International Conference, dedicated to the 70th anniversary of Geographical Faculty of the ISU **"GEOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH OF ASIAN RUSSIA AND ADJACENT TERRITORIES: NEW METHODS AND APPROACHES"** Russia, Irkutsk, October 1–3, 2019 FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

We invite you to participate in the All-Russian scientific conference with international participation "Geographical research of Asian Russia and adjacent territories: new methods and approaches."

The Conference is dedicated to the 70th anniversary of Geographical Faculty of the Irkutsk State University, which, as an independent institution within the university, began training students since 1949. The development of geographical education and science in Siberia is closely associated with this faculty. Planning and management of the national economy, integrated development and distribution of productive forces required study of natural and social processes within an integrated system of geographical knowledge.

The first dean of the faculty was Professor Boris Vasilyevich Zonov, who played a prominent role in research of Asian Russia. His routes along the Kolyma, Indigirka and their tributaries led to new discoveries near the Arctic Circle. A pass on the Yukagir plateau is named after the first dean. The B.V. Zonov's experience became the research basis for faculty members. A wide range of research interests allowed them within an integrated geographical approach to solve many problems in the research of Asian Russia and Mongolia. These are problems of regionalization, landscape study and development of methodologies for the spatial-temporal organization of geosystems, landscape analysis of mountain areas, research of pre-rift and pre-orogenic zones, identification and monitoring of glaciers and avalanche-prone areas in the high mountain regions of Siberia, toponymy, environmental problems of urban areas and much more. Employees and graduates of the faculty are the authors of numerous maps of various contents, presented in the atlases of the Irkutsk region, Transbaikalia, agriculture of the south of the Krasnoyarsk Territory, Lake Khubsugul, the Ecological Atlas of the Lake Baikal Basin, etc.

The Conference aims to unite the scientific community for discussion new methods, approaches and results of scientific research in Asian Russia and adjacent territories. Researchers, specialists, university professors, graduate students, undergraduates are invited to participate in the Conference.

ORGANIZERS:

• Irkutsk State University, Geographical Faculty

PARTNERS:

• V.B. Sochava Institute of Geography SB RAS

• Irkutsk Regional Branch of the Russian Geographical Society

MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE:

- Methodology of landscape research.
- Study of geosystems and their components in areas of the central ecological zone of the Baikal natural territory and specially protected territories of Asian Russia and neighboring countries.
- Geomorphology and evolutionary geography, glaciology, cryology.
- Comprehensive geographical studies of transboundary regions
- Solving geo-environmental problems and environmental protection
- Geoinformation technologies and mapping

FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

- Presentation in plenary session
- Presentation in breakout session
- Poster presentation
- Correspondence participation (publication of contributions)

Conference languages - Russian, English

PUBLICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The proceedings will be published in hard copy before the beginning of the Conference and indexed by the RSCI.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select papers and check for plagiarism. Papers that do not comply with the main thematic areas of the Conference and do not meet the requirements may be rejected with the author notice.

Registration fee and the rules will be indicated in the second announcement.

REGISTRATION

To participate in the Conference, it is necessary to fill in the registration form (electronic application form) until February 18, 2019 following the link. Please indicate the RFBR grants (if any).

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