



First Circular and Call for Abstracts

On August 4-7, the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU), A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IMB), and the Primorsky Aquarium, Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences will hold the international conference in Vladivostok, Russia

Unique Marine Ecosystems: Modern Technologies of Exploration and Conservation for Future Generations

Main topics of the conference are as follows:

- Deep-sea ecosystems
- Ecosystems of shallow-water hydrothermal vents and methane seeps
- Coral reef ecosystems
- Man-made marine ecosystems
- Dynamics of marine ecosystems under climatic and anthropogenic changes

Invited speakers from top biological and oceanographic institutions of China, Japan, Australia, Republic of Korea, USA and other countries will deliver plenary lectures.

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 April 20, 2016**. 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.

There is no registration fee for participants.

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 IMB (<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 – April 20, 2016

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.



Primorsky Aquarium



FEFU Campus

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.



A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology FEB RAS

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 FANO 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.



Funicular



Russky Island bridge

Please find more information about the city at Wikipedia <http://ru.wikipedia.org>, website of Primorsky Territory Administration <http://primorsky.ru/Vladivostok> and <http://www.vl.ru/>.

Climate

The average temperature in August is about 21 °C with maximum 31 °C , the month is one of the sunniest in the year (the average monthly rainfall of 159 mm).

Conference Venue and Accommodation

The venue of the conference is the Campus of the FEFU. The FEFU Campus hotels provide accommodations at **low discounted rates** for participants:

<i>Room types</i>	<i>Current room rate, all taxes included</i>	
Twin Premium Room (two single beds)	RUB 1000,00	
Premium Room (one single bed)	RUB 1250,00	
Twin Premium Room, one guest' stay	RUB 1250,00	
Suite Room (double)	RUB 5,000	Rate is per room, 1-2 guests can stay
President Room (double)	RUB 10,000	Rate is per room, 1-2 guests can stay

Please, contact Dr. Alexey Kholodov kholodov.as@dvvu.ru for additional information. A booklet of the FEFU (attached as the "FEFU information.pdf") contains information on the meeting and accommodation 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, many European countries), and another one – only by a local branch of the Russian Federal Immigration Service (FIS) (USA, Canada, Japan, etc.). The FIS 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 visits to Primorsky Aquarium and A.V. Zhirmunsky Institute of Marine Biology FEB RAS. A detailed information will be provided at a later stage.

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