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To Professor, D.Sc. Ivan Mladenov,
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ADDRESS

Dear colleagues – organizers and participants in the International Conference *Relation and Representation*,

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences as a scientific secretary of the field Cultural-Historical Heritage and National Identity to welcome you on the territory of the Academy, here in a place named “the Home of the Scientist”. I believe you will feel cozy here and you will exchange experiences and ideas.

I am very glad that today and tomorrow scholars all over the world from Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Canada will meet here in Sofia, Bulgaria to discuss problems such as the forms of representation; the most important Peircean ideas, which pertain to his classification of sign, his notion of the ‘ground’, the representations of the unity of belief, his three steps of habit-change, his epistemological themes and the ones of Wittgenstein, as well as the theory of discourse and semiotics in comparative literary studies of Foucault, Bakhtin, and Peirce. Some more topics are included such as answering the question what happens before a thought appears, debating the opposition anything vs nothing

from quantum mechanics point of view and finally discussing non/cognate approaches on a round Table named *Non/Cognate Approaches: The Birth of a New Concept?*

I would like to mention that the event is realized in the frame of a very successful project *Non/Cognate Approaches in the Humanities*” with scientific leader the young scholar Dr. Alexander Feodorov and his mentor the prominent Bulgarian professor Ivan Mladenov from the Institute of Literature – BAS, who are organizers of the event. This project is realised with the help of the very useful for the development of science in Bulgaria Program for Support of PhD Students and Young Scientists at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, which started 2017 and was continued in 2018.

With best wishes for successful work of the conference and for future new collaboration!

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Scientific secretary of BAS