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Dear participants of the XVII international Bakhtin conference!

The current situation with the spread of COVID-19 has made adjustments to our plans for the upcoming conference.

Today it has become evident that most researchers will not be able to take part in the Bakhtin forum in July 2020. Therefore, it has been decided to postpone the conference for sharply one year. The conference will be held between 5-10 of July, 2021 in Saransk.

We were looking into transferring the conference to online, but in this case we would deprive participants not only of a "live" dialogue, but also of a chance to get acquainted with Saransk – the city where Mikhail Mikhailovich Bakhtin had lived for almost a quarter of a century and written a significant number of his works, including the final revision of his books "Problems of Dostoevsky's poetics" and "Rabelais and His World". We think that any researcher studying Bakhtin's scientific heritage should at least once come not only to Russia, but to Saransk, walk through the streets of this city, see the University where the thinker taught, the house where he lived.

Judging by the applications we have processed so far (they are more than 150!) the conference's scientific dialogue will address a wide range of topical issues, from modern reception and development of Bakhtin ideas in a globalizing world to the possibility of dialogue between the humanities and natural sciences in search of answers to challenges of XXI century.

The conference organizers will stay in touch and keep you posted on any new happenings.

We shall be happy to see you in Saransk on 5-10 July 2021 at the XVII international Bakhtin conference!

Chairman,
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