



**Dear colleagues!**

The Organizing Committee received 44 applications from 19 regions of Russia from Vladivostok to Kaliningrad, as well as from the Republic of Belarus, Republic of Korea and the Republic of the Philippines. The variety of topics in the submitted applications is extremely diverse and include diversity of mosses and liverworts of certain regions, environmental characteristics of different groups, syntaxonomy of bryophytes and the role of bryophytes in vegetation, taxonomy of certain groups, modern problems and approaches to their solution in taxonomy, methodological tasks..

We thank everyone for their interest in our conference, and we will be glad to see you in Apatity. For those who have not yet registered, but are planning and would like to participate in the conference, please fill out the online forms as soon as possible <https://forms.gle/RpSYyCnvq8yULabh7>

**The conference will be held on August 23–28, 2024, at the Kola Science Center, in Apatity, Murmansk Region, Russia.**

**The main objective of the Conference:**

- Synthesize the current understanding of bryophyte research;
- Highlight the future research initiatives;
- Encourage collaboration among bryologists in- and outside of Russia;
- Recruitment to bryology young people.

**Languages of Conference:**

Russian, English.

**Publication:**

Summaries of the presentations will be published before the conference. The summary should be submitted electronically by e-mail: [bryo.kpabg@list.ru](mailto:bryo.kpabg@list.ru) by July 15, 2024 and should not exceed **1000 characters**.

**Computer typing parameters:**

- text editor – Word for Windows, format – RTF, DOC;
- font – Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.0 spacing;
- margins: top – 2 cm, bottom – 2 cm, left – 3 cm, right – 1.5 cm.
- the text should be unformatted, without paragraph

The materials of the presentations are supposed to be published in the *Arctoa*, a Journal of Bryology in case of receiving positive reviews and taking into account the requirements and approaches of this journal

**Preliminary Agenda:**

**August 23<sup>th</sup>, Friday** – Arrival and accommodation in hotel of Scientific Station of Kola Science Center. Collecting in the vicinity of the station

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday** – Welcome, plenary session, oral presentation. Excursion to the arboretum.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday** – Oral presentation, poster presentation. Furshet.

**August 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday** – Field excursion on Western slopes of Khibiny Mountains. Study of collected specimens, discussions

**August 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday** – Field excursion in central part of Khibiny Mountains. Study of collected specimens, discussions

**August 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday** – Field excursion in valley of Aikuaivechyok River

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday** – Field excursion to aapa-complex mire in valley of Imandra Lake. Study of collected specimens, discussions

**August 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday** – Departure.

**Please note that depending on the weather the places of excursions may be changed. Also, depending on weather, the days with presentation may change with the days of excursions.**

**Key dates:**

**May 15, 2024** – the end of pre-registration.

**May 20, 2024** – the second information letter.

**August 1, 2024** – the third information letter, preliminary conference program.

**Accommodation:**

The foreign participants will be accommodated in Apatity and will be transported to the conference site (Tietta House of Scientists of the Kola Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences) every day. The Tietta House of Scientists is located on the shore of Lake Imandra, 20 km from the city of Apatity.

Three meals a day will be organized on the territory of the base. The estimated cost of meals per person is 1000 rubles/day.

**Field trips**

To participate in excursions and field trips, you must have proper clothes. At the end of August, the weather in the region is rather good. Nevertheless, please, keep in mind and be ready for possible unexpected rain and strong cold wind. Moreover, the weather can change dramatically even during the

day. Therefore, we recommend having an upper layer of clothing made of waterproof materials, a warm intermediate layer, thermal underwear, and a hat. It is important to have waterproof shoes.

The Murmansk region is not an area of distribution of ticks carrying encephalitis virus, so there is no need to have an appropriate vaccination. However, at the end of August, blood-sucking insects may still be active. It is recommended to take personal protective equipment against mosquitoes.

**Transport accessibility:**

Travel to Apatity is mostly by train ([www.rzd.ru](http://www.rzd.ru)) from St. Petersburg (it takes 24 hours) and Moscow (it takes 33 hours) or by airplane from Moscow and St. Petersburg (2 hours to Murmansk airport and then 3 hours to Apatity by bus or car, or two hours to the “Khibiny” airport (<http://hibiny.aero/>)). You can also use Murmansk Airport, from where you can get to Apatity by train, bus or minibus. Since the Conference will be held during the high season, please, book your tickets in advance.

**Registration fee:**

100 euro (for students and postgraduates – 50 euro). The details for payment of the registration fee will be given in the in the third information letter.

**Organizing Committee address:**

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*Looking forward to seeing you in Apatity!*

