

On November 24 - 25, 2016, the National Library of Latvia organises

international scientific conference

“The Book and Society in Latvia until 1945”

The Conference is dedicated to Aleksejs Apīnis, book publishing and literary historian, library employee (1926-2004)

In the context of the related sciences and of the cultural process, the most important areas of the book science and the research issues of the relevant period will be represented during the conference.

The thematic scope of the conference:

- History of culture. The analysis of the cultural phenomenon and of the centuries in relation with books as a cultural phenomenon;
- History of literature. Literary process, the evaluation of the certain literary phenomena, discoveries and innovations;
- Book publishing and printing. Publishing management and organization (including legislative aspects and authorities), censorship, financing, book printing plants, the stock of published books and its analysis, certain groups of publications and considerable printed materials (monuments of book-printing);
- Book distribution. Trading, advertising, distribution, book shops, reading associations and hobby groups, libraries;
- Book reading. Theoretical aspects of reading, reading sociology, reception of literature, analysis of reading material and of the most popular publications, readers, their groups, possibilities of literature acquisition and reading (reading skills, book availability, free time, etc.);
- Bibliophily, private and public book collections;
- Bibliographing of the ancient printings. Traditions and contemporaneity;
- Museums of publishing-houses, their creation and activities.

Report submission deadline is June 30, 2016.

To submit a report for the Conference, a form must be filled in https://docs.google.com/forms/d/154C6v9jkQR5XYhtCsg0leljZrSe8_1vM5melv0z-A8/edit?usp=drive_web **until June 30.**

The summary of the report in English must be submitted until **September 1, 2016** to sanita.briezkalne@lnb.lv (up to 500 characters).

The working languages of the Conference are Latvian, English, German and Russian.

Notice regarding the inclusion of a report in the Conference programme will be sent **until July 15, 2016.**

It is planned to publish the reports presented in the Conference in collected articles.

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