

8th International Research Conference

TOPICAL ISSUES OF LINGUISTICS AND TEACHING METHODS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Dear colleagues!

On April 19-20, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia hosted the 8th International Research Conference Topical Issues of Linguistics and Teaching Methods in Business and Professional Communication. The conference was organised by the Foreign Languages Department of the Faculty of Economics with contributions from both Russian and international participants representing various universities all over the world.

The conference was supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research and was attended by the representatives of Mexican Embassy in Moscow, Cambridge University Press, French Institute in Moscow, "CampusFrance" French National Agency for the Promotion of Higher Education, International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL), London Metropolitan University, University College London, Rezekne Academy of Technologies, University of León, University of Rome Tor Vergata, The Moscow-Taipei Coordination Commission on Economic and Cultural Cooperation, Language.Prosveshcheniye Ltd.

The researchers and practicing professors had an opportunity to exchange views on a number of issues concerned with applied linguistics, profession-oriented translation, integration of emerging information technology into the educational process, intercultural communication, and the methodology of teaching foreign languages at a non-linguistic university. The meeting revealed the scope of work accomplished since the previous conference in the context of business and professional communication.

The plenary sessions and seminars held in the course of the conference proved a good platform for productive suggestions, which can later on be implemented through the assistance of the entire linguistic community. Various issues of professional communication and specialised translation warranted in-depth discussion that proved extremely productive and far-reaching.

Conference participants noted the emerging need to develop innovative pedagogical ICT technology and emphasised the persistent importance of cultivating the research and practical component of profession-oriented teaching. The issues having to do with the strategy-based teaching of specialised translation at non-linguistic universities also ranked high on the agenda.

The trends and problems discussed at the conference aroused keen interest on the part of researchers and teachers of Russian universities and obviously call for further theoretical and practical reflection and justification.

We greatly appreciate the productive contribution of all participants over these past two days and are looking forward for fruitful cooperation in the future. Thank you!