

The 4th Conference (2017)

“Cognitive Science in Moscow: New Research”

The first call for papers

The Moscow Cognitive Science Seminar is pleased to announce the first call for papers for the 4th biannual conference “Cognitive Science in Moscow: New Research” to be held on 15 June 2017. The event continues the series of conferences held in the summers of 2011, 2013 and 2015. Information on the first three conferences and online open access versions of conference materials can be found on the website of the Virtual Cognitive Science Laboratory: <http://virtualcoglab.ru>.

The main aim of the Conference is to provide a forum for scientists working in the field of cognition (including bachelors, masters and PhD students) to communicate their findings and discuss them with colleagues.

The Conference also aims to promote poster presentations. Compared to oral presentations, poster presentations allow for more comfortable and less formal discussion of presented results. Because the Conference organizers hope to demonstrate the advantages of posters, the event will once again host only poster presentations; there will be no oral presentation sessions.

We also plan to continue experimenting with formats, which began during the last Conference, and to compliment the main program with practical demonstrations and methodological workshops.

The authors of the best poster presentations will be invited to submit their research as a brief report in English to a special issue of the Russian Journal for Cognitive Science (<http://cogjournal.org>).

Conference proceedings will be published shortly before the Conference.

Six years ago the Conference was launched among the Moscow society of cognitive researchers, which is reflected in its title today. Each year, the number of participants from different cities (Saint Petersburg, Yaroslavl, Nizhny Novgorod, Samara, Saratov, Kaluga, etc.) and even different countries has grown. We highly encourage our colleagues from cities beyond Moscow to participate in the Conference. Unfortunately, the organizing committee has no facilities to cover participants’ travel or accommodation fees. Virtual or remote participation in the Conference is not possible at this time.

The **official languages** of the Conference are Russian and English.

The **Conference topics** include empirical (experimental) studies of cognition and its neurobiological and sociocultural bases, conducted in any discipline and approach, as well as studies in cognitive modeling and artificial intelligence. This year we will also separately accept applications dedicated to innovative projects on methodological issues:

standardized stimulus databases, atlases, programming, etc. According to our previous experience, such applications are of the utmost interest to Conference participants. However, their selection will be based on different criteria than those for empirical studies.

Applications will be accepted beginning 20 February 2017 via <http://virtualcoglab.ru/posterconf2017reg.php>. The application deadline is midnight on 23 April 2017.

The application should contain the following information:

- Title
- Author's and co-authors' first and last names
- Corresponding author's contact details: e-mail address and telephone number
- The thesis of the presentation in English or in Russian in the following formats: *.doc, *.odt, *.rtf, *.tex, *.latex, *.pdf
- Rubric: main program or methods

Guidelines for Submission

Your submission must be in the form of a short paper in Russian or in English. It must contain information on the research background, objectives, method, results, brief discussion and conclusions, all sufficient for a peer-review. The text is limited to 2-3 A4 pages, including tables, figures and references. All illustrations should be in black and white. Font: Times New Roman, 12 point font size. Margins: 1 cm on left, right, top and bottom. Spacing: single-spaced. A reference list is mandatory. Each reference cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and each entry in the reference list must be cited in the text.

Please add a short abstract limited to 200 words along with a list of 5 to 12 keywords on the last page of your paper. The abstract is not included in the 3-page limit.

You can download a template for formatting your paper in *.doc and *.odt via <http://virtualcoglab.ru/paperguide2017.html>.

Detailed instructions for preparation of the title and author information:

TITLE

Authors' family names and initials (please, mark the corresponding author with a *)

Authors' affiliation

Corresponding author's e-mail

Upon receiving your application, the Conference committee will send a confirmation letter via e-mail. If you sent the application and did not receive any confirmation e-mail, please contact us.

Applications sent after midnight on 23 April 2017 will not be accepted.

We expect to include 80 presentations in our program schedule. The applications' selection will be conducted after a peer-review. Each application will be reviewed by two members of the Program committee. Priority will be given to applications with the most interesting empirical methods and research results. We reserve the right to demand that authors revise their applications in accordance with the peer-review comments as a mandatory condition to participate in the Conference. Papers being published or presented at other conferences may be submitted, on the condition that the publication text does not coincide with the already published text more than on 50%.

Please note that this year, any applicant may submit up to two presentations as a first (presenting) author. If there are several applications from one laboratory that describe similar studies, but with different first authors, and in the case of high competition, the Conference committee reserves the right to select only one of the studies to be presented, even if all of them receive good reviews.

The Conference committee decisions will be sent to applicants before 11 May 2017. Applicants will have 7 days to revise their materials. During that period, we will also announce more detailed instructions for poster presentations.

The materials of all accepted presentations will be published in the conference proceedings book shortly before the beginning of the event. The book will be also published online in open access.

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More details about registration and conference fees will be covered in the second call for papers.

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We look forward for your applications!

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