

**“ARMENIA IN THE DIALOGUE OF THE CIVILIZATIONS”  
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE**

On April 28, 2011 the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and Lobachevsky State University of Nizhniy Novgorod held an international scientific conference “Armenia in the Dialogue of Civilizations” in Nizhniy Novgorod.

At the conference such issues as the developments of the Armenian statehood, historical dynamics of the Armenian Diaspora, technologies of adaptation of the Armenians to the receiving society, preserving of the ethnic identity, civilizational dialogue of Russia and Armenia, civilizational role of Armenia under the globalization, outstanding Armenian personalities were discussed.

**At the plenary meeting the welcoming address was made by:**

Y. V. Chupurov – the Head of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, the chancellor of the Lobachevsky State University of Nizhniy Novgorod

L. L. Samkovich-Poghosyan – the Head of the regional NGO “The Armenian Community of Nizhniy Novgorod”

Father Nshan (Petrosyan) – The Armenian Apostolic Church – the shepherd of the North-West Okrug and Saint-Petersburg

H. Yesayan - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Armenia to the RF

D. Y. Shurov – the Minister of the Domestic Policy of the Government of Nizhniy Novgorod region

S. V. Naumov – the Minister of Education of the Government of Nizhniy Novgorod region

S. A. Gorin – Director of the Department of Culture, Sport and Youth Policy at the Administration of Nizhniy Novgorod

L. L. Ghukasyan – the Vice-President of the Union of the Armenians in Russia

The Head of the Chair of the Foreign Regional Studies of the Faculty of International Relations, Professor A. A. Kornilov presented the Programme of the Armenian Studies at the Lobachevsky State University of Nizhniy Novgorod.

The plenary meeting featured the reports of the Head of the Division of the Ancient History at the Institute of History of the RA NAS, the advisor of “Noravank” Foundation E. L. Danielyan (Doctor of Historical Sciences) and the Dean of the Faculty of the Political Studies, the Head of the Chair of World Politics and International Relations at the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University (RAU) Associate Professor V. G. Melikyan (Candidate of Historical Sciences).

E. L. Danielyan in his lecture on “Philosophical Understanding of the History of Armenia in the Historiographical Context of the Russian-Armenian Civilizational Dialogue” underlined that “Armenia in the Dialogue of Civilizations” international conference has a special meaning symbolizing humanistic orientation of the Russian historical thought

towards the Armenian historical heritage, the philosophical understanding of which is an important link of the civilizational dialogue.

V. G. Melikyan presented a lecture on “The Problem of Power in Transcaucasia in 1917 and the Armenian Factor”.

After that the sessions in four sections took place.

At the closing session of the conference Declaration of the Participants of the “Armenia in the Dialogue” of Civilizations International Scientific Conference was adopted. The declaration underlined “Special significance of the Armenian-Russian relations” (based on the centuries old Russian-Armenian friendship, cooperation and mutual assistance), “Respect to the common history” (commemorating the heroic history of Russia and Armenia and expressing the deepest respect and esteem of the veterans of the Great Patriotic War), “National identity” (guaranteed by the representatives of the state authorities of the RF, RA and other countries while forming domestic and foreign policy), “The role of the Armenian Diaspora” (in the harmonization of the international and interreligious relations in building just and secure world), “Uniting of the Armenologists” in order to integrate into a single community all the positive academic and social powers.