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## DEAR COLLEAGUES!

We are honored to invite you to the **Fourth International Research Conference on the History of Arms and Armor**. It will take place on *November, 3–6th, 2020* in *Kyiv (Ukraine)*. The Conference is a part of the **Fourth Ukrainian Arms Biennale «Life on the Edge»** that will held in Kyiv at *November 3-7, 2020*.

The founders of Conference are: the National Museum of Military History of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine), the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine), Making of the Ukrainian Nation Museum (Kyiv, Ukraine), Museum of Art Founded by the Khanenko Family (Kyiv, Ukraine), the Center of Arms & Armor Studies (Kyiv, Ukraine), The Fund for Research of Ancient Civilization (NY, USA), Nihonto – the Gallery of Japanese Swords (Kyiv, Ukraine).

The purposes of the Conference are: introduction into scientific circulation of new sources on the history of arms and armor, development of international scientific cooperation in the studies of military history, history of arts and martial arts, studies of historical arms and armor in museums and private collections in Ukraine and worldwide, discussion of the methods of study, preservation and restoration of historical weapons.

The Conference includes five main topics:

I. «*Life on the Edge*» (*National Museum of Military History of Ukraine*). Plenary lectures on the identification of owners or manufacturers of historical weapons. Also the armament complexes of professional military communities, the problems of the history of martial arts, military anthropology and reconstructions will be studied.

II. «*Classifications and Terminology*» (*Making of the Ukrainian Nation Museum*). Plenary lectures and discussion on the problems of classifications of historical weapons, their definitions, terminology and interpretation.

III. «*Oriental Arms and Armor*» (*Museum of Art Founded by the Khanenko Family*). Plenary lectures on the problems of history of Oriental (preferably Japanese) arms and armor.

IV. «*Methods of Study of Arms and Armor*» (*National Museum of Military History of Ukraine*). Plenary lectures and workshops on the actual methodologies of the study of historical weapons.

V. «*History of Arms and Armor*» (*in addition to every section*). Plenary lectures on the different problems of study of historical weapons.

The languages of the Conference are: Ukrainian, English, Russian.

Remote participation. Every participant can join our Conference online or by poster session.

Every participant will get program and the book of abstracts before the conference starts, and the collection of papers after publishing in 2021.

To join Conference, please [FILL THE APPLICATION FORM](#) and send abstracts *before October 3, 2020!*

For more details and registration visit the official web-page of Conference: [http://zbroeznav.com/?page\\_id=6814](http://zbroeznav.com/?page_id=6814)

Sincerely,

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