

## **International and interregional connectivity of protected areas in the European North**

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*Dear colleagues,*

For quite many years now the work to establish the system of protected areas (PA) in the European North has been carried out in a systematic manner relying on existing interregional and inter-governmental agreements and arrangements. The backbone of this system is green belts (meridians) linking countries and regions of the European North. A momentous event was the signing on February 17, 2010 of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation for the Development of the Green Belt of Fennoscandia (GBF) between the Ministry of Environment of Norway, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation. This document rendered a new impetus to the development of GBF *per se* and conservation work in general, which has been evidenced, among other things, by an increase in the number of international projects.

Considering the high interest that science, authorities and non-profit organizations have demonstrated for PA network development in the European North, it has been decided to organize a conference within the framework of the National Year of Protected Areas **at the Karelian Research Centre RAS (Petrozavodsk) in November 2017**. It was initiated by the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Republic of Karelia Ministry of Nature Use and Environment, Karelian Research Centre RAS (KarRC RAS).

The following major issues are suggested for the conference:

- Development of the PA network in the European North
- Green belts as key elements of the system of protected areas in the European North
- Natural complexes of North European PAs
- Historical and cultural heritage of PAs in the European North
- Environmental education and awareness, eco-tourism

The final decision on the topics of conference sessions and roundtables will be taken later, based on the applications submitted.

Several **publications** will be prepared within the conference framework and as its output:

- a) book of abstracts;
- б) special issue of the Scientific Journal “Transactions of the Karelian Research Centre RAS”, incorporating selected papers.

### **Abstract submission and publication**

Abstracts (400 words max) in .rtf or .doc format are to be submitted to the Conference Organizing Committee before **15.09.2017 at the e-mail address Protect2017@krc.karelia.ru or via the web-site <http://conf.krc.karelia.ru/index.php/protect/protect2017>**. Use the first speaker's surname in Latin symbols as the file name (e.g. ivanov.rtf). Abstract are to be submitted in English. Russian-speaking applicants are required to submit their abstracts in both Russian and English. Avoid including tables, figures and list of references in the abstract. Italicize Latin names of fungi, plants and animals.

TITLE OF THE PAPER

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### **Conference fee**

The conference fee, partially covering the costs of some conference components (coffee breaks, excursions, etc.), is RUB 2000 (EUR 30). Payment details will be given in later conference circulars. Graduate and post-graduate students shall be exempt from paying the conference fee.

### **Conference Preparation Taskforce**

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**For information about the conference visit**

<http://conf.krc.karelia.ru/index.php/protect/protect2017>

### **Key conference dates and deadlines:**

- Second announcement – **March 15, 2017**
- Registration of applications begins – **March 15, 2017**
- Third announcement (info about hotels, transport, etc.) – **August 2017**
- Registration of applications ends – **July 1, 2017**
- Abstract submission ends – **September 15, 2017**
- Shaping of the programme – **October 15, 2017**
- Fourth announcement (with conference programme) – **October 15, 2017**
- Assembling of the book of abstracts – **November 1, 2017**

***You are cordially invited to the conference!***

## APPLICATION FORM

Please register at the conference website at  
<http://conf.krc.karelia.ru/index.php/protect/protect2017/user/account>

or e-mail the completed form at

[Protect2017@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:Protect2017@krc.karelia.ru)

as soon as possible, but anyway not later than

**July 1, 2017**

**If you choose to register at the website, state information about your contribution in the 'brief personal info' field.**

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