

The State Museum «The Smolensk Fortress»

History of Fortification Study Centre

**Scientific Research Institute of Theory and History of
Architecture and Urban Planning (NIITIAG)**

invite you to take part in the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
**on the history of fortification dedicated to the 425th anniversary of the
beginning of the construction of the Smolensk fortress wall and the Year of
Science and Technology in Russia**

which will take place on October 15-16, 2021 in Smolensk

Founders and organizers of the event: The State Museum «The Smolensk Fortress», History of Fortification Study Centre (HFSC), Scientific Research Institute of Theory and History of Architecture and Urban Planning (NIITIAG).

Objectives of the event:

- stimulation of scientific research in the field of fortification history;
- exchange of experience and establishment of contacts between specialists;
- study of the experience of restoration and the nature of the use of monuments of military architecture;
- development of approaches to the preservation of monuments of defensive architecture.

Participation options:

Personal participation is encouraged. But it is also possible to participate online on the Zoom platform.

The event participant has the right to propose a report for the conference (15 minutes) and / or a topic for a plenary lecture (30-60 minutes). For plenary lectures, topics that are broader in scope than regular presentations are encouraged.

Participation is also possible as a guest (without a report).

The working languages of the conference are Russian and English.

Reports on the following topics are accepted for consideration:

- history of defensive structures from ancient times to the 20th century inclusive;
- evolution of fortification in certain historical periods;
- construction of defensive structures and their architectural features;

- the role of fortresses and defensive lines in the overall strategy of the country's defense;
- problems of mutual influence in military architecture;
- the results of the study of individual monuments of military architecture;
- garrisons of fortresses and fortress artillery;
- methods of siege and defense;
- life and work of architects who participated in the construction of fortifications;
- problems of supplying fortified points with water, food and ammunition;
- problems of restoration of monuments of military architecture;
- fortifications today: problems of preservation, museification and tourism.

Speeches related to the history of the Smolensk Fortress are especially welcome.

Application deadlines

Applications for participation in the conference from speakers and guests are accepted until **July 31, 2021**. The application is considered accepted only if you received confirmation of its receipt by the Conference Organizing Committee. If there is no response within a few days, please send your application again (the email may not have arrived).

The organizing committee of the conference reserves the right to reject the application for participation in the event as inappropriate in terms of the topic or content, or in the absence of novelty of the proposed material.

The results of the selection of papers and the preliminary program of the conference will be communicated to the participants by **September 1, 2021**.

Cultural program

It is planned to conduct excursions to one of the largest monuments of military architecture of the 16th – 17th centuries — Smolensk fortress wall.

Travel and accommodation of participants — at the expense of the guiding side.

To submit an application, please fill out and send us a table:

Surname and name
Academic degree and title
Place of work and address
Telephone
Email
Form of participation (personal attendance in Smolensk, in absentia (Zoom), speaker, guest)
Form of presentation (plenary lecture, report, without presentation)
Title of the proposed report / lecture
Brief theses of the report (in free form, not for publication)

Applications should be sent by e-mail: ciif-info@yandex.ru

Articles on the materials of the conference will be collected after the event and, upon passing the peer review, will be published in the next issue of the peer-reviewed collection of academic articles "Questions of the History of Fortification", published by the History of Fortification Study Centre (HFSC).