

## INFORMATION LETTER

Vitebsk Regional Library invites everyone to take part in the **2nd International Research-to-Practice Conference «Vitebsk Region»** devoted to the 385<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of «Bookvar» by Spiridon Sobol.

**The conference is organized by:**

State Institution «Vitebsk Regional Library named after V.I. Lenin»

Educational Institution «Vitebsk State University named after P.M. Masherov», Department of History of Belarus

Cultural Institution «Vitebsk Regional Museum of Local History»

**Date:** The conference will be held on November 24, 2016

**Venue:** The conference will take place at the State Institution «Vitebsk Regional Library named after V.I. Lenin» (Lenin Street, 8a, Vitebsk, BELARUS)

**The conference will explore the following aspects:**

- The life and work of Spiridon Sobol.
- The history of the book. Historically significant books.
- Development of Local History.
- Ethnography and folklore.
- Primary sources of the history of Podvinie.
- Issues in Archival Science and Archaeography.
- The problem of processing and publication of local history literature.
- History and culture of Podvinie (from ancient times to the present day)
- Librarian and bibliographic study of Local History
- Local History and museums.
- Local History and churches.
- Tourism and Local History.
- Local History in education.

**Working languages:** Belarusian, Russian, Ukrainian and Polish

**Registration and participation:**

To register, please fill in the application form and send it to the organizing committee of the conference: [vib@vib.by](mailto:vib@vib.by). The application form shall be sent no later than October 15, 2016. The application form shall include the following information:

- surname, first name, patronymic;
- academic degree;
- work place, position;
- mailing address (both office and home);
- telephone and area code;
- e-mail;
- subject of your conference paper;
- form of participation (intramural or extramural);
- desire to purchase the conference proceedings (number of copies to purchase)

It is planned to publish the conference proceedings. **The organizing committee reserves the right to select papers for the conference and articles for the publication.** Those willing to purchase a hard copy of the conference proceedings shall inform of it in their application form. The electronic version of the conference proceedings is free.

**Formatting requirements for conference papers:**

1. Surname, first name, patronymic (in full) of the author/co-author, city, country, paper title.
2. A conference paper shall consist of no more than 6 A4 pages, including illustrations and additional documents; font type – Times New Roman; font size – 13; 1.5 line spacing. We require .doc or .rtf (Microsoft Word) formats. Consider to set all sides of the page to 25-mm margin. Paragraph indentation – 1.25 cm.
3. The list of reference links in alphabetical order goes after the main body of the paper.

**Formatting requirements for electronic presentations:**

- We require .ppt format (Microsoft Power Point) for electronic presentations

Electronic versions of conference papers shall be sent in Word 97 – 2003 format no later than **October 15, 2016** to [viib@viib.by](mailto:viib@viib.by).

**Delegates are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements.**

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