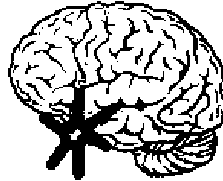


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"Stress and Behavior"



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**Welcoming address
from the Program Committee Chair**

Dear colleagues!

Welcome to St. Petersburg and to the 10th Conference on Neuroscience and BioPsychiatry "Stress and Behavior". As this year we celebrate its 10th anniversary, it is a special pleasure for me to see this conferences again held in our beautiful city.

As we all know, Neuroscience is developing extremely fast today, with new information gained, methods implemented and approaches used – all calling for a regular revision of accepted concepts, terms and definitions. Unfortunately, there is still a big gap between the large amount of scientific knowledge about the brain, and our understanding of fundamental mechanisms of normal and deviant behaviors.

For 10 years, annual "Stress and Behavior" Conferences provide an excellent possibility for neuro- and psychophysicologists, psychologists, neurochemists and psychiatrists to enrich each other with new information, and to establish fruitful and long-term contacts. We also appreciate the fact that geography of the participants is widening each year, and the Program covers more and more topics and problems.

This year we will have many exciting lectures and symposia, as well as educational tours to Pavlov's memorial office and his Department of Physiology in the Institute for Experimental Medicine, where the author of conditioned reflexes theory has worked for more than fifty years.

The second half of May in St. Petersburg is particularly good for a scientific conference. Between sessions, there will be opportunities to explore and enjoy the rivers and channels of our city, its magnificent palaces and cathedrals. Importantly, St. Petersburg is also recognized as a cultural capital of Russia. A number of outstanding neurophysiologists and psychiatrists who have lived and worked in our city – Sechenov, Pavlov, Bekhterev, Vvedensky, Uhtomsky, Orbely, and many others - have become a part of the world inheritance.

We are confident that international "Stress and Behavior" conference will continue to contribute to cultural and scientific life of our city, which we all love and admire. I wish you a successful conference, fruitful discussions, new scientific contacts and many bright impressions from the Russia's North capital.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Klimenko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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