

# Dear colleagues!

There are three weeks left before the start of the International Bryological Conference and the Field School for Young Scientists «Bryophytes: systematics, distribution, ecology, protection», dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences which will be held in the Murmansk region on August 24-29 2024.

The approximate schedule of the conference (the full program is in a separate file):

August 23<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Arrival and accommodation. Those who arrive in the morning and afternoon can take a walk along the picturesque shores of Imandra Lake and collect bryophytes s in the forests near the base.

August 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Plenary session, oral presentation. Welcome dinner. August 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Oral presentation. Round table.

August 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Field trip to the projected natural monument «Southern Through Gorge» (Khibiny), study of the collected specimens, a master class on the identification of some bryophytes genera.

August 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Excursion to the Polar Alpine Botanical Garden, field trip to the Molybdenum Circus, study of the collected specimens.

August 28th, Wednesday – Field trip to the aapa-complex in valley of Imandra Lake, poster presentention, study of the collected specimens,

August 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Field trip to the tundra and goltsy zones. Study of the collected specimens. Conference closing, banquet.

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

Please note that depending on the weather the days with presentations may change with the days of excursions.

Plenary presentation are given 30 minutes, sectional – 15 minutes and the poster 5 min. The recommended poster format is A1, book orientation.

# **Accommodation and payment**

Participants will be accommodated at the Tietta House of Scientists hotel of the Kola Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, which is located on the shore of Lake Imandra ca 20 km from the city of Apatity. The hotel is provided with water supply and sewerage. The rooms are mostly

double and triple. Only a few rooms have a private shower. A shared shower is available round the clock for everyone. There is also a sauna, which will be included on one of the days. The hotel has Wi-Fi, but there may be communication interruptions. Mobile communications from Megafon, MTS and Tele2 operators are being picked up on the street (by the lake).

Three meals per day will be provided for participants. The estimated cost of meals per person is 1300 rubles per day. Please note that the opportunity for individual catering is limited. There are no stores, cafes and kiosks on the territory of the Tietta House of Scientists.

The registration fee is 3,000 rubles without VAT and includes payment for a coffee breaks, participation in bryological excursions. Payment will be made on site, in cash.

# **Equipment:**

To participate in excursions and field trips, you must have the appropriate equipment. At the end of August, the weather in the region is more often good, but still this is the north, where the probability of sharp cold spells up to 0 degrees, rains and strong winds cannot be excluded. 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.

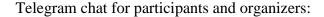
The Murmansk Region is not an area of distribution of ticks carrying encephalitis virus, so there is no need to have an appropriate vaccination. However, at the end of August, blood-sucking insects may still be active. It is recommended to take personal protective equipment against mosquitoes.

### Arrival/departure

Please send the arrival/departure information so that we can plan a meeting at the airport/railway station.

#### The address of the organizing committee:

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We are waiting for you in Apatity!