

Attending a Conference

Read and translate the text into Russian.

You know, any scientific conference is an important event in the researcher's life, especially in post-graduate student's activity. It provides an opportunity for exchanging opinions with more experienced colleagues and gives impetus to valuable discussions.

I've taken part in several conferences, both as an organizer and as a participant. But now I'd like to dwell upon my first experience in attending an international conference of young researchers held under the auspices of the BSU. The initiative to convene the conference belonged to the University Academic Council. Thus, an organizing committee was set up which sent the so-called "Preliminary Announcement" to all the institutions concerned with a view of supplying potential participants with general information about the conference. From the announcement I learnt such important things as the main programme of the conference, orders of plenary sessions, rules for scientific contributions, requirements to submitted abstracts, information about registration fees, hotel reservations, etc. It was very important for me as a post-graduate student that the abstract would be published in Conference Proceedings.

I immediately filled in the preliminary application form and mailed it without delay. After that I was to submit a short abstract of my paper (one printed page) before the deadline.

Finally, my abstract was accepted and I started preparing my report.

I will never forget the first conference day. The conference started at 9 a. m. with the registration of attendees. Before the plenary session I had some time to get acquainted with other participants, to look through the latest information, to buy some booklets about the conference work. I was particularly interested in the workshop on criminalistics, since it is my special field. There were more than twenty scientific contributions to our workshop, all of them being on topical problems of criminalistics and applied sciences. According to the workshop schedule I was the last to speak. All the reports were followed by discussions, mine wasn't an exception. I was asked several questions and did my best to answer all of them. I spoke without even looking into my notes and tried to make my reasoning very clear.

I also attended a poster session and found it of particular interest because I managed to study numerous texts of the papers supplied with diagrams, drawings, schemes and photographs.

The final session with review papers was truly rewarding for it summarized all that had been going on not only at the conference but also in the field of law for the past twelve months.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that I liked a specific atmosphere of the conference characteristic of any scientific meeting: groups of delegates discussing something, the sight of prominent scholars surrounded by their followers, talks, smiles, greetings, exchange of opinions.

Check your knowledge of the useful vocabulary on the topic in question.

a) Give English equivalents to the Russian ones:

получить приглашение

участвовать в конференции

поделиться опытом

под эгидой

быть организатором конференции

заинтересованные учреждения

информационное письмо

пленарное заседание

секционная работа

рабочий язык конференции

организационный взнос

тезисы доклада

сделать сообщение

обсуждение за «круглым столом»

стендовые доклады

культурная программа

подводить итоги работы конференции

заключительная речь

b) Complete the sentences supplying them with the missing information.

1. We learn about forthcoming conferences from ...
2. ... sends invitations to key-note speakers.
3. The conference started with ... of the conference Chairman.
4. According to the conference ... the plenary session contains four reports by invited speakers.
5. At the criminalistics ... twelve contributed papers were discussed.
6. All reports were ... by discussions.
7. Interesting tours were ... for conference participants.