

Dear colleagues and readers of the journal,



Yet another issue of 'Historia provinciae – the journal of regional history' is devoted to the problems of Environmental History, the analysis of its achievements and prospects for further development.

Ecology is one of the most popular topics of the modern globalizing world. It often seems to us that the ecological problems entered upon our agenda recently, and literally yesterday transformed into one of the burning issues of modern times. Indeed, the thorough understanding of ecological problems connected with the topic of interaction of the human being with the nature started in the 20th century; however, the problems themselves, of the hu-

man being 'being inscribed' into the environment, became apparent not at all recently. It might be that the historians, a little bit later than the representatives of other as of socio-humanistic knowledge, became engaged in such problematics; however, Environmental History is quite a well-established subdiscipline of History in several countries, which the Professor of Peking University, Bao Maohong is reflecting upon. The turnaround to the nature and to the animals, which is being observed in the historical science, might lead to the appearance of historical works of a new type and provide the transfer from the interdisciplinarity of the research to their transdisciplinarity. The article, written by the Professor of Cherepovets State University, O.Y. Solodyankina, is devoted to such plots.

A broad picture of changing the consciousness of the human being regarding the problems of water, cleanness, impurities and contamination is depicted in the material of the Hungarian researcher Katalin Yuhas. The quality of the water in Moscow in the imperial period, the attitude of the city people towards this problem and the practical aspects of water consumption – these are the main topics of the article by the Moscow archivist and historian A.N. Davydov.

The British scientist David Moon considers the complex and objectionable process related to the transfer of the ideas of Russian soil scientists (first, V.V. Dokuchayev) in Western Europe and the USA in the last quarter of the 19th – early 20th century.

As usual, the issue contains the chronicle of events in the scientific life devoted to the scientific conference held on the issues of Environmental History in Russia, which took place in Cherepovets State University in October 2017.

We hope that the material of the dedicated issue of ‘Historia provinciae – the journal of regional history will contribute to further understanding of the problems of Environmental History and promote its institutionalization.

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