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Message from the Guest Editors

We are honored to present this special issue of *Procedia Social and Behavioral Sciences*, containing the selected papers presented at the V Congress of the Russian Psychological Society (RPS), which took place in Moscow on February 14 – 18 2012, in Russia. The history of Russian Psychological Society dates back to 1885, when Psychological Society was founded at Moscow Imperial University (now Lomonosov Moscow State University) for the purpose of development of psychology. At different times such outstanding scientists as N.Ya. Grot, A.V. Zaporozhets, A.N. Leontyev and E.A. Klimov were members and chairmen of the RPS. Among the aims of the Russian Psychological Society are promotion of the psychological science, support of the research, active publishing and maintenance high standards of education, training and practice.

More than 1500 scientists from Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Abkhazia, USA, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Finland, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, China, Vietnam were registered for participation in the Congress. More than 900 participants presented their reports on the following directions: methodology and history of psychology, developmental psychology and psychosemantics of consciousness, psychology of abilities, intellect, talent and creativity, clinical psychology, social and political psychology, organizational psychology, ethical and cultural psychology, psychophysiology and sport psychology. We are glad to note that at the V Congress of the RPS new scientific directions were discussed, such as psychology of modern megalopolis, psychology of security, psychology of extreme activities, ethical psychology, psychology of entrepreneurship, health psychology, internet psychology, etc. The most interesting and significant reports were completed to articles and reviewed by academics in the related field. As a result a total of 108 high quality papers were selected and accepted for publication in *Procedia Social and Behavioral Sciences*.

We are delighted to mention the organizations, which kindly embraced and ensured the high quality of the Congress events: the Faculty of Psychology of the Lomonosov Moscow State University (96 events), the

Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (3 events), the Institute of Psychology of the Russian Academy of Education (12 events), the Moscow State University of Psychology & Education (8 events), the Center for emergency psychological help of the EMERCOM, Russia (2 events), the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (2 events), the Moscow City service for psychological aid to the population (1 event), the I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (1 event).

We have special thanks for Elsevier for the great opportunity to publish the works of our colleagues and make them available for the scientists all over the world. We hope you will find these papers interesting and useful and we would be sincerely glad if this publication promotes further international communication and interaction inside the scientific community.

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