



SECOND CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Registration and abstract submission are still open for the international conference

***Marine Biology in the 21st Century:
Achievements and Development Outlook***
*(in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Academician
Alexey V. Zhirmunsky)*
(Vladivostok, October 6-8, 2021)

The conference aims to enhance scientific and professional contacts, to coordinate the development of marine scientific research and to increase the spread of knowledge on marine biology.

The conference topics will cover a broad range of research areas in marine biology, as well as scientific, educational and operational aspects of running public aquariums. For more details of the conference please see <http://www.imb.dvo.ru/index.php/en/conferences> .

Registration

Registration and abstract submission deadlines have been extended!

August 2, 2021 - *abstract submission deadline*

August 31, 2021 – *registration deadline*

- There is no registration fee for the conference.

Conference Schedule and Format

Conference sessions are planned for October 6, 7 and 8. Conference excursions are planned for October 5 and 9.

The conference is expected to be attended by leading Russian and international marine biologists and Russian and international experts from public aquariums and dolphinariums. In view of the uncertainty of the pandemic situation, it has been decided that the conference will be held as a hybrid event, with in-person and virtual participation. All oral session presentations will be live-streamed. Prior to the conference, accepted abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be posted on the NSCMB FEB RAS website.

A number of round-tables will be organized to discuss some pertinent issues related to collaboration in advancing marine biological research and operation of public aquariums. **The Organizing Committee is encouraging conference participants to submit their suggestions for round-table topics (nscmb-conference@mail.ru).**

The detailed conference program with presentation schedule will be announced later.

If COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Organizing Committee will assist foreign participants in obtaining documents for entry into the Russian Federation.

Conference Venue

The conference will take place in the main building of the NSCMB FEB RAS (17 Palchevskogo St., Vladivostok) and at the Primorsky Aquarium (25 Akademika Kasyanova St., Russky Island, Vladivostok). The session dedicated to the operation of public aquariums will be conducted at the Primorsky Aquarium. Additional logistical details will be provided to nonresidents and international participants.



Primorsky Aquarium on Russky Island



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Conference Languages

The working languages are Russian and English. It is planned that one or two special sessions will be held in English, with foreign scientists taking part in them online or in person (the latter will depend on the pandemic situation).

During the session, “VI. Animal collection management, captive conservation, scientific research and environmental education in public aquariums”, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both languages.

Oral and Poster Presentation Format

Oral presentations will be allocated 20 minutes, including audience questions.

Posters should be A0 size (841 x 1189 mm). Poster boards and fasteners will be supplied on registration at the conference.

Abstract formatting guidelines: Abstracts must not exceed two pages and should be submitted in English. Your document must be in a MS Word format, with margins set at 1 inch (25 mm) from top, bottom and sides, Times New Roman font size 12 and single line spacing.

Abstracts should start with the title followed below by the author’s full name (e. g., Igor P. Petrov, or John A. Brown) and the affiliation (e. g., Institute of Biology RAS, Moscow 100100, Russia, e-mail). For multiple affiliations, use superscript numerals. Illustrations and lists of references are not allowed. The abstract file should be titled as: “First Author’s Surname Initials_Abtract (e. g., Petrov PP_Abtract, or Brown JA_Abtract).

In addition to the completed Registration Form and abstract, poster presenters are required to send an A4-sized PDF file containing an abridged version of their poster to the Organizing Committee at nscmb-conference@mail.ru **no later than August 31, 2021** for publishing on the NSCMB FEB RAS website. The PDF file should be titled as: “First Author’s Surname Initials_SiteNSCMB” (e. g., Petrov PP_SiteNSCMB, or Brown JA_SiteNSCMB).

Participants whose presentations will be found most interesting will then be invited to submit a full-paper version for publication in a special issue of the Russian Journal of Marine Biology.

Excursions

On October 5 and 9, all in-person conference participants will have the opportunity to go on sightseeing tours around Vladivostok. A unique bus tour exploring the forts of the Vladivostok

Fortress is scheduled to take place on October 5. The tour is arranged by the State Museum-Reserve Vladivostok Fortress. Duration: about 7 hours, including lunch.

On October 9, conference participants will be offered a choice of excursions. For more information on the conference social program see <http://www.imb.dvo.ru/index.php/en/conferences/80-conferences/617-excursion-program-of-the-conference>.

Please note that participants will be responsible for paying fees for the excursions they will choose.

Accommodation

Information on several Vladivostok hotels can be accessed at <http://www.imb.dvo.ru/index.php/en/conferences/80-conferences/618-information-on-accommodation-possibilities-for-conference-participants>.

The convenient location of these hotels makes it easy to get anywhere in the city.

Room reservation can be made by visiting the hotels' websites, booking.com, ostrovok.ru, via travel agencies and other reservation sources.

Further information and the conference program will be available on the website of the A. V. Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center of Marine Biology FEB RAS (<http://www.imb.dvo.ru/index.php/en/conferences>) in due time.

Stay tuned, and check the website for updates.

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Save These Dates:

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