

## Newsletter # 1

Ministry of Culture and Public Affairs of the Republic of Karelia  
Karelian State Regional Museum

### International scientific and practical conference "Museums in the Northern Dimension"

The conference is devoted to the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Karelian State Regional Museum's foundation.

Dear colleagues!

We invite you to take part in the conference "Museums in the Northern Dimension", which will be held by the Karelian state regional museum on October, 18-20th, 2006 in Petrozavodsk.

The following problems are proposed for discussion:

- Museums in cultural space of the Northern Europe

Creation and development history of the museums and museum collections; the museum activity coming into being in the European North territories specific context

- Museum as a territory, city, site brand

The museums' role in creating new public values, regional ideologies and cultural brands making; territories, cities and sites identification through museum interpretation and their specifics presentation, assets revealing.

- National museums and museums of indigenous people

Museum and the national policy; distinctive features and problems of the museum activity in the national regions and indigenous people residence territories.

- Museum and intangible cultural heritage

Problem of involving folklore, traditions, rituals, toponymy in the museum activity; establishing based on traditions significant events for local community; innovative projects, etc.

- Museum and immovable cultural heritage objects

The cultural landscape concepts and the environmental approach effect on the museums' activity; museums functions on cultural heritage objects in connection with museums' participation in tourism activities; museums and the state safeguarding of natural, historical and cultural monuments; museums in the architectural environment of city, etc.

It is intended in the conference program to hold the following round tables:

- 1) "Museums in the cultural policy of the Northern Europe "
- 2) "Museums in the transformation process"

You are welcome to take part in the conference as a lecturer or a visitor.

It is planned to publish the conference materials. In this connection **application forms for participation in the conference and presentation texts (reports)** are accepted till **March, 15th, 2006** by e-mail [infokgkm@yandex.ru](mailto:infokgkm@yandex.ru)

#### Requirements for the presentation text:

RTF electronic format, Times New Roman 12 font, volume no more than 5 pages, 25 mm page border, report's title by lower case letters and fat font with the center alignment, please do not establish spaces by tabulation or blank, a footnote trailer, the literature reference - number in square brackets, the literature list - in the interval after the text.

After the original text the brief summary in English should be placed (the text in RTF format, volume no more than 600 signs including blanks), typed according the same requirements, as theses.

The information on the text author should be placed after the summary (first name, last name, scientific degree and work position, place of work and post address, phone, e-mail address). In the theme of the letter we kindly ask you to specify "Museums in the Northern Dimension".

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