Dear colleagues,

you are invited to take part in the International Conference

**"Regional cooperation within BRICS: modern environmental and nature management issues"**

The Conference’s aim is to discuss regional cooperation within BRICS as well as to define possible topics for future joint projects in science, nature management and environmental security.

**The Conference will take place at the Karelian Research Centre RAS (11 Pushkinskaya Street, Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia) on September 18-20, 2024**

The following topics are suggested for the plenary and thematic sessions:

* Global and regional climate change, carbon balance monitoring in BRICS member states.
* Aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem research in the context of climate change and human impact in BRICS member states.
* Protected areas and nature conservation in BRICS: challenges and opportunities for cooperation.
* Regional experiences in industrial ecology and green economy.

**ORGANIZERS:**

• National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia

• Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

The conference is supported by the Key Innovative Project of National Importance "Unified National System for Monitoring Climate-active Substances".

**REGISTRATION**

To register as a participant please fill out and submit the Registration form **(see below - Annex #1) not later than July 31, 2024** to the Organizing Committee at [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru), as well as the **abstract of your paper (see format guidelines in Annex #2).**

**Since the number of participants is limited, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to select applications for participation in the Conference.**

**OFFICIAL INVITATION AND VISAS**

Please inform the Organizing Committee if you need an official invitation for coming to the Conference and obtaining visas.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Provisional time allocated per presentation is 20 minutes (15 min for presentation, 5 min for Q&A). The presentation is to be made as a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation (\*.ppt) or a Portable Document Format file (\*.pdf) to be demonstrated using a slide projector.

**The Conference will take place in both online and offline formats for speakers and in offline format (including poster session) for non-presenting participants.**

**The Conference languages are Russian and English.**

Participants are expected to pay for their own accommodation, travel to and from the conference venue, as well as excursion programs. Some travel grants may be offered to leading international experts and young scientists if requested (more details will be provided in the Second Circular).

An **electronic book of abstracts** will be published after the Conference. **Since the number of participants is limited, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to select the abstracts to publish.**

**KEY DATES AND DEADLINES:**

March 11 – May 31, 2024 – First Circular is sent out; start of application and abstract submission;

June 1 – July 31, 2024 – Second Circular is sent out;

July 31, 2024 – deadline for submitting applications and abstracts;

August 1–31, 2024 - Third Circular and draft program sent out;

September 18–19, 2024 – conference sessions;

September 20, 2024 – excursions to natural sites in the Republic of Karelia.

**EXCURSIONS:**

On September 20 the following excursions to natural sites in the Republic of Karelia will be offered (three options to choose from):

• Kivach Nature Reserve and Girvas paleovolcano;

• Petrozavodsk Bay of Lake Onego, Kizhi Open-air Museum;

• Ruskeala Mining Park, Ladoga Skerries National Park.

**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:**

E-mail: [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru)

Phone: +78142780109 – regarding invitations, program, accommodation, excursions

E-mail: [bedorev@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:bedorev@krc.karelia.ru) – regarding online connection to the Conference

Annex # 1

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Second International Conference "Regional cooperation within BRICS: modern environmental and nature management issues"**

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| Surname |  |
| Given name(s) |  |
| Academic degree, title, position |  |
| Affiliation |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail **(required)** |  |
| Participation format (offline / online) |  |
| Paper title and authors |  |
| Period of stay in Petrozavodsk |  |

Annex # 2

**ABSTRACT FORMAT GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE CONFERENCE "REGIONAL COOPERATION WITHIN BRICS: MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE MANAGEMENT ISSUES"**

The abstract must not exceed 1 page (page format А4). Font - Times New Roman (no styles or macros), font size 12. Paragraph indent - 1 cm. Single line spacing. Margins - 2 cm on all sides. Auto hyphenation. Figures and tables are to be numbered consecutively, supplied with thematic captions and positioned in the page directly after the mention in the text.

The text should be supplied with the following information: paper title (capital letters, 12 pt, center-aligned, bold, no hyphenation); next line – authors’ names (12 pt, italicized, center-aligned, separate authors’ names by commas if there are two or more authors); next line – affiliation, city, country (12 pt, center-aligned); next line – speaker’s e-mail. Authors with different affiliations should be marked by numerical indexes in uppercase. If the authors are affiliated with different organizations, each organization is indicated in a separate line. The text may contain references to the literature. A reference states the surname of the first author or the first word in the title, and the year of publication, e.g. (Smith, 2015). The literature used is given at the end of the text as the "List of References:".

Abstracts are to be e-mailed not later than **July 31, 2024** at [BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru](mailto:BRICSconf@krc.karelia.ru) with a Word document (\*.docx) or a Word 97–2003 document (\*.doc) file in the attachment. Use the first author’s surname as the file name (e.g., Smith.docx).