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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to participate in the conference “**The Magic of Innovation: New Techniques and Technologies in Teaching Foreign Languages**” to be held in Moscow on **4-5 October 2013**. The event, which will be hosted by the Moscow State Institute of Foreign Relations (MGIMO University), is timed to coincide with the **70th anniversary of** the University’s **School of International Relations**. The conference is organized by English Language Department No. 1 of the School of International Relations with the support of the European Studies Institute.

Discussions will cover diverse issues related to innovative approaches to teaching students of international relations and cross-cultural communication, future experts in regional studies, linguists and translators/interpreters as well as other practitioners who will need foreign languages in their professional activities.

The conference will be organized into the following strands:

* **E-learning**: a Buzzword or a Recognized Need?
* **Foreign Languages for Specific Purposes**: What Purposes, What Means?
* **Methodology in LT**: Teaching, Teaching to Learn and Learning to Teach
* **Linguistics**: Practical Tips from Academics
* **Cross-cultural Communication**: Towards Effective Models of Cross-cultural Communication
* **The Art of Translation**: Equivalence in Search of Adequacy

The program will feature a number of workshops hosted by leading specialists in the field. The highlights will include a presentation of the *I-Trainium* software used by MGIMO University and a master class on how to use it in teaching foreign languages.

**Presentation formats**: Plenary presentations will last a maximum of 30 minutes each. Presentations of individual papers at one of the concurrent sessions will last a maximum of 15 minutes each.

**The working languages** of the conference will be Russian and English (simultaneous interpretation will be provided upon request).

**Publication Opportunities.** Participants’ papers will be published in the proceedings of the Conference (publication fees apply). The best presentation at each of the concurrent sessions will be considered for publication in the reviewed *Journal of MGIMO University*.

Only attendees’ papers will be accepted for publication provided they conform to the publication guidelines (to be posted on the website of the conference [www.inno-conf.mgimo.ru](http://www.inno-conf.mgimo.ru)). If you are unable to attend the conference in person, you may consider making a presentation via video conferencing; your publication opportunities will be the same as those of regular presenters.

**Proposal submissions**

Please register and submit the proposal with a brief abstract in one of the working languages of the conference by July 1, 2013 through the website of the conference [www.inno-conf.mgimo.ru](http://www.inno-conf.mgimo.ru).

**Please note that participants’ accommodation, travel and other conference-related expenses will be borne by participants. There are no special registration or conference fees.**

International participants who require a visa to enter the Russian Federation are reminded that it is important to apply for a visa well in advance of the Conference. If you need an invitation as part of the visa application process, please submit a request via email: [inno-conf@inno.mgimo.ru](mailto:inno-conf@inno.mgimo.ru) before 28 June 2013. Letters of invitation can only be issued to confirmed registrants. When submitting your request, please provide the following information:

* First Name
* Last Name
* Job Title
* Institution
* Address
* Telephone
* Fax
* E-mail address
* Date of Birth
* Passport #
* Date of issue and date of expiry of the passport
* Country of issue of the passport
* Period of Stay (dates)

Please be advised that obtaining a Letter of Invitation will not guarantee that your visa application will be approved.

**Organizing Committee**