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IN THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD**

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# PROGRAM

August 18, Saturday

ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION

13.30–16.00

Lunch

*OPENING SESSION*

16.00–16.30

Some Preliminaries to the Summer Session

*Lecture and Discussion*

16.30–18.00

Leonid Zhmud (St. Petersburg)

ARISTOTLE AND THE ORIGIN OF THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY.  
DOXOGRAPHIC OVERVIEWS IN ARISTOTLE'S WORKS,  
ESPECIALLY IN *METAPHYSICS A*

**August 19, Sunday**

*Lecture and Discussion*

11.00–14.00

Leonid Zhmud (St. Petersburg)

THEOPHRASTUS AND HIS DOXOGRAPHIC COMPENDIUM  
*OPINIONS OF THE NATURAL PHILOSOPHERS*

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Round Table Discussion*

16.00–18.15

THE CLASSICIST REVIVAL: PYTHAGORAS, PLATO,  
AND ARISTOTLE IN THE FIRST CENTURY B. C.

Eugene Afonasin (Novosibirsk)

The “Roman edition” of Aristotle, the rise of the tradition of commentaries and encyclopedic summaries and their role in preserving and transforming of the classical science

Anna Afonasina (Novosibirsk)

The Pythagorean pseudoepigrapha and their cultural background

**August 20, Monday**

*Lecture and Discussion*

11.00–14.00

Leonid Zhmud (St. Petersburg)

EUDEMUS OF RHODES AS THE FIRST HISTORIAN OF EXACT SCIENCES  
(MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY)

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Round Table Discussion*

16.00–18.15

Andrei Shetnikov (Novosibirsk)

THE TRADITION OF ARITHMETIC PROBLEMS:  
FROM ANCIENT EGYPT TO THE PRESENT TIMES

**August 21, Tuesday**

*Lecture and Discussion*

11.00–14.00

Leonid Zhmud (St. Petersburg)

MENON AND THE ORIGIN OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE  
(MEDICAL DOXOGRAPHY)

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Lecture and Discussion*

16.00–18.15

Andrei Shetnikov (Novosibirsk)

CLASSICAL ASTRONOMY IN ANCIENT INDIA:  
A MEETING POINT OF THE GREEK SCIENCE AND INDIAN MYTHOLOGY

**August 22, Wednesday**

*Reading class*

11.00–14.00

Eugene Afonasin (Novosibirsk)

THEOPHRASTUS ON MUSIC

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Presentations by the participants*

16.00–18.15

Anna Afonasina (Novosibirsk)

PAINTED STATUES



**August 23, Thursday**

PRACTICAL MATTERS

A VISIT TO THE SIBERIAN SCIENTIFIC CENTRE,  
NOVOSIBIRSK STATE UNIVERSITY, AND  
ETHNOGRAPHIC AND/OR RAILWAY MUSEUM

**August 24, Friday**

*Lecture and Discussion*

11.00–14.00

Nika Travnikova (St. Petersburg)

MOTIVATION FOR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Presentations by the Participants*

16.00–18.15

Dmitry Shcheglov (St. Petersburg)

THE CONCEPT OF 'CLIMATE' IN ANCIENT GEOGRAPHY

Arina Bragova (Nizhni Novgorod)

LATIN FOR THE UNDERGRADUATES:  
SYSTEMS OF TEACHING AND TESTING

**August 25, Saturday**

*Presentations by the Participants*

11.00–14.00

Aleksey Kamenskikh (Perm) and Oksana Dovgopolova (Odessa)

COSMOGONICAL *TEKHNE* IN GREGORY OF NYSSA  
(ON THE BASIS OF THE *DE OPIFICIO HOMINIS* AND  
THE *APOLOGIA IN HAEXAMERON*)

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Lecture and Discussion*

16.00–18.15

Eugene Afonasin (Novosibirsk)

ANCIENT SEAFARING

**August 26, Sunday**

*Presentations by the Participants*

11.00–14.00

Sergey Avanesov (Tomsk)

THE ANCIENT FOUNDATIONS OF AXIOLOGY

Elizaveta Speshilova (Tomsk)

NIETZSCHE AND HERACLITUS: IN THE SAME GAME  
(THE CLASSICAL ORIGINS OF NIETZSCHE'S AESTHETICS)

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Lecture and Discussion*

16.00–18.15

Andrei Rodin (Moscow)

GREEK THEORIES OF VISION: PHYSICAL  
AND MATHEMATICAL APPROACHES

**August 27, Monday**

*Reading class*

11.00–14.00

Andrei Rodin (Moscow)

EUCLID'S *OPTICS* AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN A MODERN PERSPECTIVE

14.00–16.00

Lunch

*Presentations by the Participants*

16.00–18.15

Marina Brudastova (Moscow)

TRUE AND FALSE EDUCATION IN THE TABULA OF CEBES

**August 28, Tuesday**

*Round table discussion*

11.00–14.00

TEACHING AT UNIVERSITY

Group work reporting and  
Concluding discussion

14.00–16.00

Lunch

16.00–18.00

Discussion and group work  
(Continued)

**August 29, Wednesday**

VISITS TO THE UNIVERSITY,  
ETHNOGRAPHIC AND/OR RAILWAY MUSEUM  
AND DEPARTURES