The Fifth Russia-Japan Neurosurgical Symposium (RJNS2016)
June 22–25, 2016
Kazan, Russia

FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPANTS.
Considering all questions on registration, abstract submission, travel, accommodation, arrangement of entry visa to Russian Federation etc., please, contact the representative of the Organizing Committee in Japan Dr. Mikhail Chernov, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Advanced Techno-Surgery and Department of Neurosurgery, Tokyo Women’s Medical University (m_chernov@yahoo.com; Chernov.Mikhail@twmu.ac.jp)

DEAR FRIENDS!

We would like cordially invite you to attend The Fifth Russia-Japan Neurosurgical Symposium (RJNS2016) scheduled in Kazan, Russia, on June 23–25, 2016.

As you know, RJNS are organized regularly starting from 2008 with a main goal to develop scientific and personal links between neurosurgical professionals of Russia and Japan. Four highly successful meetings were organized in Saint Petersburg (2008), Fujiyoshida (2010), Novosibirsk (2012), and Hiroshima (2014).

RJNS2016 will be held under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Health of Russian Federation, Russian Association of Neurosurgeons, and Kazan Medical University. World-known professor Alexander Konovalov will be the President of the Meeting.

It is planned that scientific program, scheduled on June 23–24 will be dedicated mainly (but, certainly, not only) to Vascular Neurosurgery, Neuro-oncology, Functional Neurosurgery, and Surgical Management of Epilepsy. Special Seminar on Spinal Surgery is scheduled for the second day (June 24) of the Meeting. Both oral and poster presentations are planned. English will be the official language of RJNS2016.

Additional social program (June 24–25) will be prepared by the Organizers to make your visit to the capital of Tatarstan both enjoyable and memorable.

We do hope that you can find an opportunity to accept this invitation and will attend RJNS2016. Looking forward to see you in Kazan in coming summer!

THE ORGANIZERS
- Ministry of Health of Russian Federation
- Ministry of Health of Republic of Tatarstan
- Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia
- Kazan State Medical University
- Russian Research Neurosurgical Institute n.a. prof A. L. Polenov — Branch of the North-West Medical Research Center n.a. V. A. Almazov
- Faculty of Advanced Techno-Surgery, Tokyo Women’s Medical University, Tokyo, Japan
- «Seminars, Conferences and Forums» LLC

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

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COMMITTEES

PRESIDENT OF THE SYMPOSIUM:
- President of Association of Neurosurgeons of Russia, academician Alexander Konovalov

CO-CHAIRS OF THE SYMPOSIUM:
- Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, corresponding member of RAS Veronika Skvortsova
- Minister of Health of Republic of Tatarstan Adel Vafin
- Rector of the Kazan State Medical University, corresponding member of AS of Republic of Tatarstan Alexey Sozinov
- Chief Neurosurgeon of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, academician Vladimir Krylov
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Prof. Marat Ibatullin  
Dr. Vladimir Ivanov  
Dr. Ravil Karimov  
Dr. Alexander Nemirovskiy  
Bakhtiyar Pashaev

**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**  
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**MAIN TOPICS OF THE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS**
- **VASCULAR NEUROSURGERY**  
- **NEURO-ONCOLOGY**  
- **SPINAL NEUROSURGERY**  
- **FUNCTIONAL NEUROSURGERY AND EPILEPSY**

**FORMS OF PRESENTATIONS**
- **ORAL** (15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions and answers)  
- **POSTER**

**Oral presentations:**
Oral presentation in English should be prepared using MS PowerPoint 2003 or above  
- check Final Scientific Program to reveal session and time of your presentation;  
- during presentation you can use your own notebook; alternatively, you can bring your materials on memory stick (USB); no ZIP, Floppy disc, VTR, DVD, or CD–ROM are accepted;  
- if you use MAC and/or include video in your lecture, please, bring your own notebook.

**If you use your own notebook:**
- be sure, that it is equipped with mini D–sub (15 pins) and bring connector to mini D–sub (15 pins) and AC adaptor;  
- bring your own power cable since using batteries during presentation may result in problems;  
- before use of your notebook in Russian Federation check available AC parameters;  
- before presentation deactivate your screensaver and power saving settings;  
- to avoid occasional loss of the important information saved on your PC, be sure to backup such data before your presentation.

**If you bring your data on USB:**
- please perform its virus check in advance

**Poster presentations:**
Poster should be prepared and presented in English.

**POSTERS FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS:**

**Mandatory requirements:**
- Poster format 84 x 119 cm, «portrait» orientation;  
- Title — font size not less than 70 points;  
- Surnames and initials of the authors should be located under the title;  
- Main text — font size not less than 24 points;  
- Illustrations (figures) size — not less than A5 (15х20 cm);  
- Page margins — 4 cm from each size;  
- Signatures to drawings and text in diagrams — font size not less than 20 points.

**Desirable requirements:**
- Poster background — fair;  
- Text color — dark;  
- Drawings and diagrams — colored.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**
Deadline for abstract submission, April 1, 2016. Abstracts should be written in English, formatted in MS Word (version 97 or above), and submitted electronically.

Abstract should include title, names of the authors, full name of the affiliated institution, city, contact details of the presenting author (phone, e-mail).  
The text should be limited in size to one A4 page (Times New Roman, size 14 pt., interval 1.5).

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REGISTRATION

Japanese participants are waived from payment of the Registration Fee.

Please complete Registration Form and forward it to Dr. Mikhail Chernov, assistant professor, Faculty of Advanced Techno-Surgery and Department of Neurosurgery, Tokyo Women’s Medical University (m_chernov@yahoo.com; Chernov.Mikhail@twmu.ac.jp)

ACCOMODATION

The official hotel of the Symposium is «Shalyapin Palace Hotel» (Kazan, Universitetskaya str., 7): http://shalyapin-hotel.ru/en/

«Shalyapin Palace Hotel» is a restored monument of architecture of the last century, impregnated mystery and grandeur of antiquity, the embodiment of hospitality, comfort and relaxation for the most demanding guest. It is located in the central part of Kazan within walking distance of the Kremlin and other attractions of the city.

It takes approximately 30–40 minutes for the way from the airport to the Hotel by car.

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Prices are in rubles per room per night.
The price includes breakfast “Buffet” and VAT, as well as use of swimming pool, sauna and gym.

Check-in: 14.00, check-out: 12.00.

For guaranteed early accommodation before 14.00 additional 0.5 night stay must be paid. When leaving the hotel from 12.00 till 24.00 additional 0.5 night stay must be paid.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Participation in the Social Program is free-of-charge for Japanese participants of Symposium and their accompanying persons.

Kazan is one of the most beautiful cities in Russia. It has thousand years’ history and culture.

Participants of the Symposium have the unique opportunity not only to take part in the scientific sessions, but enjoy the beauty of Kazan.

The following Social Program is planned.

June 24 (15.00–20.00):

SIGHTSEEING TOUR AROUND KAZAN.

During the tour participants will be able to enjoy the original beauty of Kazan, to see with their own eyes the bright colors of its streets and squares, to find out where the countless treasures of Kazan khans are stored. Attractions of the millennial city joined a Western culture and the traditions of the East include The Old-Tatar Sloboda (where the Tatar population lived from the XVI century), Sukonnaya Sloboda (industrial conversion of Peter the Great), Fountain Square, the lake Kaban with its mysteries and legends, stylized village “Tugan avlyym” (“Native village”), the new Puppet Theatre, Kazan University, Liberty Square, the old mosque Marjani. You will also visit white-stone Kremlin — the pearl of Kazan, the heart of the ancient city. Finally the participants will have a unique opportunity to get acquainted with modern and sporting Kazan. At the end of the tour dinner is planned.

June 25 (10.00–20.00):

BOAT TRIP ON THE VOLGA-RIVER AND VISIT TO SVIYAZHSK ISLAND.

During the tour participants will have a unique opportunity to enjoy the beauty and breadth of the famous Russian river Volga and to visit the one of the most wonderful places — Sviyazhsk island. Sviyazhsk is a historical and cultural pearl of the Republic of Tatarstan, the ancient fortress, built during the reign of Ivan the Terrible. The town was built just in four weeks. It served as a military outpost in the Volga region and the place of training of military units for a march on an impregnable fortress of Kazan. Over time, having lost the importance as military fortress Sviyazhsk became the spiritual center of the middle Volga area.

ENTRY VISA TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Visa support will be provided by the organizers. For those, who will register before March 15, 2016 the official invitation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be provided.

Japanese citizens need Russian entry visa for coming to Russia. It is optimal to get COMMON HUMANITARIAN VISA based on official invitation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation. Preparation of this letter is time-consuming and takes approximately 30 days.

For those, who will register after March 15, 2016, support for TOURIST entry visa to Russian Federation may be provided.

ENTRY TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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ENTRY TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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Web-site (under construction):

www.5rjns-2016.org