

Preface

To the proceedings of the IX Baltic legal forum “Law and order in the third Millennium” (December 11, 2020, Kaliningrad, Russia)

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Today, in the context of reformation of the Russian Federation interior bodies, when the country’s highest-level leaders and its citizens entrust the police with ever more complex missions, departmental higher educational institutions continue their active work and are developing dynamically.

The formation of professional core staff is a prerequisite for the overall efficiency of the services and divisions of the interior bodies, for prompt decision-making, legal and timely response to delinquent behaviour with a view to prevent crime and administrative offense, to protect human and civil rights and freedoms, all kinds of property, the public order and the constitutional order of Russia. All of the above demonstrates the relevance of the issues raised during the Forum since they require serious scholarly elaboration.

The Baltic Legal Forum “Law and Order in the Third Millennium” has been held in Kaliningrad annually since 2012, for the ninth time now. Each time, the Forum results form a basis for a collection of published materials of the submitted papers and presentations, classified in the Russian Science Citation Index (RSCI). Eight collections have already been formed and posted on the portal of the scientific electronic library elibrary.ru. The Ninth Forum has become the most representative in the overall history of this event. Over 280 applications from scientists of different countries were submitted for participation in the Forum. The global interest in our conference is dictated by the importance of the discussed issues in the present-day difficult period experienced by the entire international community.

One of the primary objectives of legal science, being of major importance, is handling the problems of the system of legislation and its development. This is accounted for by the increasing role of legal regulation of public relations, which in turn supposes the need for permanent improvement of the legislation. In this regard, sectoral and pluridisciplinary legal sciences, along with solving the theoretical issues of systematisation of the legislation, verification and development of the established legal structures, aim to prepare specific recommendations for constructing a legislative system in each individual sector. In modern conditions, legal science should thoroughly develop concrete scientific proposals and recommendations concerning all major spheres of public life for the state practice of law. It can be argued without exaggeration that nowadays, during the period of establishment of the law-bound state, the social practice may not ignore and, most importantly, may not disregard the theoretical conclusions resulting from generalisation of its experience, as well

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as ignore the scientifically based recommendations aimed at improvement of practical activities.

During the Forum, the conference participants discussed a complex of scientific issues. Presentations were delivered by scholars from different countries of the world: Russia, Israel, Japan, Brazil, Nicaragua, Mongolia, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republics of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. The authors dwelled upon the problems of innovations in prevention, investigation and prosecution of crime; various aspects of the use of criminal-law and criminal-procedure tools of combating crime, criminological areas of counteracting crime in general. The conference programme also addressed the issue “The society, the law and the state: the problems of theory and law enforcement practice”. And, naturally, the current problems of legal pedagogy were analysed with regard for the profile of the Forum organiser. Another mission of the Forum was the consideration of the prospects for the introduction of theoretical innovations into the practice of educational and institutional activities, account of risks involved in this process. The Organising Committee of the Forum included such scientists as Alekseeva Anna Pavlovna, Professor of Department of criminal law, criminology and penal law of St. Petersburg University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Kaliningrad Branch, Doctor of Law, Assistant Professor; Tokubaev Zairulla Sembayevich, First Vice-Rector, Vice-Rector for science and strategic development of Central Kazakhstan Academy, Doctor of Law, Professor; Bimoldanov Yerzhan Malayevich, Head of Faculty of Advanced Studies and Professional Retraining at M. Esbulatov Almaty Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, PhD (Law), Associate Professor; Rakhmadzhonzoda Rifat Rahmadzhon, Head of Faculty No. 1 of Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan, PhD (Law), Assistant Professor; Veklenko Sergey Vladimirovich, Head of Kaliningrad Branch of St. Petersburg University of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Doctor of Law, Professor, Honoured Worker of Higher Education of the Russian Federation. Owing to the well-coordinated work of the Organising Committee and the speakers, it became possible to find a solution in respect of many complex scientific issues and problems during the Forum.