

# History of Fortification Study Centre

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## Conferences

### The 8th international conference of the HFSC on the history of fortification 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.

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**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](mailto: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).

**Previous conferences:**

**On September 26-27, 2009, the 1st Conference of the HFSC "History of fortifications, problems of their study and preservation" took place in Moscow, Russia.**

Co-founders and sponsors of the conference are: the Central Museum of the Armed Forces, the Department of the History of the Russian State Building of the Russian Academy of State Service under the President of the Russian Federation, the "Marko Polo" tourist firm, the publishing house "Atlant".

On the first day of the conference, September 26, 2009, scientists from Barnaul, Belgorod, Khazan', Kolomna, Moscow and St Petersburg gave plenary lectures and reports. You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).

The second day of the conference, September 27, 2009, was devoted to [a scientific and practical outgo event](#), in the course of which the site of ancient settlement in Old Kashira and the kremlins in Zarsk and Kolomna were examined. The theses of the conference will be published in the next issue of the journal "Questions of the History of Fortification".

**On April 17-18, 2010, the 2nd Conference of the HFSC took place in Moscow, Russia.** You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).

**On November 7, 2010, the 3rd Conference of the HFSC took place in Moscow, Russia.** You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).

**On November 18-19, 2011 the 4th conference of the HFSC on the history of fortification took place in Rostov the Great, Russia.** You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).

**On May 2-3, 2013 the 5th conference of the HFSC on the history of fortification took place in Kaliningrad, Russia.**

You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).

**On May 27-28, 2016 the 6th conference of the HFSC on the history of fortification took place in Moscow, Russia.**

**On May 17-18, 2018, the 7th conference of the HFSC on the history of fortification took place in Moscow, Russia.** You can get acquainted with the programme of the conference and picture story [here](#).