

Dear readers!

Here is the newest issue of the network scientific journal, which will hopefully be followed by regular issues.

Needless to say, it has no indexation in the lists of the Higher Attestation Commission thus far, let alone in foreign publications. Therefore, the materials have been submitted to the journal not for the sake of reporting statistics, but in accordance with the desire of its contributors to express their opinions about the fundamental properties of language. The opinions might seem fresh, unexpected, even controversial at times. Virtually a new model of speech activity is proposed by A.A. Kretov (Voronezh, VSU). I.A. Sharonov (Moscow, Russian State University for the Humanities) puts forward a linguistic model for describing onomatopoeia as a boundary area of a natural language. I, E.G. Borisova, present an attempt to systematize the peripheral part of the semantics of a word - connotations - and to determine their place in the models of speaking. Academician V.M. Alpatov (Moscow, Institute of Linguistics RAS) offers generalizing sociolinguistic notes on the problem of the disappearance of languages. M. Mikheev and L. Erlich present an interdisciplinary study – the development of methods for determining an individual style (linguistics plus mathematics). The continuation of their work is supposed to be published in one of the following issues.

The issue also contains a review of the fundamental work by A.A. Kotov on the use of artificial intelligence methods in the description of speech impact, as well as chronicle notes on our scientific life.

As we have already announced, discussions – brief answers, detailed objection articles, reviews of the materials we publish – will be gratefully received.

We look forward to your manuscripts in electronic form for the next issues.

Editor-In-Chief