INION RAN – a think tank with a half-century history

The Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences

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The Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russian abbreviation is INION RAN) was organized in 1969 on the basis of the Fundamental Library of Social Sciences of the Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union (founded in 1918 as the Library of the Socialist Academy).

The INION’s “Golden Age” (from 1972 to 1998) came at a time when Academician Vladimir A. Vinogradov was its director.

Then, in 1998-2015, the INION’s director was Academician Yuri S. Pivovarov.

Currently, INION RAN is a major research center, which also provides library, information and analytical support for scientific activities within Social Sciences and Humanities.
INION RAN’s historical location (since May 1974) on Nakhimovsky Prospekt was badly damaged by fire in 2015 and since the summer of 2019 the building is under reconstruction.

The INION RAN stuff consists of more than five hundred people.

The average number of full-time scientists of INION RAN is more than 150 people.

Since May 9, 2019, the Acting Director of the Institute is a Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Science in Economics Alexey V. Kuznetsov.
The reconstructed building of INION RAN will be put into operation in 2022.

INION RAN is one of the most famous Russian academic institutions on Social Sciences and Humanities. From the very beginning, the Institute has been performing coordinating functions for research organizations and university teams due to the Fundamental Library and the constantly updated Automated Information System.
Traditional INION RAN’s competitive advantages:

- There are recognized scientific schools in the field of Political Studies, International Relations, Science and Technology, Literary Studies, and Regional Studies;
- Strong INION navigation is regularly developing in the stream of scientific publications, as well as bibliographic databases;
- INION was among pioneers of digitalization of libraries in the Soviet Union and nowadays it has strong competences in artificial intelligence research;
- The Institute organizes international conferences, interdisciplinary seminars and other types of scientific events i.e. forums for the communication of scientists from different organizations;
- INION constantly publishes scientific books (monographs) and journals, other scientific and informational analytical publications and collections;
- A strategic analysis of current scientific and technological Russian development problems, its external relations, global and regional political trends is being carried out.

In the Eurasian information-analytical consortium of more than 50 scientific, educational and analytical organizations of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Ukraine, INION is a leading participant on behalf of the scientific community.
The Institute Research Divisions

• Center for Academic Research and Informational Studies on Social Sciences (The head of the Center is Doctor of Science in Politics Dmitry V. Efremenko)
  o Department of Jurisprudence
  o Department of Political Science
  o Department of Sociology & Social Psychology
  o Department of Economics
  o Department of History

• Center for Academic Research and Informational Studies on Humanities (The head of the Center is Doctor of Science in Philosophy Lev V. Skvortsov)
  o Department of Philosophy
  o Department of Cultural Studies
  o Department of Literary Studies
  o Department of Linguistics

• Center for Academic Research and Informational Studies on Global and Regional Problems (The head of the Center is PhD in History Tatyana G. Parkhalina)
  o Department of Global Problems
  o Department of Europe and America
  o Department of European Security
  o Department of Asia and Africa

• Center for Academic Research and Informational Studies on Science, Education and Technologies
• Center for Information Studies
• Center for Comparative Study of Civilizations
• Center for Russian Studies
• Center for Advanced Methodologies on Social Sciences and Humanities
• Department of Biography and Bibliography of Scientists
• Research Department of Fundamental Library
The INION RAN team annually publishes over 1,000 works (books, scholarly journals and other scientific publications) deposited open access on elibrary.ru platform and indexed in Russian Science Citation Index database, including dozens of articles indexed in Web of Science (WoS) and Scopus databases.

*The list of articles published in 2015-2019 and indexed in WoS:*
http://inion.ru/site/assets/files/4499/publika tsii_sotrudnikov_inion_ran_v_wos.pdf

*The list of articles published in 2015-2019 and indexed Scopus:*
http://inion.ru/site/assets/files/4499/publika tsii_sotrudnikov_inion_ran_v_scopus.pdf

After the fire in 2015, the team quickly restored the scientific potential. In 2020, INION implements three research projects supported by grants from the Russian Science Foundation, and nine projects supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research. There are also projects supported by extrabudgetary sources.

**Main journals of INION:**

- "**Political Science**" (the journal is included in the RSCI database located on WoS platform, included in the ERIH Plus database, hosted on the EBSCO platform) – http://inion.ru/publishing/journals/politicheska ja-nauka/

- "**Current Problems of Europe**" (the journal is included in the RSCI database located on WoS platform, hosted on the EBSCO and ProQuest platforms) – https://upe-journal.ru/en/

- "**Russia and the Contemporary World**" (the journal is included in the ERIH Plus database) – http://rossovmir.ru/en/
In general, INION publishes ten scholarly journals, three of which are included in the list of Higher Attestation Commission of the Russian Federation (VAK).

As INION RAN sees data sharing as a researcher responsibility it launches online open access publications. The scholarly journal “Ethnopsycholinguistics” was a pioneer – [http://epl-inion.org/en/](http://epl-inion.org/en/)

INION RAN is the world’s famous one for its bibliographic indexes.

For more than 45 years the Institute has been publishing refereed journals, which in recent years are experiencing a "rebirth" by expanding the analytical publications share.

Almost all INION RAN’s publications have been transferred to an open access (available on the Internet).
INION publishes many scientific collections and monographs.

Some recent books of the Institute staff:

**INION’s Fundamental Library** is one of the largest in Russia.

Users have access to about 3.7 million units in the halls of 18 library departments and bibliographic services at scientific institutes around Moscow.

The Institute receives a "legal deposit" of each publication on Social Sciences and Humanities published in Russia.

International book exchange, a partner institutes subscription and gifts ensure that more than a thousand titles of scholarly journals, including 120 journals in Chinese, are included in INION RAN’s network of libraries each year.
Due to international book exchange and gifts, over 1000 monographs a year published abroad are received annually in INION RAN.

Scientists and bibliographers of the INION RAN’s Fundamental Library continue to issue unique bibliographic publications, which are indispensable for the outstanding encyclopedic works emergence.

Information Science Center
The Automated Information System for Social Sciences ensures efficient operation. The system is intended for the preparation of information publications, databases establishment on various media and the comprehensive provision of a wide range of consumers with bibliographic, abstract and analytical survey materials.
INION RAN is actively pursuing its website: www.inion.ru

The site provides access to the famous bibliographic databases created at INION since the 1980s and attracting scientists in Russia and abroad. (http://inion.ru/resources/bazy-dannykh-inion-ran/).

A newspapers portal of the First World War and Civil War period is being developed together by INION RAN and the Russian Historical Society. (http://newspapers.historyrussia.org/).

Digital catalog of the richest Russian specialized archeological library (department of INION’s library) was introduced in 2020 (http://kartoteka.inion.ru/libraries/49).

INION carries out a project “Manuscripta Islamica Rossica” for scanning arabographic manuscripts, stored in Russian libraries (http://manuscriptaislamica.ru/en).

There are also many other projects. In particular, to the 110th anniversary of a prominent diplomat, public figure and scientist Andrey A. Gromyko, his books were digitized. (http://inion.ru/resources/k-110-letiiu-so-dnia-rozhdeniia-gromyko-monografii/).
INION RAN works in partnership with a large number of scientific, educational and library organizations, also abroad.

Every year INION organizes several major scientific conferences with international participation.

*INION regularly holds inter-institute scientific seminars:*

- "Methodological problems of Information Science" seminar;
- Moscow City seminar on Science Studies;
- Seminar of the Center for Advanced Methodologies on Social Sciences and Humanities;
- Seminar “Library support for research in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities”.

*Meetings of the Academic Board play an important role in the life of the Institute.*

Young scientists are the future of INION.
INION RAN prospects

The Institute's perspective is to conduct interdisciplinary research on current issues. “New Populism” was a 2019-2020 pilot project which resulted in the publication of bibliographic index and “The Trump Phenomena” monograph.

Pilot projects for the development of the Automated Library Information System in 2019-2020 were the creation of a consolidated electronic catalog of the Fundamental Library of INION RAN and a public access depository for Social Sciences.

The Institute also works in the educational sphere in close partnership with universities, including student practices regularly organized at INION RAN.

There is a return to the practice of fruitful analytical work that existed in the 1970s and 1980s in the interests of public authorities.

The completion of the INION RAN building reconstruction in a historic place in 2022 in accordance with the Governmental Decision of the Russian Federation No. 60 of 30 January 2019 will not only renew the INION RAN as a unique scientific center, but also will make it part of the global competitive cluster of Social Sciences and Humanities, which is being formed in Moscow.

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Dmitriya Uliyanova street, 3.

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