

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**II International Scientific Conference**  
**Biota and Soil Diversity of Northern and Central Asia**  
*July 4-7, 2011*  
*Institute of General and Experimental Biology,*  
*Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences (SB RAS)*  
*Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russia*

### **Introduction**

In 2006, the first conference on Biodiversity of Ecosystems in Interior Asia was held. It confirmed a broad interest in studies of biological diversity of Asia, highlighted important topics and gaps in scientific knowledge, and facilitated consolidation of efforts to study the ways in which biological diversity is formed, develops and functions in that region. With the goal of promoting biological diversity research and enhancing cooperation among scientists from various countries throughout Asia, the Scientific Council of the Institute of General and Experimental Biology SB RAS has decided to hold this conference on a regular basis. In 2011, the conference will be international in scope. Co-organizers of the 2011 conference include the Institute of General and Experimental Biology SB RAS, Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of Mongolia (ASM), Institute of Biology ASM, and Institute of Geography ASM.

### **Scientific Program**

The Second Conference will focus on discussion of general and specific problems of biological diversity studies, how biodiversity functions, problems of biodiversity management and conservation in Asia. Presentations will be delivered in thematic sessions on the following topics:

1. Soil diversity, variety and productivity
2. Biota of terrestrial ecosystems
3. Biota of aquatic ecosystems
4. Natural resources and their management.

During the conference the following round table sessions and symposia will be organized:

- Soil degradation and desertification: technologies for managing biospheric functions of soils
- Molecular and genetic methods in population biology, systematics and taxonomy: opportunities and limitations
- Ecologically equivalent and invasive aquatic species in freshwater ecosystems
- Response of the biota to global climate change

The Organizing Committee encourages interested participants to propose round table sessions and symposia on more specifically defined and special topics.

**Working Languages:** Russian and English

### **Venue and Dates:**

The conference will be held at the Institute of General and Experimental Biology SB RAS, Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatia, Russia, July 4-7, 2011.

### **Deadlines:**

Preliminary registration – until February 1, 2011

Second Announcement mailout – February 2011

Submittal of conference presentations – by March 20, 2011;

Payment of registration fee – by May 20, 2011 (*!Foreign participants may pay their fee on site!*);

Third Announcement mailout – by May 15, 2011 (*!For foreign participants – including individual invitations for visas – by April 15, 2011!*).

**Registration fee** covers the following expenses:

- 1) publication of one paper;
- 2) registration documentation and correspondence;
- 3) conference folder;
- 4) conference proceedings;
- 5) coffee breaks;
- 6) transportation between hotels and conference venue;
- 7) excursion to Buryatia Nature Museum

**Costs:**

*for foreign participants (not including Mongolia):* \$150;

*for Russian and Mongolian participants (not including students and graduate students):*

1000 Rubles (each additional paper published = 500 Rubles);

*for Russian and Mongolian students and graduate students:*

500 Rubles (each additional paper published = 250 Rubles);

**Email Registration:**

Those wishing to attend the conference may register by completing the application form and submitting it as an attached file in **.rtf** format to the following two addresses:

[ioeb@mail.ru](mailto:ioeb@mail.ru), [ioeb2@yandex.ru](mailto:ioeb2@yandex.ru).

**Conference Registration Form**

Last name, first name, middle name or patronymic (in full)

Affiliation (in full)

Position, scientific degree, title

Phone number (including area code)

E-mail

Paper title

Form of presentation (plenary, thematic section, poster)

Preferred thematic session

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*On behalf of the Organizing Committee  
I invite you to take part in the Conference.*

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