Dear participants,

thank you for showing interest in participating in the international conference

**“Regional cooperation within BRICS: sustainable nature management – environment, education, tourism”**

The conference will take place at the Karelian Research Centre RAS (11 Pushkinskaya St., Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia) on September 14-15, 2023.

**The call for papers and submission of registration forms are now closed. The Conference Program is attached to this Circular (Annex 1). The program may be modified before September 14th.**

**The submitted abstracts have been accepted and will be published in the proceedings in digital form after the conference.**

Speakers are requested to confirm their contribution format (oral presentation offline / oral presentation online) **before September 11th** and to submit the **presentations** in Microsoft PowerPoint (\*.ppt) format or as a Portable Document Format file (\*.pdf) **before September 13th** at the Organizing Committee’s e-mail: [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru).

The authors giving their presentations online are invited to test the videoconferencing connection **on September 12th between** **14:30 and 16:30, Moscow time**. The link for the test has been e-mailed to the participants.

**The link for online participation in the conference and user instructions will be e-mailed not later than September 13th.**

**STAYING IN PETROZAVODSK AND CULTURAL PROGRAM**

After the thematic sessions are over on September 15th, all participants are invited to visit the museums and exhibitions operating at KarRC RAS (of your choice):

* [Museum of Precambrian Geology](https://igkrc.ru/geomuseum/)
* [Museum of Applied Environmental Research](http://www.krc.karelia.ru/section.php?id=3953)
* [Abnormal Wood Collection](http://www.krc.karelia.ru/section.php?id=2890&plang=r&search_year=1999)
* [Archaeological Museum](http://illhportal.krc.karelia.ru/structure.php?id=P33)

Tours will be guided by KarRC RAS researchers free of charge. Provisional time for visiting exhibitions at KarRC RAS is 14:00-16:00.

Attached to this letter is information on cultural events in Petrozavodsk on September 14-17 (Annex 2).

Participants are requested to notify the Organizing Committee about their wish to visit museums at KarRC RAS and tours around Karelia (Annex 3) before **September 13th** at [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru).

Be reminded that the participants shall cover their own costs of accommodation, travel to the conference and back, as well as commercial excursions.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS**

E-mail: [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru)

Phone: +78142780109 – regarding invitations, program, accommodation, excursions

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• National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

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