

## Dear colleagues!



The 7th International Forum on Teacher Education (IFTE 2021) is approaching fast. More than 1500 participants from 40 countries will join the Forum this year. We are glad that the world scientific and pedagogical community finds our initiative, launched in 2015, to create the scientific platform for presenting, discussing and promoting original research in teacher education highly important and relevant. Every year, IFTE gathers more and more participants from different countries, who present their research across various areas of teacher education. This turned the Forum into a large research community with one shared vision to make teacher education in the world more effective, productive and modernized.

We have always viewed the Forum as the scientific bridge which helps Russian and international scholars share their experience and best practices in the field of teacher education. This approach has become even more meaningful today when the world is living through the COVID-19 pandemic. New threats and challenges, that education systems face, have brought scientists from around the world closer together in search of ways to overcome emerging problems and provide high-quality, accessible education at all levels. It is particularly telling that the main theme of IFTE 2021, “Teacher Education: New Challenges and Goals”, shows our will to help resolve the difficulties that were not only brought by the pandemic but will also determine the course of development of education in the future.

I am sure that the IFTE 2021 participants’ research will help us compare the unique experience of different countries in the transformation of education policies, the best practices and teaching technologies, and identify international trends in teacher education for the next few years. We are all aware of the challenge to steadily move forward and constantly improve in response to the hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, I wish the IFTE 2021 participants productive work, fruitful exchange of scientific ideas and real-life communication, which we have lacked a lot lately. Kazan Federal University will do its utmost to create the conditions for scientific and cultural communication and to ensure maximum safety for all participants visiting Kazan!

I look forward to seeing you at Kazan Federal University on May 25-28, 2021!

Sincerely Yours  
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