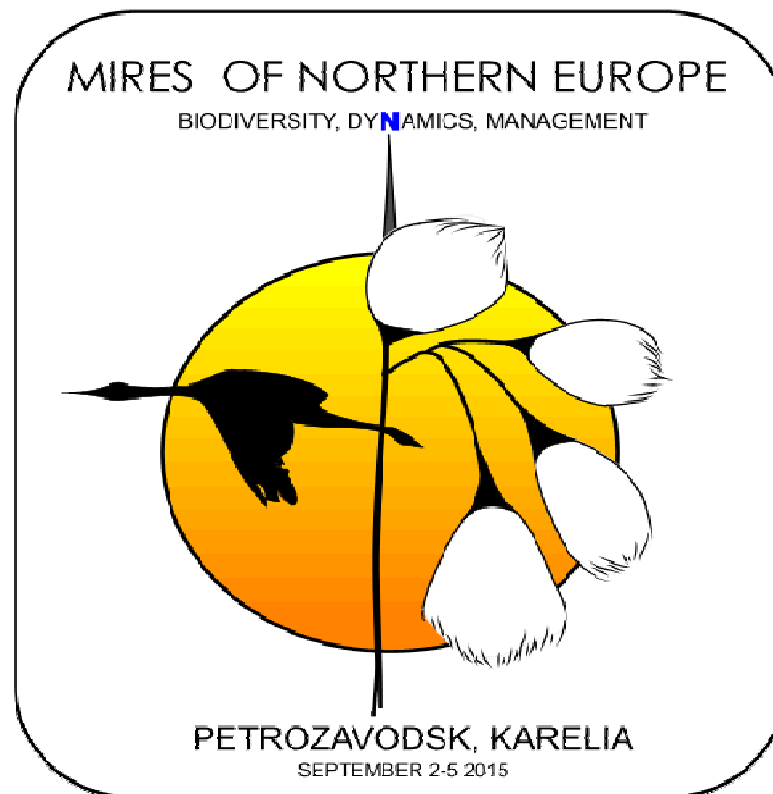


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International symposium
**MIRES OF NORTHERN EUROPE: BIODIVERSITY, DYNAMICS,
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Dear colleagues!

There are still more than two months before our symposium but the preparation works are at the height. The book of abstracts is arranged and submitted to the typography. Preliminary program including 63 oral reports and 34 posters from seven countries is composed. Final program will be arranged and sent to the participants few weeks before the symposium, after getting confirmation of personal participation.

Preliminary symposium schedule

September 2	09-00 – 11-00 – participants registration 11-00 – 17-00 – symposium opening, plenary talks
September 3	09-00 – 16-00 – sections “Dynamics of mires” and “Human impact and mire management” parallel sessions 16-00 – 18-00 – Plenary talks (1 hour) and poster session 19-00 – Mire party
September 4	8-00 – 20.00 - Field excursion to the rich fens near Kolatselga village.
September 5	09-00 – 17-00 – “Biodiversity of mires” section session 17-00- 18-00 – symposium closing

Presentation guidelines

The duration of **oral presentation** is 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes for discussion. Plenary talk duration is not more than 25 minutes with 5 minutes of discussion. MS PowerPoint .ppt format is suggested for presentation. Suggested size of presentation file is not more than 5 MB. The presentation must be uploaded on the computer at latest in the coffee break before the respective session.

Posters are limited to 54.9 cm width x 84.1 cm height (A1 format). All posters must have portrait orientation. Handouts of posters are encouraged.



Field excursion planned for September 4 to the cluster of rich fens in the vicinities of Kolatselga village 140 km west from Petrozavodsk. These are type of fens ion east Fennoscandia with rich specific flora and vegetation kept in their natural state. The are situated on the outcrops of calcareous bedrocks. The group of these fens was investigated in details by Finnish botanists in 1942-1943 and the results are published in classic work by J. Lounamaa in 1961. Nowadays they serve as a good object for long-term mire dynamics studies.

Do not forget your rubber boots for the excursion!

NB! All the participants who is going to attend the symposium personally are kindly (but strongly) asked **to confirm their arrival at least 3 weeks before the symposium starting i.e. August 12.** This is necessary for composing final symposium program which is supposed to be sent one week before the symposium.

Organizing committee wishes you good and fruitful field summer. We are looking forward to see you in Petrozavodsk in September. If you still have some questions or problems please do not hesitate to ask us. We are sorry if we reply ont at once still we have field season too.

See you in Karelia!