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Dear colleagues,

Following the unprecedented attack by Russian troops on the inhabitants of Ukraine, accompanied by the trampling of peace agreements, international conventions and human rights, the organizing committee of the conference does not consider it possible or appropriate to continue preparations for the event with a wide representation of various Slavic peoples, and therefore decided **not to hold** the planned international conference meeting.

We have resorted to this radical solution not only out of solidarity with our Ukrainian colleagues, whose homeland is being destroyed by the Russian occupation army, but also with regard to our colleagues from the Russian Federation and Belarus, who do not approve of this aggression. Our position not to hold an international Slavic conference in this situation has a parallel in the act of the Serbian linguist Aleksandar Belić, who, after the outbreak of the 2nd World War in September 1939, cancelled the holding of the 3rd International Congress of Slavists in Belgrade a few days before its planned start.

However, we are convinced that the promising professional contribution of the conference will not suffer from the unfortunate international situation. Already some time ago, the programme committee duly assessed the submitted abstracts and evaluated the potential contribution to the topic. In accordance with the decision of the organizing committee not to hold the conference, we would therefore like to invite the participants whose contributions have been accepted to publish them in the collective publication, which will represent the cancelled conference meeting.

Information about the acceptance/non-acceptance of the paper and more detailed information about the publication will be sent to you until the end of April 2022.

We believe that you will accept this solution with understanding.

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