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The day of the enamoured of psychology (about work of the RPS V congress)

In the article there is presented a brief review of the work of the V Congress of the Russian psychological society: participants, plenary session, work of sections and press conferences.

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The V Congress of the Russian psychological society (RPS) has been held in Moscow on February, 14–18, 2012. 1100 psychologists of 57 regions of Russia, from Kaliningrad to Khabarovsk, have taken part in the congress work. The RPS congress is spent quadrennially. The V congress has picked up the baton from the IV congress which has been organized by the faculty of psychology of the SFU and worked in Rostov-on-Don on September, 2007.

The inexorable acceleration in the life rate, the prompt development of informational and communication technologies, uncertainty growth, strengthening of migratory streams and world mixture in a cultural, ethnic and social aspect, increase in a number of industrial accidents, terrorism and emergency situations place a challenge before psychologists; these new scientific and practical problems are determined by the present stage of society development. These are the circumstances that dictate key directions of the congress work.

“The RPS has made an invaluable contribution to the native scientific thought development, knowledge popularization, training of highly skilled specialists over the last decades ...” – the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation, Putin V.V., has emphasized in his welcoming speech at the V congress of the Russian psychological society.

The participants of the V congress of the RPS were congratulated and greeted by Deputy Minister of Communications and Mass Media of the Russian Federation A.A. Zharov, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russia S.E. Naryshkin, Minister of Education and Science A.A. Fursenko, President of the Russian Academy of Sciences Y.S. Osipov, President of the All-Russian public organization “The nation health league”, Director of the A.N. Bakulev Scientific Centre of Cardiovascular Surgery, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Russian Academy of Medical Science L.A. Bokeriya, and also a number of political and public figures, both Russian (Chairman of the Moscow Municipal Duma V. M. Platonov; Vice President of the Russian psychological society, Vice President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician of the Russian Academy of Education D.I. Feldstein; Vice President of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences A.D. Nekipelov; Evgeny – Archbishop Vereisky, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Russian Orthodox Church, Rector of the Moscow Ecclesiastical Academy and



Seminary; President of the Kazakh association of psychologists S.M. Dzhakupov; Academician of the Russian Academy of Education A.A. Bodalev), and international (Professor Hatoyama Kiitiro of the University of Tokyo; Professor Robert A. Roe, President of the European Federation of Psychology Associations; John Berry, Member of the Presidium of the Canadian Psychological Association; Professor Ives Chloe, Dean of the Faculty of Labor Psychology of the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts (Paris); Jean-Paul Broca, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Pedagogics of the Geneva University; Professor Sharon Horn and Professor Sharon Lamb, Dean of the Faculty of Consulting and School Psychology of the Massachusetts University (Boston) and many others).

At the RPS congress opening Shoigu S.K. – Minister of the Russian Federation for Affairs for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters – has noted the importance of the work of psychologists not only in extreme, emergency situations, but also in a common everyday life of people.

In his lecture the Chairman of the congress Organizing committee, the RPS President, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology of the Moscow State University, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Education Zinchenko Y.P. has noted the professional psychological community achievements, has designated the existing problems, has planned the perspective problems and basic conditions of the RPS successful activity in the modern dynamic world in an epoch of crises. “We have to do our best to form the qualified state request for effective use of psychological knowledge and technologies. We are faced with a great work on psychology inclusion into social practices with a view to form a civil society”, – Y.P. Zinchenko has especially underlined.

Psychologists of the South of Russia – representatives of the Southern Federal, Kuban State, Stavropol State universities and other establishments – have made a valuable contribution to the congress work. They are representatives of the Organizing committee of the congress, heads of directions, symposiums, round tables. So, the Rostov regional branch of the RPS was presented by 30 its participants at the congress – employees of the faculty of psychology of the Southern Federal University. The Chairman of the RPS Rostov branch, the RPS Vice President, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology of the Southern Federal University, Professor, Academician of the Russian Academy of Education Ermakov P.N. has headed the delegation. As the Vice President of the RPS he was Chairman of the congress organizational meeting. The special interest of the participants was caused by the lecture “Is there the historical psychology anymore?” of Professor V .A. Shkuratov, Faculty of Psychology of the SFU. The lecture was given at the meeting of the Moscow general psychological seminar. V .A. Shkuratov is a prominent leader in the historical psychology field which is defined by him as “studying of a psychological constitution of certain historical epochs, and also the person’s mentality and personality changes in the history”.

The scientific program of the congress had a wide-ranging character and included symposiums, round tables, master classes united in 40 directions among which there



were "The psychology of personality and individuality", "The psychology of intelligence, creativity and giftedness", "The psychology of health and clinical psychology", "Education psychology. New standards of psychological education", "Social psychology", "Ethnic and cultural psychology". At the meetings of the congress directions, such as "Juridical psychology and psychology of law-enforcement activity", "Psychophysiology", "Communication psychology", "Organizational psychology", "Psychogenetics", "The psychology of a modern family", there have been made reports on the numerous discoveries which have received wide practical application. The great interest of the congress participants was caused by the lectures delivered at rather recently formed directions of the scientific forum: "The psychology of the modern megalopolis", "Military psychology. Extreme psychology", "Economic psychology. Business psychology. Advertising psychology", "Psychology and religion", "The methodology of interdisciplinary knowledge of the network century".

The congress scientific materials are published in three large volumes.

The congress delegates have elected the RPS governing bodies. Y.P. Zinchenko was elected President of the RPS; L.A. Tsvetkova is the First Vice President; A.G. Asmolov, P.N. Ermakov, A.L. Zhuravlev, V.V. Rubtsov, N.I. Leonov, N. N. Nechaev, Y.S. Shoigu are Vice Presidents.

In the congress opening day the exhibition of professional achievements "Psychologists for Russia" started its work in the club of the Main building of the Moscow State University at Vorobyovy Gory; there were presented new scientific, theoretical and practical psychological journals, published monographs, electronic textbooks, psychodiagnostic and psychocorrectional technologies and other advanced achievements of the leading psychological centers of Russia.

On February 15, 2012, in connection with holding of the V Congress of the Russian psychological society in Moscow, in the RIA "News" press center there took place a press conference "The person in the risk society: alternatives and development scenarios". How does the modern scientific and practical psychology solve problems? Is there a loss of a humanistic component of the modern psychology connected with the necessity to react instantly to society requests? Who studies soul today, and is it demanded in a modern science? Does an extreme time demand an extreme person? Should psychology undertake not only research, but also political tasks? How does a risk space transform the person, culture and religion? What are psychological features of a digital generation of Russia? What is the role of the psychologist in the development of a new school and modern standards of education? Whether tolerance may be an instrument of counteraction against xenophobia? The leading psychologists of Russia heading the Russian psychological society have answered these and other questions. Among these psychologists there were Academician of the Russian Academy of Education, Vice President of the RPS, Head of the Personality Psychology Department of the Faculty of Psychology of the Moscow State University Asmolov A.G.; Academician of the Russian Academy of Education, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology of the Tomsk State University Galazhinsky E.V. ; Academician of the Russian Academy



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The leading psychologists of the country shared their impressions after the congress [2].

President of the Russian psychological society, Dean of the Faculty of Psychology of the Moscow State University Yuri Zinchenko:

– One of the congress main events is development and approval of a new edition of the Ethical code and a psychologist's oath. In this oath there is the following line: "To be always ready to render a psychological support". It is similar to a Hippocratic Oath.

A psychologist's oath, as well as an oath of doctors, will approach to the degree of ethicality that is accepted in the professional community. We have also fixed some kind of a social contract between the psychologist and his charge, have made the uniform register of practicing psychologists. Now the person in need for the expert's help will be secured against any quack and half-educated persons who write in advertisements: "The skilled psychologist will charm ...". The charming should exist separately from us, the register is the corporate responsibility for professionalism and qualification of those psychologists who entering it ...

Vice President of the Russian psychological society, the Head of the Personality Psychology Department of the Faculty of Psychology of the Moscow State University Alexander Asmolov:

– During pre-election time we see a lot of various manipulations with special clearness. Zhirinovskiy and other "Patriots of Russia" continue to play their xenophobic patience but when they appeal to instincts instead of reason somehow it doesn't lead to questions. When an ethnophobic card is played by politicians of a liberal circle it is extremely painful. The only thing is to hope they know not what they do. In such a situation the presentation of a book "Tolerance as a factor of counteraction to xenophobia: xenophobia risk management in the risk society" became one of the main events of the congress for me. In this book for the first time is stated and presented the system historical and evolutionary view of tolerance as a norm of the variety support. The more variability is, the more steady the system of situations of different crises and risks is. And one of tolerance senses is stability in an uncertainty or pressure situation. This is the right of a different person to be different. We know that humanphobia starts with the phrase "No one is irreplaceable". We live in the network century in the risk society. On the agenda tolerance is the only possible ideology for the country ...



Director of the Institute of Sociology of Education of the Russian Academy of Education, Academician, Doctor of Psychology Vladimir Sobkin:

– I was pleased by a great number of the reports made by our young colleagues. Speech at a professional congress is always a baptism of fire. And also I would note that our regional colleagues are enormously interested in the congress: people don't get any money for these preparation, many have a catastrophic lack of time, nevertheless everything was made with a huge inspiration.

Deputy Dean of the Psychological Faculty of the Moscow State University Olga Karabanova:

– At the congress I represented the family psychology direction. There were two round tables: the first – on a problem of professional activity and education of the family psychologist, the second – on the essence of the subject “Children and a risk family”. It is known that today the family passes through a crisis in connection with a woman's place change, there has appeared “a two-career family” term when both parents regard values of self-realization as of paramount importance, and children appear on a background ... But unlike many sociologists who see a crash of a family institute as such, I believe that there is a certain natural change. It should be; life changes. But there is a number of problems; first of all these are relations of children and parents.

Despite scientific disputes and discussions necessary for development of any science, the work of the V congress, which opening concurred with St. Valentine's Day, took place in a warm and benevolent atmosphere of the professionals enamoured of psychology.

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