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International symposium  
*Mires of Northern Europe: Biodiversity, Dynamics, Management*  
(Russia, Petrozavodsk, September 2-5 2015)

**FIRST CIRCULAR**

Dear colleagues!

We are happy to invite you to MIRES OF NORTHERN EUROPE: BIODIVERSITY, DYNAMICS, MANAGEMENT international symposium which will be held in Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia on September 2-5 2015.
Mire ecosystems are matter of great importance in biosphere functioning. Mires are essential parts of landscapes in Arctic and Boreal zones. Mires occupy extensive ranges and have great economical importance on the North of European part of Russia. Traditions of versatile mire using as well as national research schools have a long history here. Intensive mire exploitation in Northern Europe since 1950th needed management and conservation mire biodiversity strategies development. Scientific cooperation of North European countries on the problems discussed successfully develops during the recent decades. Main results of such studies were discussed on some scientific conferences both in Russia and abroad.

Key topics planned to discuss on the symposium are:
1. Diversity and structure of mire ecosystems: flora, vegetation and biotopes of mires;
2. Typology and mapping of mires;
3. Dynamics and functions of intact and transformed mire ecosystems;
4. Adaptation of mires to changing environment;
5. Resources, management and protection of paludified lands.

Working languages: Russian and English. Sychronic translation for English-speakers is expected to be provided.

Symposium is going to maintain plenary talks, works in topic oral sections, poster session and excursions to mire sites near Petrozavodsk.

If you are interested in participation the symposium please fill the form attached and send it to the organizing committee before 16.02.2015 via e-mail (mire2015@krc.karelia.ru).

Second Circular containing information on venue, transportation, accommodation, organizational fees and instructions on abstracts submissions is expected in February 2015.

**Important dates:**
- Registration Form submission deadline: **16.02.2015.**
- Second Circular: **February 2015.**
- Abstracts submission deadline: **15.05.2015.**
- Third Circular: **May 2015.**

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We would be greatly appreciated for distribution of information on the symposium among your colleagues related to mires and mire studies.
Preliminary organization fee is estimated as rouble equivalent of 50 Euro (30 Euro for students). Accommodation is planned in the hotels of the city center. The price of accommodation is to be varying from 10 Euro per day (dormitory bed) up to 100-120 Euro.

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1. Surname
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6. Phone number (with country and city code)
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8. E-mail
9. Form of participation (oral presentation, poster, without report)
10. Preliminary presentation topic (1-5) as listed in first circular
11. Need in invitation

12. Your comments and/or suggestions