

PROVISIONS

of the I International Forum of Ancient Cities

1. General Provisions

1.1. The following provisions define the objective, goals, order, programme and conditions of participation in the I International Forum of Ancient Cities (hereafter – "Forum"), its resource and information support.

1.2. The Forum takes place in Ryazan, one of the oldest Russian cities, founded in 1095.

1.3. The Founder of the Forum is the Government of the Ryazan Region.

1.4. All activities connected with preparation and realization of the Forum are performed by the Organizing Committee.

1.5. The functions of the Organizing Committee are to approve the Forum's programme, members of the Council of Experts of the Forum (hereafter – "the Council of Experts") and the working group.

1.6. The working group is made up of representatives of the Founder, its partners and other organizations that take a direct part in preparation and realization of the Forum.

1.7. The Council of Experts is made up of specialists from all the creative activities of the Forum.

1.8. Working languages of the Forum are Russian and English.

2. Objectives and Goals of the Forum

2.1. Objective of the Forum:

Consolidation of the Russian and world societies around the idea of preservation and development of the culture, history and traditions of ancient cities and their popularization.

2.2. Goals of the Forum:

- to promote the development of interregional and international partnership in terms of improvement of urban environment in historical cities, development of culture and tourism, popularization of historical and cultural heritage;

- to summarize the experience of practitioners and experts in preservation and development of historical cities;

- to locate the best practices in preservation and development of ancient cities.

3. Dates and Location of the Forum

3.1. Dates of the Forum: August 12-18, 2018.

3.2. Location of the Forum: Ryazan, the Ryazan Region.

4. Program of the Forum

4.1. The Forum includes business and cultural programmes.

The business programme presupposes conferences, round-table discussions, panel debates, signing of agreements of cooperation between ancient cities.

The cultural programme will include openings of exhibitions, concerts of creative groups, festivals of theatre, music and ethnography, contests of young architects, world cuisines, etc.

4.2. Each day of the Forum will be devoted to a definite theme:

August 12, 2018 (Sunday)

Arrival of the participants for the International conference “Historical and cultural heritage of ancient cities” during the day

August 13, 2018 (Monday)

Day of Architecture

International conference “Historical and cultural heritage of ancient cities”

10:00 a.m. – Plenary session. Workshops

2:00 p.m. – Exhibition “Architectural heritage. Preservation and development of ancient cities – regional experience”

4:00 p.m. – Expert hour

August 14, 2018 (Tuesday)

Day of Architecture

International conference “Historical and cultural heritage of ancient cities”

10:00 a.m. – Plenary session. Workshops

2:00 p.m. – Exhibition “Architectural heritage. Preservation and development of ancient cities – regional experience”

4:00 p.m. – Expert hour

August 15, 2018 (Wednesday)

Arrival of official delegations, professional and amateur creative groups during the day

7:00 p.m. – Official opening of the I International Forum of Ancient Cities.

Solemn concert in the Ryazan Kremlin

August 16, 2018 (Thursday)

Day of Urban Environment and Tourism

10:00 a.m. – Plenary sessions

12:00 p.m. – “Ancient Cities’ embassies” opening

2:00 p.m. – Workshops

4:00 p.m. – Excursion and cultural programmes

August 17, 2018 (Friday)

Day of Theatre and Music, History and Cultural Heritage

10:00 a.m. – Plenary sessions

2:00 p.m. – Workshops

12:00 p.m. – 10 p.m. – Non-stop performances and concerts

August 18, 2018 (Saturday)

12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Street food fest, Crafts Fair

2:00 p.m. – Ancient Cities' delegations procession

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Gala concert in the Ryazan Kremlin

5. Thematic Units of the Forum

The following themes are suggested for discussion during plenary sessions:

Urban environment

- Urban environment and time. "Old" and "new" in an ancient city
- Modern urban design approaches
- Preservation of the ancient city environment: management issues
- Other issues

History

- History vs. social and cultural development of ancient cities
- Prominent figures of ancient cities
- Historical and sociological issues in city studies
- History in museum projects
- Other issues

Tourism

- Historical gastronomy
- Other issues

Cultural Heritage

- Historic reenactments
- Ethnography
- Crafts
- Other issues

6. Participants of the Forum and Terms of Participation

6.1. World cities which are older than 500 years are invited for participation.

6.2. Delegations of ancient cities may include members of local authorities, non-government organizations, expert societies, tourism industry; historians, local lore specialists, designers of urban environment, architects, archaeologists, monument conservation specialists, professional and amateur creative groups, theatre troupes, masters of folk crafts and trades, historic reenactment centres.

The total number of the participants of the delegation from a participating city including accompanying people and drivers may not be more than 30.

Enlarging the number of members of delegations can be made possible only with the agreement of the Organizing Committee of the Forum.

6.3. Terms of Participation in the Forum:

- participation in the business programme (plenary sessions, workshops, round-table discussions) with reports according to the thematic units of the Forum;
- participation in the cultural programme of the Forum (concerts, performances) and the final gala-concert;
- participation in exhibitions (crafts fairs and traditional cuisine, master classes);
- participation in the Ancient Cities' delegations procession (it is recommended that the column be decorated with the official symbols of the city and traditional costumes).

6.4. Application forms for participation in the Forum are to be sent to the Authorities of the Forum by April 15, 2018.

7. Financing of the Forum

7.1. Expenses connected with the Forum's infrastructure, organization of the Forum's general events, development and organization of the business and cultural programmes, production of symbols and handout materials for the Forum's participants, payment for the work of involved experts and specialists, accommodation and food for the Forum's participants are covered by the Founder and sponsors.

The decision on financing the participation of creative groups in the Forum's programmes from the Founder's funds is taken in accordance with the resolution of the Council of Experts.

7.2. Commuting expenses to the Forum's location and back and accommodation of officials being part of their delegations are covered by the sending party.

8. Final Regulations

8.1. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the first names, last names, photos and other information of the participants for the needs of the Forum.

8.2. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change some points of the regulations in order to improve the Forum's organization.

8.3. You may contact us with your questions and suggestions concerning organization and participation in the Forum: 390006, Russia, Ryazan, Griboedova street, 26/6, e-mail: iackt-ryazan@mail.ru; telephone/fax: +7 4912 77-74-09, +7 4912 77 74 19.