For the first time, one of the most significant international forums on teacher education IFTE-2020 will be held at Kazan federal university in an online format

From May 27 to June 9, scholars from around the world will discuss current issues in education and teacher training in Russia and abroad.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most representative international forums on teacher education will be held for the first time in a new virtual format. VirtualIFTE-2020 will be a unique experience in exploring various online platforms to promote research in teacher education.

More than 900 participants from 30 countries, educators, scholars and practitioners from the USA, Sweden, Germany Canada, China, Israel, Uganda and many other countries of the world will take part in the VI International Forum on Teacher Education “Perspectives and Priorities of Teacher Education in the Age of Transformation, Choice and Challenges”.

IFTE-2020 will begin on May 27 and will last until June 9, 2020, which will allow discussing a great amount of papers outlined in the conference program in virtual space. The main directions of the Forum will be digitalization of modern teacher education, advanced training and retraining of teachers in the context of the “digital divide”, digital technologies in teacher training.

Taking into account various time zones and preliminary activities necessary for participating in the online Forum, the Microsoft team developed a unique Forum architecture that allows anyone from anywhere in the world to freely connect to IFTE-2020. Forum organizers expect about 100,000 visitors.

Video lectures of key speakers, synchronous virtual round tables, international online symposiums, research group meetings, poster presentations will be available on the Microsoft Teams corporate platform.

Within the Forum, three conferences will be held: “E-learning in teacher education”, “Teacher education for social justice, equality and culturally relevant pedagogy”, “Global trends and perspectives on bilingual and language teacher education”. Also, the work of 14 research groups will be organized throughout the Forum.

Note:
International Forum on Teacher Education is an annual meeting of leading Russian and foreign scientists in the field of teacher education. The forum is held by the Institute of Psychology and Education of Kazan Federal University.

In 2020, KFU was ranked among 100 best universities in the world in the subject area “Education” by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. According to the QS World University Rankings, KFU is among 201–250 best universities. KFU is ranked first in Russia according to the number of publications in the field of education in the Scopus and Web of Science databases.

In 2019, the Forum was attended by scientists from 140 Russian and 60 foreign universities. In 2020, more than 900 participants from 30 countries will become participants in the virtual forum.

The materials of previous Forums were published in the journal European Proceedings of Social and Behavioral Sciences indexed in the Web of Science database. The materials of the V International Forum on Teacher Education were published in a special issue of the journal
Education and Self-Development (indexed in the Scopus database), in the journals ARPHA Proceedings and European Proceedings of Social and Behavioral Sciences and were verified in the Web of Science database.

Despite being ‘young’, the Forum is widely known in professional circles. While in 2015, 165 scholars from Russia and other countries took part in the Forum, in 2017 there were 400 scientists from 26 Russian and 38 foreign universities, in 2019, more than 600 Russian and foreign scientists discussed problems in the fields of education and teacher education.