First Circular and Call for Abstracts

On May 22-24, 2017 the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) and the National Scientific Center of Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (NSCMB) will hold the international conference in Vladivostok, Russia

Scientific and Technological Developments of Research and Monitoring of Marine Biological Resources

Main topics of the conference are as follows:

I. New technical means in studying marine biological resources
   ● Remote control and autonomous robotic systems
   ● Technical monitoring of marine biological resources
   ● Deep-sea biological resources
   ● Modern biotechnologies of reproduction of marine biological resources
   ● Technologies of biological safety management of marine waters and marine biological products

II. Biochemistry of marine organisms

III. Molecular and genetic methods of control of sustainability of populations of biological resource species

IV. Marine pharmacology

If you wish to participate in the conference, please, email your completed Registration Form to Ms. Marina Gorelaia (mgorelaia@mail.ru) and abstracts – to Dr. Olga Shevchenko (islandrussky2016@yandex.ru) before February 20, 2017. All participants will receive acknowledgement by e-mail within 7 days (in case of non-receipt of acknowledgement, please, send your Registration Form and abstract again).

Format of abstracts are as follows: abstracts must not exceed 1 page and must be written in English; text should be arranged in MS Word, with 25 mm upper, lower, right and left margins, Times New Roman 12 font, single-spaced; abstracts should start with a title, followed below by the author’s full name (for example, Svetlana P. Ivanova, or John A. Brown), and title of institution (for example, Institute of Biology RAS, Moscow 100100, Russia, e-mail). Do not include figures or a list of references.

The conference language is English. Oral and poster presentations are at your choice, please, indicate in the Registration Form.

Registration fee is 1500 rubles (about 25 US dollars) and should be paid at registration on the first day of the meeting.
A bilingual information on the conference will be available and regularly updated on the FEFU (https://www.dvfu.ru/schools/school_of_natural_sciences/), the NSCMB (http://www.imb.dvo.ru/) and Primorsky Aquarium (http://primocean.ru/) websites.

With about 600,000 inhabitants, Vladivostok is the largest city in the Russian Far East, and is its cultural, economic, and scientific capital. The city is located on the Muravyev-Amursky Peninsula, surrounded by two large bays. The APEC summit held in Vladivostok in 2012, coupled with federal government investments, has improved the infrastructure and has made the city very attractive for visitors. Vladivostok is easily accessible to foreign participants, with direct air routes from major Asian cities (including Tokyo, Beijing and Seoul).

**Important date**

Deadline for registration form and abstract submission – **February 20, 2017**.

**Tourist information about Vladivostok**

The city is located in the southern extremity of Muravyov-Amursky Peninsula. There are a chain of about 50 outlying islands in the Peter the Great Bay (only 6 of them have an area greater than one square kilometer: Russky, Popova, Reineke, Rikorda, Shkota, Elena). The city stretches over 30 km from south to north, bordering by the Amursky Bay and the Ussuriysky Bay as parts of the Peter the Great Bay, Sea of Japan.

Vladivostok is the largest scientific and educational center of the Far East region, including the Far Eastern Federal University, Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences and numerous institutes of the Federal Agency of Scientific Organizations (FANO). Other major scientific organizations are the Pacific Research Fisheries Center (TINRO Center) and the Far Eastern Regional Hydrometeorological Research Institute (DVNIGMI). The Society for Study of the Amur Region (OIAK), the oldest scientific organization in the Russian Far East, now operates as Primorye regional department of the Russian Geographical Society.
Vladivostok is a major cultural center of the Russian Far East. The Primorsky State Arsenyev’ Museum in Vladivostok is the largest and the oldest museum in Primorye leading its history from the Museum of the Society for Study of the Amur Region. Of great interest are two aquariums, Submarine Museum S-56 and others, in particular, the Scientific and Educational FEFU (Federal University) Museum, Primorye Regional Art Gallery, museums of the FASO institutions. The city has seven theaters, including Primorsky Opera and Ballet Theatre opened in 2013, a circus, 8 cinemas. Svetlanskaya Street with building of the second half of the 19th century is an architectural gem of the city centre. Two giant cable-stayed bridges were constructed in Vladivostok, namely the Zolotoy Rog Bridge over the Golden Horn Bay in the center of the city, and the Russky Bridge from the mainland to Russky Island, where the summit APEC Russia-2012 took place. The latter bridge is the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world. Sights of the city are also funicular, railway station and churches.


Conference Venue and Accomodation
The venue of the conference is the Campus of the FEFU. The FEFU Campus hotels provide accomodations for participants (https://www.dvfu.ru/en/campus/fefu-hotel-complex/). Please, contact Mr. Alexey Kholodov kholodov.as@dvfu.ru for additional information. A booklet of the FEFU (attached as the “FEFU information.pdf”) contains information on the meeting and accomodation facilities. There are a range of hotels in the downtown at higher rates and at distance of 30-40 min by taxi or bus, but we recommend you to stay in the FEFU Campus. If you may need additional information about Vladivostok’s hotels, please, check www.booking.com or www.tripadvisor.com.

Visa to Russia
The citizens of 40 countries and territories are eligible to visit Russia with a valid passport and without obtaining a visa in advance. In other cases, you need to obtain an ordinary humanitarian visa for a designated period. For scientific visits/workshops visa application, you need an official invitation letter of two kinds: one may be issued by the inviting institution (China, Japan, many European countries), and another one – only by a local branch of the Ministry of Interior (USA, Canada, Australia, etc.). The MI invitation process may take up to two months prior to issuance of invitation! If you need to apply for this visa, please, contact Ms. Marina Gorelaia (mgorelaia@mail.ru) at the Secretariat of the conference, and she will provide you with necessary details. The official invitation letter will be sent to you as
soon as possible depending on procedure. Please, consult websites of Russian embassies/consulates in your countries for further details. **Preparation of Russian visa may take a long time, so, please start this process as early as possible.**

**Excursions/sightseeing**

Organizing Committee is planning a city tour and visit to Primorsky Aquarium FEB RAS. A detailed information will be provided at a later stage.
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