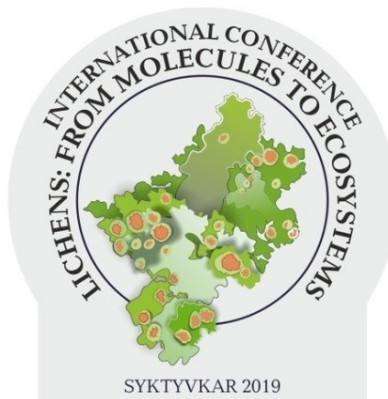


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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



International Conference «Lichens: from molecules to ecosystems»
September 9-13, 2019

Syktvkar, Komi Republic, Russia

Welcome to Syktvkar to the International Conference!

The Institute of Biology, Komi Science Centre, Ural Division, Russian Academy of Sciences invites you to take part in the International Conference «Lichens: from molecules to ecosystems» which will be held on September 9-13, 2019 in Syktvkar (Komi Republic, Russia).

The following key topics will be discussed at the Conference:

1. Biodiversity and distribution of lichens,
2. Lichens in plant communities and ecosystems,
3. Experimental biology and ecology of lichens,
4. Modern methods of lichen investigations,
5. Lichenology and education.

At present, about 80 participants from 10 countries are registered at the conference site. **The deadline for registration and thesis submission is May 31, 2019.**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The preliminary conference program will be posted on the site on **June 15, 2019**. Everybody who is eager to participate in the conference and/or in the field lichenological excursion will be sent a personal invitation letter from the Organizing Committee. For that, please write a free-format letter to the conference address as ***lichens 2019@ib.komisc.ru***.

The conference languages are English and Russian.

ORGANIZING FEE

The organizing fee (180 €) includes expenses for formation of the participant's kit, publication of the conference theses, for coffee-breaks and official dinner, sight-seeing tour of Syktyvkar, and museum visiting. The deadline for organizing fee payment is **August 9, 2019**. Exclusively (by a prior agreement with the Organizing Committee), the conference fee may be paid at place after arrival at Syktyvkar. The payment details are given on the conference site. **ATTENTION! The purpose of payment should be STRICTLY - Registration fee of the participant of the conference «Lichens: from molecules to ecosystems» (the name of the first author).**

EXCURSIONS

On the conference site you may apply for the field lichenological excursions. The excursions will be organized after the conference closure.

1. **Excursion into the vicinity of Syktyvkar (September 13)** includes visiting the botanical reserve «Syktyvkarsky», the protected nature landscape «Kargortsky», the old Komi village Yb, and the Finno-Ugrian Ethno-cultural park.

2. **The Pechora-Ilych Reserve (September 12-17).** In the Yaksha settlement of the Troistko-Pechora region of the Komi Republic, the organizers will invite you to the foot excursion «The sacred labyrinth», to visit the Nature Museum and the Test Moose Farm, as well as the Gusinoe (duck's) Bog. In case of favorable weather conditions, you can participate in a one-day helicopter excursion to the mountain part of the reserve to the Manpupuner plateau with the Weathering Pillars (are considered to be one of seven wonders of Russia).

3. **The Yugyd Va National Park (September 12 - 19).** The excursion program includes visiting the geological nature monuments on the Kozhim and Balbanyu Rivers, gold-mining polygons, climbing the Maldynyrd Range (1538 m high).

The territory of the Yugyd Va National Park and the Pechora-Ilych Reserve have a common border in the south and together form the UNESCO World's Heritage object «Virgin forests of Komi».

For more de-tailed information on the excursions and their costs please visit the conference site https://ib.komisc.ru/add/conf/lichens_conf_2019, section «Excursion program». You can apply for a field conference on the conference site and/or via e-mail lichens_2019@ib.komisc.ru before **July 15, 2019**. Participation in the field excursions to the reserve and national park is limited.

The Organizing Committee is ready to answer your questions.

Please send your proposals concerning organization of the International conference «Lichens: from molecules to ecosystems» to the e-mail box: lichens2019@ib.komisc.ru.