



GREETINGS TO THE PARTICIPANTS

6TH INTERNATIONAL YOUNG SCIENTISTS CONFERENCE (SCHOOL AND WORKSHOP) “WATER RESOURCES: RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT”



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Dear colleagues, participants of the 6th International Conference and Practice School for Young Scientists in Petrozavodsk, dedicated to the investigations of water resources is open!

- Unlike previous events, the 6th School and Conference of Young Scientists in 2020 has gone beyond the boundaries of regional significance in North-West Russia, and this conference is attended not only from different regions of Russia, but also from China, Finland, Tajikistan.
- I am pleased to welcome you and thank you for your participation!
- Tervetulleeksi! 问候 Wènhòu! Салом! Greetings! Приветствую Вас!
- An even larger number of participants from abroad were expected, but the Covid19pandemic has had a significant impact on the life of the mankind and on the specifics features of our conference. Therefore, we are organizing this conference in a “hybrid” format: both physical participation and remotely via ZOOM.
- Where in the context of sustainable development the risks associated with global warming, water deficit and hunger were regarded as the greatest global threats to the mankind, the issues that have moved to the foreground at the global, national and regional levels in the new situation are national security problems associated with the survival of the population, and the key targets now are health care, water quality, combating poverty, economic recovery, and improving the quality of the environment necessary for normal life.

- In this situation, the great role of science has become indisputable. Its mission is to anticipate the possible cataclysms and, by modifying the technology and the mode of life, to create new conditions for normal existence of humans, their versatile and harmonious development. We have to admit: we have failed to foresee such a global trouble as COVID-19, and the world was not prepared to promptly deal with its consequences. So today, we understand even more acutely that the measure of national wealth should be science, the quality of education and public health.
- we should joint of our activities and efforts.
- However, the timely measures taken by our government using the previously accumulated experience in combating epidemics and solving the problems posed before science inspire some optimism. Despite all the difficulties, science in our country continues to pursue its purpose – helping people in their struggle for life, reinforcing national security, developing the ways for the co-evolution of nature and society. By the beginning of the 21st century it has become obvious that the development level in science and technology, education, knowledge-intensive industries defines the divide between rich and poor countries, creates the basis for economic growth.
- No doubt, the global crisis caused by the pandemic has and will still modify our scientific and educational activities, our lives, but this is what science is there for – helping foresee the possible development pathways for the society and their implications. But one must not only dream - one must act in spite of everything, sometimes in spite of the circumstances. We hope that young people will aspire to be part of science - to learn and discover something new. This will be facilitated by our youth conference, which was prepared in challenging working conditions, in the online mode.
- But we should not to dream. We must be more active. I am sure that the younger generation will be especially aware of this and will achieve the result

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