Experiences of the Russian Foundation for Humanities in Supporting International Scientific Projects
Russian Foundation for Humanities (RFH) was founded by resolution of Russian government of September 1994 with the aim to provide public funding to the development of the Humanities, to support popularization of Humanities knowledge in the society and rebirth of the Russian Humanities science traditions.

Initiators of its creation – outstanding Russian scholars academicians N. Tolstoy, D. Likhachiov, B. Raushenbach, V. Janin, A. Fursenko, N. Pokrovskiy, A. Derevjanko and others.
Budget of RFH. 2001-2009

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Fields of Science

- History
- Archaeology
- Ethnography
- Economics
- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Politology
- Jurisprudence
- Science studies
- Philology
- Art criticism
- Psychology
- Pedagogy
- Multidisciplinary studies of human being
The RFH Calls

- federal (basic) call;
- the special call “The Russia in Multi-Polar World: Country Image”;
- the special call “The theoretical principles of innovative economics”; 
- the special call “The Russian culture heritage”, devoted for academician D. Likhachiov hundred jubilee;
- the special call “The Russian language in modern world”;
- call for scientific-popular books;
- call for support of young scholars;
- regional calls;
- international calls.
In 1994-2008 in Foundation accept 66 408 applications. In 1995-2008 Foundation financed 29 061 scientific projects, including:

- 14 615 researches projects;
- 4 074 projects on publishing of scientific works;
- 1 949 projects on organization of scientific actions (conferences, seminars, etc);
- 1 035 projects of expeditions;
- 851 projects of information systems creation;
- 1 922 projects of participation of Russian scholars in scientific actions abroad;
- 368 projects on scientific telecommunication development and material base of scientific research in humanitarian science.
Distribution of Applications on Fields of Science. 2009

- Historical sciences: 22.5%
- Social sciences: 12.4%
- Complex human study & psychology & pedagogics: 24.8%
- Economics: 18.7%
- Philology & art criticism: 21.6%
Distribution of Supported Projects on Departments by Organizations Supported. 2009

- RAS: 40.3%
- Other state academies: 2.3%
- Russian Education Agency: 6.1%
- SPbGU: 15.9%
- MSU: 30.4%
- Other state organizations: 2.1%
- Other NON-state organizations: 2.9%
Distribution of Supported Projects by Regions. 2008

- Moscow: 39%
- Saint-Petersburg: 11%
- Siberian: 13%
- Central: 5%
- Volga: 4%
- Ural: 6%
- North-Western: 9%
- Far-Eastern: 12%
- South: 1%
RFH Expert review

- the Council of the Foundation;
- 5 expert boards on scientific directions;
- expert board on information systems;
- regional expert board RFH;
- 50 expert boards in Russian regions;
- 6 expert boards on the special contests;
- 1860 experts and expert boards remembers from more than 390 scientific institutes, 50 regions of Russian Federation.
International Calls

- RFH – Belorussian Republican Foundation Basic Researches;
- RFH – National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;
- RFH – National Academy of Sciences of Moldova;
- RFH – Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Mongolia;
- RFH – Academy of Social Sciences of Vietnam;
- RFH – Academy of Finland;
- RFH – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG);
- RFH – National France Center of Scientific Researches (SNRS);
- RFH – Maison des Sciences de l’Homme;
- RFH – National Science Council of Taiwan
- RFH – Estonian Science Foundation.
RFH Priorities in the Field of International Cooperation

- countries in post soviet area – CIC;
- countries, with which USSR and Russia Federation had historically based close economic, political, cultural and scientific connections (Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, etc.);
- countries of Northern and Western Europe, etc.
RFH International Projects

- research projects;
- projects on organization of scientific events (conferences, seminars, etc.);
- projects of expeditions;
- scientific probation periods.
call with free thematic choice is preferable, as well as equal access to the participation of scientists independently of their age, place of work etc.;

Russian scientists and their foreign partners, the participants of the call, must present the project on a common theme, with certain scientific tasks the project will be aimed at;

independent expert review of Russian scientists’ projects – in the RFH, foreign scientists’ projects – in a partner organization (in foundation, Academy of science etc.), with followed concord of expert reviews results and making decisions;

parity of financing: the RFH finances Russian participants of the project, foreign partners finances scientists of their country.
The Problems in Realization of International Cooperation

- the absence of organizations similar to RFH, as well as the change of the status of national academies of sciences in the most CIC countries;
- the absence of the procedure and mechanisms of based on the parity partnership cooperation between European and Russian structures in financing scientific projects;
- synchronous actions on the announcement about joint calls, the agreement about deadlines of handing in applications and summing up the results;
- differences in the criteria of scientific expert reviews.
Thank you for attention!