

Welcome to the Congress

“The concept of M.Montessori`s “Cosmic Education” and education of XXI century”!



The Information about Belgorod region

The Belgorod region is located in Central Russia, 695 kilometers (430 miles) from Moscow. Our region occupies a territory of 27,1 sq. km and is divided into 21 districts. The total population of the region is about 1,5 million people. The ethnic body is represented by 90% of Russians and 5% of Ukranians.



The Belgorod region is situated in favorable economic, geographical and climate conditions. It has moderate continental climate. The spring in our region (especially May) is warm and shiny usually, $t \sim +14 - +22$. The territory of the region are steppes and pine woods.

The region is rich in mineral resources, particularly in iron ore which provides a basis for mining and heavy industry. Another outstanding feature of the Belgorod region is agriculture. Based on famous black-earth soil, agricultural industry and agricultural business add to the wealth of the region. At present the Belgorod region is among the first ten regions in investment attraction.

Belgorod is a city in the southwest of the Central Russia, situated on the Seversky Donets river just 40 km north from the Ukrainian border, at 50°37`N 36°35`E. The climate of our region is mild. The population of city Belgorod is 450,000 (2004).



The name *Belgorod* (like Belgrade in Serbia) is the Slavic for "white city". It's because the city of Belgorod is situated on the large deposits of chalk.



The old chalkpit

The settlement is first mentioned in 1237, when it was ravaged by the hordes of Batu Khan. In 1596, it was refounded by the order of Boris Godunov as one of the numerous fortresses set up to defend Southern borders from the Crimean Tatars.

After the Russian border was moved further south, the fortress fell in disrepair and the town was assigned to the Government of Kursk. Peter the Great visited it on the eve of the Battle of Poltava, and a dragoon regiment was stationed in the town until 1917.

During the great Battle of Kursk, the village of Prokhorovka in Belgorod region was a stage of the largest tank battle in human history (July 12, 1943). The WWII monuments include the Belgorod Diorama and a huge cathedral in Prokhorovka.



The city Belgorod today

Belgorod is an administrative, industrial and cultural centre of Belgorod region, established in 1954. The main educational centres are the Belgorod State University, the Belgorod Shukhov State Technological University, the Belgorod Agricultural Academy and Financial Academy. There are five museums, two theatres, four cinemas, six cultural centres, twenty libraries in Belgorod. The Belgorod Academic Theatre is named in honour of the famous 19th-century actor Mikhail Shchepkin who was born in the vicinity.



The Belgorod Academic theatre

The visitors feel very comfortable in Belgorod. It gives a rousing welcome to all its guests. Thousands of tourists come here every year. One may easily get from Moscow to Belgorod every day by train (time in travel - 12 hours) or by plane (time in travel - 1,5 hours).



The views of Belgorod

More detailed information about Belgorod and Belgorod region You can find on

<http://www.angelfire.com/nm/belgorod.htm>

About the Belgorod State University



The BelSU

- the most dynamically developing and modern university in Russia
- 17 faculties
- skilled teaching staff
- more than 23,000 students
- modern infrastructure and powerful material and technical basis
- various scientific schools
- extensive international contacts
- diverse cultural and sports life
- basic Preparatory Faculty for Foreign Students accredited by the Ministry of Education of RF

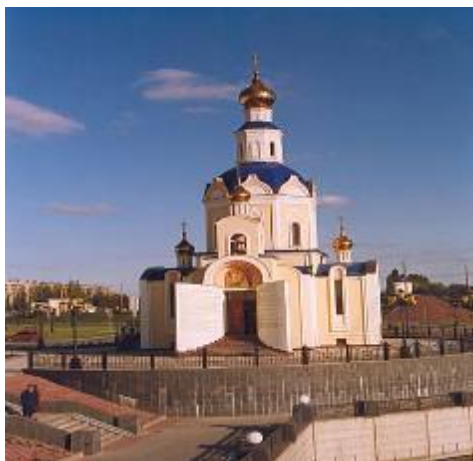
The foundation of the current University goes back to 1876, with the establishment of a Teacher's Training Institute. BelSU is a university, which combines all the necessary factors for successful scholarly activities of the University's academics and students. It provides reading halls, lecture rooms, clinical laboratories and other learning resources for the high quality of teaching and research undertaken in a wide range of science and arts subjects.



University Embankment

BelSU has the Youth Cultural Center, which unites all the University creative students. Each student can apply his talents here. There are many artistic groups working in Youth Cultural Center.

The Temple of Archangel Gabriel was opened on April 8, 2000 on the territory of BelSU. It's a beautiful single-domed church with the architecture reminding buildings of the 17th century. The temple is very popular among citizens of Belgorod and our students regard it as their university church.



The Temple of Archangel Gabriel

Nowadays the Belgorod State University is cooperating with more than 35 higher education institutions as well as with international funds and organizations of Germany, Poland, Italy, France, USA, Austria, the Ukraine and other countries.

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More detailed information about BelSU You can find on www.bsu.edu.ru

MONTESSORI EUROPE
BELGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY (RUSSIA)
THE UNIVERSITY OF MUENSTER (GERMANY)
invite you to Belgorod for the

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

The concept of M.Montessori`s "Cosmic Education"
and education of XXI century

Monday, 15. May 2006 – Thursday, 18. May 2006

at

BELGOROD STATE UNIVERSITY
Pobeda 85, Belgorod, Russia

Congress venue

The International Congress will be held at the Belgorod State University. The venue is situated in the centre of Belgorod.

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Belgorod State University

Following the resolution of the Committee of Montessori Europe Organization Belgorod State University (Russia) and Vilgelm`s University of Munster (Germany) hold the International Montessori Congress "The concept of M.Montessori`s "Cosmic Education" and education of XXI century".

The **aim** of the Congress is to demonstrate the importance and the meaning of M. Montessori`s vision of cosmic education, to present the possibilities of its development as they are viewed by modern science and philosophy, its implementation in education of the 21st century.

The Congress will be held in Belgorod State University on May 15-18, 2006.

The Congress will cover the following issues:

- The humanistic orientation of Montessori education and its relevance
- for the reform of the modern process of education
- The theoretical and scientific basis of the development of Maria Montessori`s 'Cosmic Education'
- 'Cosmic Education' as the central idea of Montessori Education
- Philosophical aspects of M. Montessori`s concept of 'Cosmic Education'
- Anthropological aspects of M. Montessori`s concept of 'Cosmic Education'
- The concept of M. Montessori`s 'Cosmic Education' and the problem of defining curricula
- 'Cosmic Education' as a basis of the moral education of man

- 'Peace Education' and the problem of raising young people to become patriots and cosmopolitans
- M. Montessori's concept of 'Cosmic Education' as a basis for the development of an ecological awareness
- The practical realisation of M. Montessori's concept of 'Cosmic Education' in modern education
- Free work in the prepared environment as a basis for the realisation of M. Montessori's concept of 'Cosmic Education'
- Special features of the realisation of M. Montessori's concept of 'Cosmic Education' concerning the promotion of gifted children and of children with limited abilities
- The professionalism of the teacher in the context of M. Montessori's concept of 'Cosmic Education'

The Congress programme will include a plenary session, meetings at the sections, workshops, visits to Belgorod schools that implement activities following the Montessori's ideas, visit to the exhibition of didactic materials, cultural programme.

The Congress programme will send later

The official Congress languages will be German, English and Russian.

The holders of the Congress are planning to organize **an exhibition of books and didactic materials** developed by members of the BelSU Centre of M. Montessori's Pedagogy in accordance with the principles of M. Montessori's pedagogy. The organizational committee **invites all to participate in the exhibition**. The applicants are requested to inform the organization committee about their intention to participate in the exhibition by e-mail. The terms of participation will be discussed individually.

The exhibition of the didactic materials by Holland company "Nienhuis" is included in the programme.

We request you to confirm your intention to participate in the International Congress before **March 1, 2006**. (Application Form №1)

Congress fee – 80 € (payment on arrival)

Congress fee covers:

- tea/coffee break;
- dinner and supper in the university café.

The form of participation in the Congress can be **full-time** with a report (ca 15-20 min) at the section and **full-time** without a report.

The collection of the Congress materials is scheduled to be published.

Summary layout: Surname and initials of the author (degree, status if possessed), place of employment, job title – in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the article; the title of the article in the center.

Volume of the summary. maximum 4 printed Word pages, RTF format, font Times New Roman, font size 12, single line spacing, margin size: top and bottom margin – 2 cm., left – 3 cm., right – 1,5 cm., indention – 1,27 cm., formatting by width.

The summary of the article must be translated into English.

The materials for the collection must be sent in the attached file by e-mail till **March 20, 2006.**

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at hotels 5-25 minutes walk (or 15 min travel by bus/trolleybus) from the Congress centre. You will find a hotel list in the end of this document.

The organization committee of the Congress is available for hotel rooms reservations in the city. You are requested to sent the information of the required accommodation including your surname, name, date of arrival and departure, a room category (single room, double room etc.)

Airport "Belgorod-Avia" is situated not far from the centre of city Belgorod.

Bus/trolleybus

The way from the Airport to the centre of Belgorod and to the hotels will take 15-30 min

Taxi from Airport to the University/hotel will cost about 150-200 (~6 €) rubles (1 €=35 RR, 1 \$=30 RR)

Travel Information

From Moscow to Belgorod by air

Moscow (Sheremetjevo-1) – Belgorod - 20.40 (1 h.)

monday, wednesday, friday, sunday

3250 rub. (93 €)

Belgorod - Moscow (Sheremetjevo-1) – 07.45 (1 h.)

monday, wednesday, friday, sunday

3250 rub. (93 €)

Moscow (Sheremetjevo-1) – Belgorod - Moscow (Sheremetjevo-1)

5900 rub. (170 €)

From Moscow to Belgorod by railway

Moscow (Kursky railway station) – Belgorod - 20.55

Belgorod - Moscow (Kursky railway station) – 21.50

1200 rub. (33 €)

Every day

Railway station "Belgorod"

Bus/trolleybus

The way from the railway station to the centre of Belgorod and to the hotels will take 15-30 min

Taxi from railway station to the University/hotel will cost about 150-200 rubles (1 €=35 RR, 1 \$=30 RR)

If requested by the Congress participants from foreign countries they have a possibility to stay in Moscow for 1-2 days for sightseeing. The members of the organization committee will help the Congress participants to choose a hotel in Moscow and will be in charge of arrangement of interesting excursions.

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You can to book your accommodation individually, here is a choice of hotels near the Congress Centre. Payment in Russian Rubles (cash payment). The organization committee of the Congress is recommend to choose the hotel "Belgorod"

The information about hotel "Belgorod" (****)

Pricelist

5-7 min walk to the Congress Centre

Bus/trolleybus (from Airport)

№ 4 (stop "Gosbank")

Bus/trolleybus (from Railway station)

Bus № 2, 3, 13

Trolleybus № 1 (stop "Mayak")

Room rate includes breakfast

Type of room	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
Single room with a shower	2 400 ~69 €	
Single room with a bathroom	3 200 ~92 €	
Single room with a double bed	3 300 ~94 €	4 300 ~123 €
Single room (pets allowed)	6 400 ~183 €	6 400 ~183 €

De Luxe room with a double bed	3 900 ~112 €	4 900 ~140 €
Double room	3200 ~92 €	2300+2300 ~66 €+66 €
Studio «Suite»	5 000 ~143 €	6500 ~186 €
Studio «Suite»	6 000 ~172 €	7 500 ~215 €
Two-rooms «Suite»	6 000 ~172 €	7 500 ~215 €
Three rooms «Suite»	9 000 ~257 €	10 500 ~300 €

We charge 500 rubles for guests staying overnight after 23.00 p.m.
Reservation fee 20 % of the room rate applies for the first night only.
Checking out **12.00** local time.

The information about hotel "Yuzhnaya" (***)

Pricelist

30 min walk to the Congress Centre, 15 min by bus/trolleybus

Bus/trolleybus (from Airport)

№ 8 (stop "Televisshka")

Bus/trolleybus (from Railway station)

Bus № 2, 41 (stop "Televisshka")

Room rate includes breakfast

Type of room	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
Luxe two-rooms	2640 ~76 €	2640 ~76 €

Standart Twin	1360 ~39 €	1360 ~39 €
Premium Single	1045 ~30 €	
Standart Single	910 ~26 €	

The information about hotel "Belhotel" (***)

Pricelist

7-10 min walk to the Congress Centre

Bus/trolleybus (from Airport)

Bus № 7, 8, 15, 17 (stop "Rodina")

Trolleybus № 7, 8, 16 (stop "Rodina")

Bus/trolleybus (from Railway station)

Bus № 23 (stop "Gostenskaya")

Room rate includes breakfast

Type of room	Single occupancy	Double occupancy
De Luxe	4700 ~135 €	4700 ~135 €
Single room	2000 ~57 €	
Double room	3200 ~92 €	3200 ~92 €

Form №1

Application form for participation in the International Congress "The concept of M.Montessori`s "Cosmic Education" and education of XXI century".

Name, surname

Academic degree, status:

Address:

Institution:

Position:

Field of research interests:

Form of participation in the Congress: a) full-time – with a report at the section, 6) full-time – without a report at the section (underline the necessary item). Write the theme of Your report, please

Participation in the exhibition Yes / No (underline the necessary item)

The kind and the name of the displayed material

Accommodation: hotel (specify the name and the category of rooms)

Stay in Moscow: no / yes (Friday May 19, Saturday May 20, Sunday May 21)
(underline the necessary item)

Address:

Tel/Fax:

E-mail:

*The filled out application form must be sent to e-mail in the part «Contact information».