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International Conference “*Numerical Code in Different Languages and Cultures*” organized by the Problem Group “Logical Analysis of Language”, Russian Academy of Science (Moscow) (June 13-15, 2012)

In June 13-15, 2012 the Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Science (RAS) held a conference on the theme “*Numerical Code in Different Languages and Cultures*” organized by the Problem Group “Logical Analysis of Language” of the RAS.

Leading scientists of the RAS as well as colleagues from different cities of Russia and abroad (France, Germany, Byelorussia) took part in the conference. In a friendly atmosphere the conference was opened by Konstantin Ghennadievich Krasukhin, doctor of philological science, professor of the RAS of the foreign languages.

The plenary session considered the following topical reports: by *V.Ya. Parkhomovski, F. Kassiyto* (Moscow. Eks-an-Provanse) “About a symbolic meaning of the Numbers of a number and quantity in Holy Scripture”; by *V.I. Postovalova* “Symbols of the Number in Orthodox world-outlook; by *K.Gh. Krasukhin* “Etymology of Indo-European numerals and concept of number”; by *A.D. Shmeleva* “Numeral and numerical constructions in the Russian language: lacunas in dictionaries and grammatical descriptions”.

All the reports arose a great interest as evidenced by a lot of questions asked.

There were three workshops. Workshop 1 “*Numerical designations in sacred and mythological texts*” discussed the problems: Category of Number in small and rare languages; Numerical code in different languages; Numerical code in poetic texts.

The work in workshop 2 was devoted to the discussion of the problem of *Numerical code in the historic aspect*. The reports on the following themes were presented: Numerical code in life practice, Numerical code in phraseology.

The third workshop *Category of Number in Grammar* discussed the problem: Category of quantity in the Russian language and also The numerical code in fiction.

The subject-matter of the reports pointed to a global scope of numerical problems in different languages and cultures. Attention is drawn to the fact that numerical problems concerned the rare languages that was vividly shown by the reports on such themes as: “Numerical code in the languages of the *Evenks* (O.A. Kazakevich); Folk calendar in the *Pamir* languages: seasons, months, weeks, days” (L.R. Dodykhudoeva); “Numerical code in *Aleut* culture (E.V. Golovko). Of great interests were the reports whose material was based on the study of numerical code in ancient literary texts as well as in literature, mythopoeitics and phraseology, etc.

Each report was followed by interesting discussions that essentially supplemented the content of the relevant reports and initiated new thoughts and ideas.

The conference, I took part in, is of great scientific, theoretical and practical importance, as it made possible to become acquainted with one of the relevant trends in the investigation of the problem *Numerical code in different languages and cultures* carried out by the Problem Group of the Russian Academy of Science “Logical analysis of language” headed by professor Nina Davyudovna Arutyunova and her students. The conference contributed to developing and strengthening scientific contacts and exchanging scientific knowledge on urgent problems of up-to-date linguistics.

During the conference the publishing house “Languages of Slavonic cultures” acquainted the participants of the conference with current issues of leading scientists of Russia and the world.