

**Saint-Petersburg State University  
Saint-Petersburg branch of Russian Geographical Society  
Russian Botanical Society  
Russian Entomological Society  
Belorussian Geographical Society**

**International conference  
“Actual Questions of Biogeography”  
Saint-Petersburg, Russia, 9-12 October 2018**

***Dear colleagues!***

***Kindly invite you to take part in the conference, devoted to 100-year anniversary of Department of Biogeography and Nature Protection, Institute of Earth Sciences, SPbSU.***

Geographical Institute was founded on September 1, 1918 on the base of High Geographical Courses, which became the first higher geographical educational institution in Russia. It consisted of 16 departments, including the Department of Botanical Geography with Botany, the first head of which was prof. V. N. Lyubimenko. Since then, the department has undergone changes, and since 1998 it has become known as the Department of Biogeography and Nature Protection. Over the years, the department has produced several hundred specialists working in our country and abroad.

The purpose of the conference is a meeting of specialists engaged in biogeography; discussion of new methods and approaches, exchange of modern information on achievements in biogeography, establishment and strengthening of scientific ties.

The working languages of the conference are Russian and English.

**Prospective themes of the conference:**

1. Biogeography - modern problems and methods.
2. Botanical geography: research methodology; botanical-geographic and geobotanical zoning and mapping; use of GIS in data processing; questions of the dynamics of vegetation cover and the stability of phytocenoses.
3. Zoogeography: modern methods of animal registration, zoological mapping and data analysis.
4. Phylogeography.
5. Historical biogeography.
6. Plant resources, their accounting and geographical features.
7. Introductions of plants.
8. Invasions of economically dangerous biota.
9. Biogeography in solving problems of nature protection and rational nature management.

The topics of the sectional sessions and round tables will be finalized at a later stage, based on the applications received for participation in the conference.

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**To participate in the Conference, please pre-register by e-mail ([biogeo100@gmail.com](mailto:biogeo100@gmail.com)) by April 02, 2018, informing about the following data:**

1. Surname, name, patronymic (in full):
2. Academic degree (or student / graduate student):
3. The organization being represented:
4. Contact phone number:
5. E-mail:
6. Preliminary data on the report (authors, title and form of the report - oral or poster, correspondence participation).

**Registration fee** (for non-citizens of Russia and Commonwealth of Independent States) will be approximately € 50 (will include the publication of abstracts 1 of the report (up to 3 pages in Russian or English), the participant's package, including 1 copy of the program and the book of abstracts, coffee

breaks). Registration fee for students and graduate students is approximately € 25. Participation in a friendly dinner will be offered to pay separately on the first day of the conference.

The registration fee will be transferred by bank transfer or postal money transfer until September 15, 2018 (which will be reported in the Second Information Letter in May-June 2018).

Deadline for the thesis submission – August 15, 2018. The thesis rules will be sent out with the Second Information Letter in May-June 2018. The thesis will be published before the conference. All the thesis of the reports will be registered in the Russian Science Citation Index (with a single DOI), i.e. will be considered as publications.

Based on the results of the Conference, the participants of the best reports will be invited to prepare articles for the Journal “Vestnik of the St. Petersburg State University” series of Earth Sciences (included in the Russian Higher Attestation Commission, indexed by Scopus in 2018, Web of Science (RSCI) and Russian Science Citation Index).

**Key dates:**

- **Pre-registration – April 02, 2018,**
- Registration - before June 1, 2018,
- Deadline for submission of thesis: August 15, 2018,
- Deadline for participation fee payment: September 15, 2018 (after the approval of the theses by the organizing committee),
- Check in - October 8, 2018 (Monday),
- The working days of the Conference: October 9-11, 2018 (Tuesday-Thursday),
- October 12 (Friday) excursion day: Zoological Museum, Botanical Gardens, SPAs of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, or museums of the city (depending on the groups typed)

**Venue of the conference:**

The conference will be held at the Institute of Earth Sciences of St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Vasilievsky Island, 10 line, 33-35.

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**The preferred form of communication is e-mail.**

See you at the conference in St. Petersburg!

Yours faithfully,  
Organizing Committee

***Please extend this invitation to your colleagues, students and graduate students.***