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INFORMATION LETTER

International Conference “Condition of the Arctic Seas and Coastal Areas in the Context of Climate Change”



Dear partners!

Northern (Arctic) Federal University (NArFU, North-West Russia, Arkhangelsk) is honoured to invite you to participate in the conference “**Condition of the Arctic Seas and Coastal Areas in Context of Climate Change**” that will be held on September 18-19, 2014 in NArFU. The Conference is organized within the frame of the X Nordic Socio-Ecological Congress programme offering diverse spectrum of events in Russia and abroad.

Conference Organizing Committee:

- Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, RF President Adviser on Climate Change;
- Committee on Science and Technology of the State Duma of the Russian Federation;
- Northern (Arctic) Federal University;
- RF Agency of Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring;
- Russian Geographic Society;
- Foundation named after V.I. Vernadsky;
- National Park “Russian Arctic”.

Conference Goal:

The conference goal is to thoroughly discuss the most important aspects of research of the current condition of the Arctic seas and coastal areas in the context of climate change for solving a wide range of scientific and applied issues in the field of hydrometeorological safety, environmental protection, sustainable development of natural resources, navigation. The findings of the Russian Arctic expeditions will be presented (incl. the project “Arctic Floating University-NArFU Research School on Board” for 2012-2014) and possible measures of adaptation to climate change will be debated.

Participants:

Researchers, authorities and business representatives from the Arctic Council member states and other countries.

Conference Dates:

September 17 – arrival of participants

September 18 – opening ceremony, plenary session, sections.

Cultural programme: guided tour around Arkhangelsk

September 19 – sections, closing of the conference

Cultural programme: trip to Open-Air Museum of Wooden Architecture and Local Art in Malye Karely (in the city suburbs)

September 20 – departure of participants /cultural programme*

**On September 20 the participants are invited to go for the sightseeing tour to the Solovetsky Island/UNESCO Heritage (air trip from Arkhangelsk, extra price 11.600 RUB).*

The conference will host **plenary session, sections and round tables** and highlight the following key issues:

- Current climate condition in the Arctic regions and forecasts for the future
- Monitoring systems in marine Arctic
- Assessment of ecosystems and landscapes of the Arctic seas
- Research and development of the Arctic shelf resources
- Impact of the climate change on economic sectors of the Arctic region
- Adaptation of indigenous peoples of the North

Round table - Educational aspects of the global climate change.

Round table – Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources

Working languages: Russian and English (simultaneous interpretation provided).

Conference webpage: www.narfu.ru/stateofarctic

Conference publication:

The abstracts will be published prior the conference and provided to all the participants.

Guidelines for the abstracts:

- max 2 pages in the MS Word format (.doc)
- Paper size: A4;
- Font: Times New Roman; font size – 12 pt, 1,5 spacing;
- Margins: all sides – 20 mm;
- Heading: in capital letters in the center;
- Authors: names of the authors (last name and initials), organization, country; center aligned;
- Illustrations: in the TIFF format, 300 dpi resolution; colour illustrations are to be submitted in the RGB format; line weight is to be no less than 0,3 pt or 0,13 mm; include all the illustrations as part of the Word document;

- Language: Russian or English.

Deadline for submitting the abstracts is **July 14, 2014** to e-mail: samit2014@narfu.ru with a copy to registration@narfu.ru

Registration details:

No participation fee is taken.

For registration and practicalities, please, contact **NArFU International Office** at registration@narfu.ru (contact person: **Ms. Olga Golota, NArFU Communications and International Protocol Office**, o.golota@narfu.ru, tel: +7(8182) 218-927).

Registration deadline is July 14, 2014. Early registration is appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you in Arkhangelsk!

