious organizations

**Miroshnikova, Elena Mikhailovna** – Modern calls for freedom of worship

### **Question and Answer**

**12.30-13.30** – Lunch

**13.40-16.00**

**Round Tables**

**Religious Organizations in Saint Petersburg:**

**Service, Dialogue, Cooperation, Mutual Respect**

### **Moderators**

**Sharov, Vladimir Georgevich**

**Ivanov, Vladimir Georgevich**

**Speakers:** Representatives of religious societies, government bodies, local authorities, and experts

**16.10-16.40** – Coffee break

**16.40-18.18**

**Presentation of New Theological and Human Rights Publications**

### **Moderator:**

**Smirnov, Mikhail Yurevich**

**18.20-19.20** – Spiritual Music Concert (Auditorium)

**19.20-20.30** - Dinner (for foreign guests and visiting citizens of the Russian Federation)

## **4 August (Tuesday)**

**8.30-9.30** – Breakfast (according to location)

**9.30-** Departure of participants from the Azimut Hotel to the University

**10.00 -15.00**

**Plenary Session  
Breakout Sessions**

**10.00-12.30**

**Second Plenary Session (Auditorium)**

**International Legislation of Freedom of Conscience, Maintenance, Problems, Execution**

**Moderators:**

**Simkin, Lev Simyonovich**

**Kiridon, Allya Nikolaevna**

**Reports:**

**West, Renata** – Freedom of Conscience and jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights

**Sabra, George** – Freedom of Conscience in Eastern Europe

**Durham, Cole** – Problems Arising in Connection with Places of Worship

**Moravchikova, Mikhaila** - Contractual attitudes between church and state

**Krilova, Galina Anatolevna** – Eastern Court of Human Rights and Problems in Russian Legislation Pertaining to Freedom of Conscience

**Question and Answer**

**12.30-13.00** – Coffee Break

**Breakout Sessions**

**13.00-15.00**

**First Session (Auditorium)**

**Modern Calls for Religious Freedom in Post Soviet States  
(Ukraine, Belarus)**

**Moderator:**

**Ryakovsky, Vladimir Vasilievich**

**Volodina, Nina Vitalevna**

**Speakers:**

**Bulatov, Aider Ametovich** – Rebirth of Islam in Crimea: present problems, perspectives

**Kiridon, Allya Nikolaevna** – Interorthodox dialogue in Ukraine: conditions, problems, perspectives

**Kruglova, Galina Anatolevna** – Modern Religious atmosphere in the Republic of Belarus

**Starostenko, Viktor Vladimirovich** – Religion and rights in Belarus: pressing questions of religious and political interaction

**Dyachenko, Oleg Viktorovich** – Phenomenons of New Religious movements and Government-Confessional Relations in Modern Belarus

## **Question and Answer**

### **Second Session**

#### **Divinity and Social Activity of Churches**

#### **Moderators:**

**Kravchenko, Konstantin Olegovich**

**Erofeev, Konstantin Borisovich**

#### **Speakers:**

**Dorskaya, Aleksandra Alekseevna**- International legal standards on implementing freedom of conscience in educational establishments

**Snisarenko, Yuri Alekseevich** – Problems in legal regulations of state theological reviews

**Sobolevskaya, Elena Anatolevna** - Pressing problems in the application of Russian legislations regulating property status and economic activities of religious associations

**Suchkov, Dmitri Andreevich** – Problems of diffusing religious organization's goals and the path to solving them

**Tsivyan, Lenoid Abramovich** – International and intergovernmental acts on freedom of conscience in practice and implementation in Russia, Israel, and the US, with examples of orthodox, conservative and reformist movements in Judaism

**15.10-16.10** – Lunch

**16.20-21.00** – Bus excursion with a visit to the Seventh Day Adventist's church

## **5 August (Wednesday)**

**8.30-9.30** – Breakfast

**9.30** – Departure of guests from Azimut Hotel to the University

**10.00-16.00**

**Plenary Session**

**Round Table**

**Breakout Sessions**

**Closing Remarks**

**Press Conference**

**10.00-12.30**

**Third Plenary Session**

**Modern Calls for Religious Freedom in Russia**

**Moderators:**

**Zaluzhny, Aleksandr Gavrilovich**

**DeCastro, Nina Michailovna**

**Reports:**

**Sibiriyova, Olga Aleksandrovna** – Problems in Realizing Freedom of Conscience in Russia

**Pchelintsev, Anatoly Vasilievich** – Private Person's Right to Establish Religious Organizations

**Erofeev, Konstantin Borisevich** – Strengthening Control over Religious Activities by the State: A Sight from Within

**Ryakovsky, Vladimir Vasilievich** – Pressing Problems in Application of Freedom of Conscience and Religious Activities

**Zagrebina, Nina Vladimirovna** – Problems in Religious Intolerance and Falsification of Religious Life in Russian Mass-Media

**Question and Answer**

**12.30-13.00** – Coffee Break

**13.00-14.45**

**Round Table**

**Religious Atmosphere in Areas of the Russian Federation**

**Moderators:**

**Sebentsov, Andrey Evegenevich**

**Egorov, Vladimir Aleksandrovich**

**Speakers:** Representatives governing bodies of the Russian Federation, experts

**13.00-14.45**

**Breakout Session**

**Science, Culture, and Religion:**

**Dialogue, Opposition, Cooperation**

**Moderators:**

**Smagin, Nikolai Stephanovich**

**Kravchenko, Konstantin Olegovich**

**Speakers:** Representatives of religious human rights, science, educational organizations, experts

**14.50-15.10**

**Closing Remarks**

**Moderators:**

**Negrov, Aleksandr Ivanovich**

**Odintsov, Michail Ivanovich**

**15.10-16.00**

**Press Conference**

**16.00-17.00- Lunch**

**17.00-19.00 – Visiting religious organizations in Saint Petersburg**

**20.00-21.00 - Dinner**

## **6 August (Thursday)**

**8.00-9.00 – Breakfast**

**9.20 – Visiting religious organizations in St. Petersburg and Leningrad area**

## **7 August (Friday)**

**8.00-9.00 – Breakfast**

**9.00 – Free Time**

**15.00 – Lunch**

## **Guidelines for the Working Seminar**

Reports – 15-20 minutes

Presentations in discussions – 5-7 minutes

### **Respected Conference Participants:**

Information about proceedings, reports, and presentation of participants will be placed on the site of the Russian Social Organization “Association of Researchers of Religion” ([www.rusoir.ru](http://www.rusoir.ru)), and will be subsequently published in one of the association’s anthologies. Please send an electronic version of your materials to: [dept33@ropnet.ru](mailto:dept33@ropnet.ru) or [rusoir@mail.ru](mailto:rusoir@mail.ru)

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