



LIMNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
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Dear colleagues,

The Fourth Baikal Symposium on Microbiology “MICROORGANISMS AND VIRUSES IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS” (BSM-2015) is held in Irkutsk on September 14-20, 2015.

Key Dates:

30 May 2015	Deadline for abstract submission
30 May 2015	Deadline for registration fee payment and hotel booking
25 August 2015	Final Symposium Programme at the site of Limnological Institute
14 September 2015	Arrival and registration of Symposium participants

Main Topics of the Symposium:

1. Diversity of microbial communities in rivers, lakes and reservoirs
2. Autochthonous and allochthonous viruses in aquatic ecosystems
3. Microbiological and virological monitoring of aquatic ecosystems
4. Microorganisms and their associations with hydrobionts
5. Advanced methods applied for studying aquatic microorganisms and viruses

Round Table Discussion: “Current Ecological Problems of Aquatic Ecosystems and Their Basins and Protection from Pollution”

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium will select oral presentations according to its main topics.

Publication of Symposium Material

Extended abstracts will be published before the Symposium. The material should be sent by e-mail to BSM2015@lin.irk.ru with the file attached. The file name should contain the surname and name of the first author and a number of the session, e.g., **IvanovI-1.doc**.

Example of extended abstract

TITLE (centred, 14 pt, capital bold)

Ivanov I.,¹ Petrov P.² (12 pt, bold)

Institution and its address (12 pt, italic)

e-mail: (12 pt, italic)

Resume: no more than 3 sentences (10 pt)

Keywords: no more than 5 (10 pt)

The text should contain: brief introduction, objectives, material and methods, results, conclusions, references. It should be typed in Microsoft Word, *.doc, *.docx or *.rtf format, Times New Roman, 12 pt, single-spaced, margins 2 cm. The total text (resume, keywords, text, and references) **should not exceed 600 words**, including 1 figure or 1 table.

References should be given in the alphabetic order, in the text in [1], no more than 5.

Symposium Programme

Symposium Programme includes **invited talks** – 25 min and 5 min for discussion, **oral presentations** – 15 min and 5 min for discussion, poster session, and round table discussion. The official Symposium languages are Russian and English. A multimedia projection is provided for oral presentations and stands (60x90 cm) for posters.

Registration Fee

Registration fee is 250 Euros for the participants and 150 Euros for postgraduates and students. It includes the publication of abstract and programme volumes, coffee breaks, invitation letter, use of electronic devices, welcome reception, city tour, visit to the Baikal Museum, and transfers from and to the airport. Registration fee should be paid upon the arrival.

Visa support

A visa is required to enter Russia. Participants should check with their travel agencies and Russian Embassy or Consulate for the latest Russian immigration regulations. Visitors must carry a valid passport. The Organizing Committee of the Symposium will provide an invitation letter. You should fill in the questionnaire (**Download**) and send it back to Alexey Gurulev (gurulev@lin.irk.ru) **before June 1, 2015**. On receiving the invitation letter from Limnological Institute, please contact the Russian Embassy or Consulate in your area for getting the visa **well before your departure**. Participants of the Symposium will be met at the airport.

Accommodation

The Organizing Committee will book rooms for the participants of the Symposium in Hotel “Onyx” (single room – 2500 roubles/night; double room – 1400 roubles/night), Hotel “Sayany” (double room 950 roubles/night), Hotel “Marriott Irkutsk City Center (single room from 5000 roubles/night), and Hotel “Angara” (single room from 3000 roubles/night). You have to inform the Organizing Committee about the room category in the hotel and the date of your arrival and departure. Deadline for hotel booking – **30 May, 2015**.

Optional Excursions

- **one-day boat trip** to the Biological Station (Lake Baikal) – on May 18, 2015, 800 roubles;

- **3-5-day scientific excursion around Lake Baikal** on board the vessel with some stops at picturesque places: Sandy Bay, Olkhon Island, hot springs, the delta of the Selenga River, Old Trans-Siberian Railroad (tunnels), etc. (three meals a day on board the ship, double occupancy, maximum 15 people). Booking of the excursion – **before June 1, 2015**. The price depends on the number of participants in this excursion, payment upon arrival.

The registration of the Symposium participants is on September 14, 2015 at Limnological Institute (3, Ulan-Batorskaya St., Irkutsk) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m (time difference with Moscow is 5 hours), welcome reception at 5 p.m.

15-17 September – invited talks and oral presentations of the Symposium

18 September – boat trip to the Biological Station

19-21 (23) September – scientific boat excursion around Lake Baikal

In early September, there is usually Indian summer in Irkutsk and at Lake Baikal: sunny weather, the average daytime temperature is +10-15°C, and at night +3-5°C. You are recommended to bring warm clothes for the boat trip.

Dear colleagues, the Committee reminds that all payments in Russia and in Irkutsk are made in roubles, according to EURO and dollar equivalent, hotels, stores and restaurants accept credit cards.

Best regards and wishes
for fruitful cooperation at the Symposium,
Valentin Drucker,
Chairman of BSM-2015

