

Opening remarks by Editor-in-Chief

Dear colleagues!

In the next issue of the international scientific peer-reviewed journal "Information and Innovations" you will find articles and materials that present scientific ideas and expert and analytical opinions regarding information processes in the digital environment in the field of social sciences and humanities; the development and diffusion of "deepfake" technologies, which are a challenge to the global information community; development of national systems of scientific and technical information of the Member States of ICSTI; contemporary problems of the development of e-education in the world, as well as problems and prospects of its development in Russia. The section of the journal "Economics and Innovations" presents publications that address the issues of change management in modern organizations, without which it is impossible to create and promote innovations; as well as issues of international economic cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Korea.

The digital transformation of science, economics, and society is taking place at an ultrahigh pace under the influence of the circumstances associated with the virus pandemic in the modern world. More than ever, open access to scientific and technical information, the creation of a single digital knowledge space, and the overcoming of the "digital inequality" become relevant. In this regard, I would like to note the possibility of using the potential and advantages of ICSTI, a specialized international organization with a 50-year history, in the integration and organization of access to international digital information resources and the dissemination of scientific and technical information.

This year, in accordance with the terms of a license agreement signed with Clarivate Analytics, ICSTI received the right to provide access to the Web of Science Core Collection information resources in the Russian Federation, as well as the exclusive right to provide access to them through the national subscriptions.

ICSTI is an information partner of significant events in the field of dissemination of scientific and technical information and scientific communication. In November 2020, in Moscow, Russia, a scientific conference «Single digital space of scientific knowledge: problems and solutions» will be held. The conference is organized by the Interdepartmental Supercomputer Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences in collaboration with academic institutes, libraries, museums, archives and publishing houses. The information sponsor of the conference is ICSTI. The conference is devoted to the formation of a single digital space of scientific knowledge as a fundamentally new computer environment that combines heterogeneous (documentary and factual) resources of various fields of science, both humanitarian and natural. More information about the event: <http://dirmsc.ru/konf>.

ICSTI was also an information partner and participant of the first international conference «Modern Trends in Digital Economy: Modern Challenges and Real Opportunities», successfully held at the State Economic University of Azerbaijan (UNEC, Baku) 13-14 February 2020. The formation of a digital ecosystem and its consequences for humans and the environment were discussed by conference participants from more than 20 countries of the world, including the Member States of the ICSTI Community. The organizers of the scientific forum were the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the international alliance «One Belt – One Road», UNEC partner organizations, including ICSTI. The conference declaration is available on the pages of the journal.

We reaffirm our permanent interest in the creation of new sustainable international relations, expansion of cooperation in the field of science and innovation, development of international research collaborations both between the organizations in the ICSTI Community and among all interested partners beyond it.

We are interested in continuing geographical expanding of our audience, both readers and authors, and we invite all interested parties for cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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