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**International Scientific Conference
PROBLEMS OF POTATO SYSTEMATICS AND BREEDING**
(commemorating the 125th birthday of S.M. BUKASOV)
St Petersburg, 3-5 August 2016

INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

We hereby invite you to participate in the International Scientific Conference **“Problems of Potato Systematics and Breeding”** dedicated to the 125th birthday of Sergey Mikhailovich Bukasov. This event will take place in St Petersburg on 3-5 August 2016 and will be hosted by Federal Research Centre “The N.I. Vavilov All-Russian Institute of Plant Genetic Resources”. The goal of the Conference is to get the wide international scientific community involved in the discussions on the burning problems of potato genetic resources systematics, conservation, study and utilization. The programme of the Conference will include oral and poster presentations on the following topics:

1. Scientific heritage of S.M. Bukasov.
2. Molecular genetic and biotechnological methods for solving the problems of potato genetics, phylogeny and systematics.
3. Conservation and study of the genetic diversity of potato species and their utilization in breeding practice.
4. Priority trends in potato gene pool research.

A collection of abstracts is planned to be published prior to the start of the Conference. The form of application and the rules of formatting the abstracts are presented on the Conference’s website [http\www:vir.nw.ru](http://www.vir.nw.ru).

Applications for participation (the form is attached) will be accepted **by 20 April 2016**, whereas the deadline for the submission of **abstracts** (no more than 1 page.) is **20 May 2016**. Both should be sent to the Organizing Committed by e-mail: s.kiru@vir.nw.ru. Working languages of the Conference are Russian and English.

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Registration fee for a participant is **1500 Russian roubles**. It will include organizational expenses, coffee breaks, and publication of the Conference’s materials.

Foreign participants will be able to pay their registration fee at the time of their registration before the opening of the Conference