

Worldwide Limnological research on saline lakes involves scientists from a variety of disciplines. Since 1979 a series of international symposia on inland saline waters have served to strengthen and expand the scope of these studies. The 8th International Conference on Salt Lakes to be held July 23-26, 2002 in the Republic of Khakasia (village Zhemchuzhny) will continue this tradition with a set of talks and special oral and poster sessions focusing on new findings and promising research directions. Session topics will include population dynamics and trophic interactions, microbial processes, the influence of habitat geochemistry on the biogeography of flora and fauna, anthropogenic impacts and conservation of inland saline waters, and future directions and new techniques. The new topic for the forthcoming Conference is: Management of Salt Lakes for Biotechnological and Medical Purposes. The Institute of Biophysics and the Government of the Republic of Khakasia are hosting the 8th International Conference on Salt Lake Research at the Shira Lake spa in the center of this lake district.

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

- I. Geological history and paleoecology of salt lakes.
- II. Structural organization of salt lake biota, e.g., genetic diversity, demography, spatial heterogeneity, seasonal variability.
- III. Functioning of salt lake ecosystems, e.g., trophic structure and interactions, biogeochemical interactions, movements of organisms.
- IV. Management of salt lakes for biotechnological and medical purposes.

PRESENTATION

Overhead, slide and multimedia projector will be available for the oral presentation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Events
5 July 2001	1st announcement
12 November 2001	2nd announcement
Deadline 15 December 2001	Preliminary Registration
Deadline 30 March 2002	Final registration
Deadline 30 March 2002	Abstract submission
Deadline 30 March 2002	Accommodation

Note! Electronic registration is preferable. Registration form of the Conference is placed at the web-site: <http://www.ibp.ru/lakes>

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Date	Events
21 July 2002	Arrival at Krasnoyarsk, accommodation, City tour
22 July 2002	Departure to Zhemchuzhny
23 July 2002	Lake tour, Water sampling, Welcome Party
24-26 July 2002	Conference
26 July 2002	Farewell Party
27 July 2002	Departure to Krasnoyarsk
27-29 July 2002	Postconference tours

REGISTRATION FEE

Before 30 March 2002	After 30 March 2002

Registration	200US\$	Registration	250US\$
Student	100US\$	Student	120US\$
Accompanying person	50US\$	Accompanying person	70US\$

Fees include admission to the conference, scientific sessions, documentation, all social activities, and transport expenses during the conference, coffee breaks, Welcome and Farewell parties. Meals and accommodation are not included.

REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT

Bank transfers may be made and forwarded to the following account number (send a copy of the bank transfer to the Conference Secretariat):

The Bank of New York

One Wall Street, 9th Floor New York, N.Y. 10286

Swift: IRVTUS3N

Account: 890-0342-064 for Bank For Foreign Trade

Krasnoyarsk Branch, Swift: VTBRRUM2KRA

Account: 40503840900000100005

Participants are responsible for payment of all bank charges. Be sure to include your name and mark "conference" in the bank transfer.

ACCOMMODATION

A range of accommodation has been reserved for delegates attending the 8th International Conference on Salt Lakes. The Conference Organizers have secured attractive rates at the spa "Shira Lake" on behalf of registrants. Hotel rooms in spa are in short supply and 100% occupancy does occur. The Conference Organizers are not able to guarantee accommodation unless bookings are confirmed by 30 March 2002.

Accommodation rate

Type	Rate per day (US\$)
single	15.00-30.00
double	10.00-15.00

Meals will cost about 15.00\$ per day

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IMPORTANT!

Water sampling will be possible during tour to Khakasia's lakes on 23 July 2002.

Note! Organizing Committee would welcome any requests on water sampling from the participants.

REPUBLIC OF KHAKASIA

Bordering Krasnoyarsk Region on the North and the Republic of Tyva, Republic of Altai on the South, Kemerovo Region on the West the Republic of Khakasia is south-west of East Siberia.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The Conference presentations will be in English and in Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

INSURANCE

The Conference Secretariat and Organizers cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of/or damage to private property of participants, students and accompanying persons, either during or indirectly arising from the ICMM. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance

TRAVEL TO REPUBLIC OF KHAKASIA

By train: Zhemchuzhny is 390 km (242 miles) south west of Krasnoyarsk and about 190 km (118 miles) north of Abakan. It is easily accessible by train (depart Krasnoyarsk railway station; service every 24 h; journey time 12 h).

By air: Krasnoyarsk and Abakan have airports that serve Moscow only.

Note! Foreign participants will be taken to Zhemchuzhny by bus from Krasnoyarsk (journey time 6 h) at 7.00 a.m. on 22 July 2002.

CURRENCY/BANKS

All prices and payments are in Russian rubles. Ruble is the unit of currency in Russia. It consists of 100 kopeks. 29 rubles are equal to 1US\$ (in June of 2000). There are many exchange points in all parts of Krasnoyarsk, which will change US\$ and European currencies into

rubles, and back. Only US\$ exchange will be provided at the spa "Shira Lake"

VISAS

Participants from most countries are required a visa to enter Russia. Embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions of Russia are listed at http://www.intelservice.ru/IService.nsf/v_app_russia.html

MISCELLANEOUS

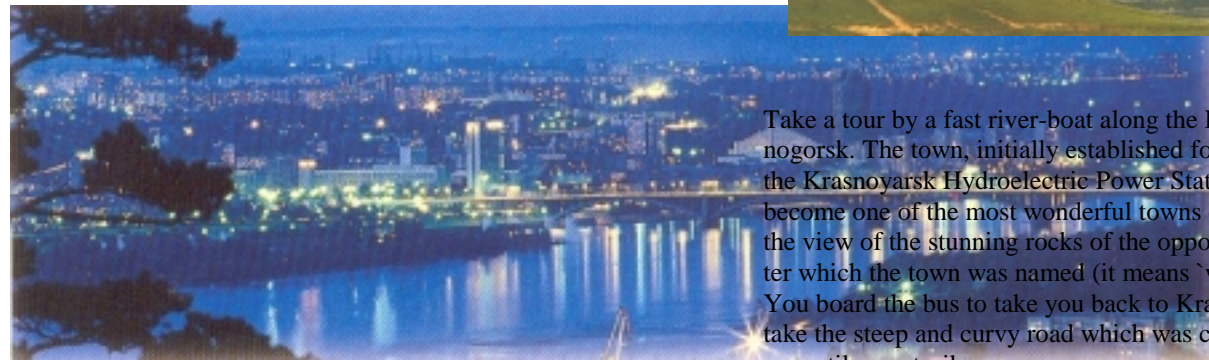
The official time in Republic Khakasia is GMT+07.00. Electrical supply is European standard, 220 volt, 50 Hz.

LETTER OF INVITATION

The Secretariat will send an official letter of invitation to the participants of the 8th International Conference on Salt Lakes upon their request. This letter may be used to assist a participant in obtaining visa or travel assistance and does not constitute any commitment on the part of the organizers to provide financial support or to agree to accept a paper. Requests should be addressed to the Secretariat.

KRASNOYARSK CITY TOUR

Before departure to Zhemchuzhny we would like to propose you Krasnoyarsk city tour.



Krasnoyarsk strikes with its natural beauty - the mighty Enissey River, endless taiga, cliffs. It is very rich in cultural traditions as well. While in Krasnoyarsk you will get acquainted with the richest history, culture and traditions of the Siberian people, which date back to the 17th century. The other great property of the Siberian land is its people - proud, freedom-loving and hospitable.

You will see almost the whole city from Karaulnaya Hill, its picture is shown on a 10-ruble note, the ship on board of it legendary Lenin sailed to the exile. You will tour the Regional Museum, considered one of the best museums in Russia. The museum was opened after reconstruction in 2001 and surprises with its modern view and invaluable historical collection.



Take a tour by a fast river-boat along the Enissey to Divnogorsk. The town, initially established for the builders of the Krasnoyarsk Hydroelectric Power Station, now has really become one of the most wonderful towns of Siberia. Enjoy the view of the stunning rocks of the opposite riverbank, after which the town was named (it means "wonderful rocks"). You board the bus to take you back to Krasnoyarsk. You will take the steep and curvy road which was closed for foreigners until perestroika.

Open for yourself one of the pearls of Siberia - geographical center of Russia - the city KRASNOYARSK. It was founded in 1628 by the leader of the Cossacks Andrey Dubensky, but it developed rapidly only after the Trans-Siberian Railway construction.



Cost of the tour group 40-45 pax - 8 \$ (per person)
 30-40 pax - 9,5 \$ (per person)
 20-30 pax - 13 \$ (per person)

Itinerary (4,5 hours) City tour of Krasnoyarsk (1,5 hours)
 Boat trip to Divnogorsk on a fast river-boat, return by bus
 (2,5 hours)

Cost of the tour group 40-45 pax - 13 \$ (per person)
 30-40 pax. - 16 \$ (per person)
 20-30 pax. - 24 \$ (per person)

The cost includes: transportation, guide`s assistance, rent of
 the river boat, postcards, mineral water.

* Number of tourists in 1 group is limited to 45 pax.

POSTCONFERENCE TOURS

The South of Siberia, Shushenskoye

You will find yourself in the old village of Shushenskoe, where the legendary Lenin was exiled to. You will see the highest hydro power station "Sayano-Shushenskaya" and the typical Siberian house (izba) at the beginning of the 20th century, take part in the traditional ceremonies of that time. The beauty and extraordinary harmony of these places bringing peace and solace shall enchant you.

27 July Departure to Shushenskoe village. Accommodation, dinner at the restaurant. In Shushenskoye village of you will be involved in various old games and performances at the museum of an old Siberian village from the turn of the century. After that - tea party with the bird cherry pie in the typical Siberian house (izba). Accommodation in the hotel "Turist". Dinner, breakfast.

28 July Breakfast, departure to Sayanogorsk In the afternoon you will visit the highest hydro power station. Visit the village ' Sizaja' the motherland of the famous wrestler Ivan Yarygin. Lunch in Sayanogorsk. Back to the hotel. Dinner.



29 July Departure to Krasnoyarsk. Picnic on the way with a visit of burial mounds.

Cost of the tour per pers (group 10-14 pax) - \$ 259
 Cost of the tour per pers (group 15-19 pax) - \$ 212
 Cost of the tour per pers (group 20-30 pax) - \$ 198
 The cost of the tour includes: accommodation, full board, guide`s assistance, transportation, excursions. The tour needs 10 pax to operate. Group is max - 30 pax.

Tourist camp "Snezhny Bars"

The Sayan's alpine beauty and ecological purity have been noted by UNESCO as one of the rarities of our planet. Here the Snow Leopard Camp lies. Cozy, comfortable cedar cabins are arranged near a mountain river, surrounded by centuries-old cedar and fir trees, but your feet are literally lost in the affectionate softness of the earth's thick carpet of moss. This is the taiga. The air is so clear that you begin to breathe with every cell of your body and get tipsy on the variety of grass fragrances. This ecological paradise isn't disturbed by gnats, mosquitoes or ticks - they are simply absent. The full physical and spiritual comforts of the taiga are enjoyed at the Camp Snow Leopard's wonderful Russian banya, take a steam bath with a fresh switch of green birch and conifer branches, and then dip into a clear mountain stream. Your body will get the feeling of perfection, sense real joy in the thought that you are a "creation of nature", and experience absolute peace and harmony around you.



27 June Arrival at the Snow Leopard. Dinner. Acquaintance with the camp. Guitar music near the fire.

28 June After breakfast you will visit the hunter`s lodge not far from the camp. The experienced hunters will tell you a lot of interesting about the inhabitants of the taiga. Lunch. Lecture about taiga herbs hold by an expert. Siberian banya (sauna). Dinner. Entertainment program in the evening.

29 June After breakfast departure to Krasnoyarsk. Lunch on the way with the visit of burial mounds.

Cost of the tour per pers (group 10-14 pax) - \$ 236
 Cost of the tour per pers (group 15-19 pax) - \$ 192
 Cost of the tour per pers (group 20-30 pax) - \$ 171

The cost of the tour includes: accommodation, full board, guide`s assistance, transportation, excursions. The tour needs 10 pax to operate. Group is max - 30 pax.

Tourist Camp "Kyug"

Discover the ancient mysteries of Khakasia, while staying in Yurta complex "Kug" ("kug" means "pleasure"). Here there is all convenience: modern shower cabins, toilets, the heating on case of cool night is provided. The cosy interior will allow perfectly to have a rest in such exotic dwelling. The complex consists of 15 octagonal wooden yurtas, comfortable and cosy, each yurta is designed for 2 persons. On territory of a complex there is a cafe - bar, souvenir-shop, possibility to ride on a horse or to do easy climbing in the mountainous local around the camp. Traditional Russian and

European cuisine is combined with national Khakassian dishes. Here in a few hours' walk you will be able to discover Khakassia and its best hidden secrets: untouched steppe in bloom, mountains covered with deep forest, clean river and, certainly, more than a thousand valuable archaeological objects - burial mounds, some excavated, rock inscriptions and sacred mountain temples. These signs of ancient civilizations were left III-II thousand years BC. Our knowledgeable guide will offer you an option for you to explore Khakassia's treasures at best.



27 July Arrival. Accommodation. After lunch - visit of the ancient burial mounds and the excursion "The Ancient Gods of Siberia". This collection of stones with inscriptions is 200 m from the yurtas. After lunch - the folklore Khakassian concert.

28 July Excursion to the Valley of "Chity-Khis" ("Seven Sisters"). Here, burial mounds, some of them excavated, shaman and Buddhist rock inscriptions are abundant. Finally you will explore Siberian Scythe mounds and Khakassian family symbols -"tamga". Lunch outdoors. After lunch you will explore the Beisk cave. The excursion will end by the ancient farewell ceremony - binding up the ribbons "Chaloma". The excursion is 8 hours long.

29 July After breakfast departure to Krasnoyarsk, picknick on the way. Arrival at Krasnoyarsk late in the evening.

The cost of the tour includes: accommodation, full board, guide`s assistance, transportation, excursions.

Cost of the tour per pers (group 10-14 pax) - \$ 260

Cost of the tour per pers (group 15-19 pax) - \$ 216

Cost of the tour per pers (group 20-30 pax) - \$ 195

The tour needs 10 pax to operate. Group is max - 30 pax.

ENQUIRIES

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