

**VII YOUNG SCHOLARS` CONFERENCE
“CLASSICAL AND BYZANTINE TRADITION”**

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**VII НАУЧНАЯ КОНФЕРЕНЦИЯ МОЛОДЫХ УЧЕНЫХ
«КЛАССИЧЕСКАЯ И ВИЗАНТИЙСКАЯ ТРАДИЦИЯ»**

The VII Young Scholars` Conference “Classical and Byzantine Tradition” was held on October 5–6, 2013, in Belgorod, having been conducted since 2007 by the History Department at Belgorod National Research University. The conference offers a sort of version of “Kondakov’s Readings” for young scientists, undergraduates, and graduate students. Conference participants hail from Moscow, Yaroslavl’, Tula, Smolensk, Saratov, St. Petersburg, Khar`kov, Donetsk, and Belgorod.

The section “Classical Greece and Rome” included seventeen papers. Presentations on “Antique strategems in the writings of R. Montecuccoli” by E. S. Danilov (Yaroslavl’), on “Colour symbolism in the antique tradition” by A. I. Pankova (Donetsk), and on “Problems in relations between the Roman Empire and the barbarian world: between economy and politics” by N. A. Bilenko (Tula) garnered special interest.

The section “the Northern Black Sea region in the antique and Byzantine periods” included eleven reports, most of which concerned archaeological field research by their authors. Some authors and their reports deserve special mention: “Demeter’s companions in the terracotta of the Bosporan Kingdom” by A. V. Vakhrameev (Donetsk), “A sling as a source for the military history of the Bosporan Kingdom (based on excavations of the Belinskoe settlement)” by A. A. Chernikova (Tula), and “The role of family and the church in the spiritual life of Chersonesus’s citizens in the 12-14th centuries” by D. V. Dudchenko (Khar`kov).

The section “Late Antiquity” included thirteen reports. The following presentations attracted special interest from participants and the

audience: “Modern researchers of late antiquity and their works” by M. I. Lopatina (Belgorod), “The treaty between Constantine I and the barbarians in 322” by O. I. Kraiushkina (Tula), and “The Serapeum of Alexandria in Egypt” by M. A. Rudneva (Belgorod).

The section “Early Byzantine Empire” included the largest number of presenters (twenty-five total). S. A. Galkina (Tula) gave her paper on “Missionary Ulfilas’s life and dissemination of Christianity among the Goths.” M. M. Sinita (Belgorod) presented on “Sources of Roman statehood as conceived by Byzantine intellectuals in the sixth century (John Lydus).” N. E. Tretiakova (Belgorod) offered a paper on “The Moors in the epoch of Byzantium’s assertion of power in Africa.”

For the first time, the conference included the section “Antique literature and classical philology,” which included four presentations.

Five scholars gave presentations for the traditional section “Antiquity and the Byzantine Empire from the view point of schoolchildren.”

The conference achieved its primary goal of developing research at Belgorod National Research University in the field of classical and Byzantine tradition. This conference attracted more participants from more places than its predecessors. A number of Belgorod National Research University’s second-year students in the Departments of History and Philology gave their first presentations at the conference. Graduate students and undergraduates have tested new ideas and the results of their research.

A conference volume of the papers was published in December 2013. This work also contains materials from the annual seminar “Fiction in History” (held in February 2013), as well as new translations of excerpts from works by antique and early Byzantine authors, chronicles of current events, and notes.

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