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PERM READINGS ON METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS OF CIVILISTIC RESEARCH

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The article reviews the interregional Russian forum of classical law university science “Perm Methodological Readings”. It was organized for the 8th time in Perm, Russia. Perm Methodological Readings — a joint project of Perm State National Research University and Kazan Federal University. This project is dedicated to the memory of Mikhail Yurievich Chelyshev, an outstanding scholar of civil law, a great specialist in the issues of methodological research, Doctor of Legal Sciences, Professor of Kazan and Perm Universities.

This article reveals certain aspects related to the holding of this event in 2020 in the walls of Perm University. Separately, we should note that the importance of both the project itself and the value of Mikhail Chelyshev’s contribution is con-

firmed by the fact that the event took place in spite of the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

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Perm Methodological Readings — a joint project of Perm State National Research University and Kazan Federal University was and remains the main satellite project of Perm Congress of Legal Scholars — a multidisciplinary inter-regional Russian legal forum with more than ten years of history. The goal of Perm Methodological Readings is to help young researchers in civil law to develop and correctly apply methodological foundations in their research, to discuss with the leading experts the key changes in the procedure of training and certification of scientific personnel as well as to improve traditional and develop new methodological approaches to the study of civil law. A striking example of the latter is the interdisciplinary method of civil law research, a significant contribution to the development of which was made by Professor M.Yu. Chelyshev, whose memory is devoted to the Perm readings on the methodological problems of civilistic research.

This year Mikhail Yurievich, the author of such a significant scientific event for Russian civilistics, would be 50 years old. The subject of discussion of the experts, honorary guests and participants of the VIII Perm readings was the study of the scientific heritage of Mikhail Yurievich and the methodological significance of the scientific works of Professor M. Chelyshev, the potential of his theory of the system organization of inter-branch relations of civil law.

In addition, participants touched on other topical issues: the reform of the nomenclature of specialties in law, the methodology of the study of the legal nature of cryptocurrency, the evolution of substantive research in civilistics and its relationship to the new technological reality, the use of works and modern terms in scientific and educational purposes, the theoretical and practical significance of civil thesis, civil research atypical legal relations, the problems of applying the historical and legal method.

The subject of discussion, as well as the objectives of the Perm Readings determined the “professional qualification” of its participants: they are traditionally researchers of civil law with PhD degrees, professors, heads of departments, members of the expert council of the Higher Attestation Commission on Law. Every year the geography of participants of the scientific event expands. Thus, in recent years Perm Readings have been attended by participants from Moscow, Kaliningrad, Pskov, Kursk, Irkutsk, Krasnodar, Volgograd, Kazan, Nizhny Novgorod, Saratov, Chelyabinsk, Ufa, Ulyanovsk, Saransk, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk.

Involvement of famous representatives of the modern civilism in Perm and such a wide geography of the event's participants is the result of joint work of the organizers of the Perm Readings — Perm State National Research University, Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University and the largest legal publishing house “Statut”. It is gratifying to acknowledge and hear the opinion of colleagues that the organizers annually manage to attract to the discussion of methodological problems so many participants and experts from leading scientific and academic centers of the country, chairmen and members of dissertation councils, representatives of the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

The holding of methodological readings and the very fact of their existence are caused by the problems of application of methodological tools and the current state of modern research in the field of civil law research. Methodological basis of any research is its basis — it is a postulate, on which the development of any science is based. Organizers, experts and participants of the Perm Readings regrettably admit that such a basis of modern civil law research suffers from serious drawbacks: trivial copying of typical material, application of a common set of methods without regard to the topic of research, their descriptive nature, identification of methods with the techniques of formal logic, formal indication, but not actual application of such methods. The description of research methodology has now, in this regard, become one of the key characteristics indicative of its quality.

That is why attracting attention to the very methodology of research should become the main task of modern science. This issue should be of interest not so much to research supervisors and consultants, as to future and novice researchers of civil law themselves.

In conclusion, it should be noted that, as before, all scientific results of Perm Readings are published in a special periodical — scientific journal “Methodological problems of civilistic research” — the successor of independent collections-annuals of 2016-2018. Moreover, all the articles of the round table participants without exception are traditionally available on the official website of the journal (metodol59.ru), and the materials of the round table are available on the website of the Perm Congress of Legal Scholars (permcongress.com).

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