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**WE WELCOME YOU TO THE
INTERNATIONAL
GEOGRAPHICAL UNION REGIONAL
CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW,
17-21 AUGUST 2015!**





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GENERAL PROGRAM FOR THE CONFERENCE




16 aug (Sun)	Registration	13:00 – 20:00
17 aug (Mon)	Registration	09:00 – 13:00
	Opening Ceremony	10:30 – 11:30
	Commissions & Special Sessions	11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	16:00 – 17:30
	Cocktail Party	18:00 – 19:30

18 aug (Tue)	Poster exhibition	09:30 – 17:30
	Half-Day & Full-Day Fieldtrips, Program for Young Scholars	09:30 – 17:30
	Commissions & Special Sessions	09:30 – 11:00
	Coffee Break	11:00 – 11:30
	Plenary Lecture	11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	16:00 – 17:30

19 aug (Wed)	Poster exhibition	09:30 – 17:30
	Half-Day & Full-Day Fieldtrips, Program for Young Scholars	09:30 – 17:30
	Commissions & Special Sessions	09:30 – 11:00
	Coffee Break	11:00 – 11:30
	Plenary Lecture	11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	16:00 – 17:30

20 aug (Thu)	Poster exhibition	09:30 – 17:30
	Half-Day & Full-Day Fieldtrips	09:30 – 17:30
	Commissions & Special Sessions	09:30 – 11:00
	Coffee Break	11:00 – 11:30
	Plenary Lecture	11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	16:00 – 17:30
	Gala Dinner	18:30 – 21:00

21 AUG (Fri)	Commissions & Special Sessions	09:30 – 11:00
	Coffee Break	11:00 – 11:30
	Plenary Lecture	11:30 – 13:00
	Lunch	13:00 – 14:00
	Commissions & Special Sessions	14:00 – 15:30
	Coffee Break	15:30 – 16:00
	Closing Ceremony	16:00 – 18:30
22 AUG (Sat) - 27 AUG (Thu) Post-conference Fieldtrips		



INNOVATIVE FOCUS



The program of the 2015 IGU Regional Conference is focused on diversity and interdisciplinary dialogue. It will include the following meeting formats:

- sessions organized by IGU commissions
- sessions on relevant interdisciplinary themes proposed by groups of scholars
- thematic sessions devoted to IGU projects and to the role of geography in international programs such as Future Earth
- plenary sessions and lectures by leading geographers as well as specialists from other earth sciences and the humanities
- lectures by practitioners from a wide variety of fields

Geographical education and the integration of young scholars within the international geographical community are the main priorities for the IGU Regional Conference in Moscow.

The conference program will include two special events:

1. A day for young scholars with a competition for best presentation and other awards
2. A day for special sessions on “Academic Geography for Secondary Schools” and “Teaching Geography at the University.”

The conference will also host the International Geographical Olympiad.



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



15 OCTOBER 2014

Deadline for submitting session proposals

01 NOVEMBER 2014

Early registration begins

31 JANUARY 2015

Deadline for submitting abstracts for papers and posters

01 MARCH 2015

Notification of the results of the abstract review

20 MARCH 2015

Publication of the provisional conference program

10 APRIL 2015

Deadline for early registration fee payment

10 JUNE 2015

Deadline for regular fee payment

17–21 AUGUST 2015

IGU Regional Conference in Moscow



VENUE



The IGU 2015 Regional Conference will take place at the main campus of Moscow State University, a distinctive tower situated in a park above the Moscow River. Views from the Department of Geography and the museums in the upper floors are among the most breathtaking among many in Russia's capital. The university has two botanical gardens, one beside the main campus and one in the city center, which contain rare plant species and medicinal herbs. Campus tours will be easily accessible for all conference participants.



MAIN THEMES



THE 2015 IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON FIVE MAIN THEMES:

1. Urban environment
2. Polar studies
3. Climate change
4. Global conflicts
5. Regional sustainability



REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2015 IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference registration begins on 1 November 2014. To register it is necessary to create a personal account in the online registration system.

REGISTRATION FEES

Please check the table below for the fees and deadlines associated with different registration options.

- Early Registration: 1 November 2014 to 10 April 2015
- Standard Registration: 11 April 2015 to 10 June 2015

Participants in the oral and poster presentations during the commission sessions, general sessions and joint sessions must complete their registration and payment by 31 January 2015.

	EARLY	STANDARD	ON SITE	ONE DAY
	1 November 2014 to 10 April 2015	11 April 2015 to 10 June 2015	After 10 June 2015	
PARTICIPANT	\$399	\$450	\$500	\$150
STUDENT *	\$199	\$230	\$250	\$75
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS **	\$150	\$180	\$210	
OPTIONAL GALA DINNER ***	\$80			

*** STUDENT:**

individual graduate or undergraduate enrolled in a higher education institution. Students may be asked to send a copy of their student identification card to the IGU Moscow 2015 registration division by email or fax.

**** ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:**

colleagues, friends or family members who are interested in attending without fully participating in the conference. Please note that accompanying persons are not eligible to present papers or posters. If you would like to register a family member who is less than 12 years old as an accompanying person, please contact the IGU Moscow 2015 registration division.

***** OPTIONAL GALA DINNER**

DATE: Thursday, 20 August 2015

TIME: 6:30-21:00 (tentative)

LOCATION: Moscow River cruise boat

FORMAT: Seated around tables

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 500 (to be determined)

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the Gala Dinner, please apply and arrange payment through the IGU Moscow 2015 online registration system. Since the number of seats is limited, places will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchasing a ticket for someone else without registering them online is not permitted.

Please keep in mind that reservations for the dinner should be made at the time of registration fee payment. Consequently, it is not possible to make a separate reservation for the dinner without being fully registered for the conference online.



EXCURSIONS



A. 3-DAY VISIT TO ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is known as “Venice of the North” for its enchanting canals and historic architecture. The former capital’s theaters, museums and other cultural attractions are likewise world-renowned.



B. 5-DAY TOUR OF RUSSIA’S GOLDEN RING

Russia’s Golden Ring is a series of ancient towns northeast of Moscow that contain architectural treasures from the 12th through 17th centuries. Sergiyev Posad and Alexandrov, Kostroma and Pereslavl-Zalesky, Uglich and Ivanovo, Yaroslavl and Rostov, Suzdal and Vladimir — each site is a living museum of Russian history and culture.



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C. 5-DAY CRUISE ON THE UPPER VOLGA RIVER

The Volga is the longest and broadest river in European Russia, with great cultural significance. Along its banks are many towns of different sizes and characters, including Uglich, Yaroslavl and Nizhny Novgorod.



D. 5-DAY TRIP TO SOCHI

Sochi is a historic resort town on the Black Sea and recent host of the Winter Olympics. It is known for temperate weather, lush gardens and mountain views. Within a short drive, one can find excellent hiking and skiing at Krasnaya Polyana.



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E. 3-DAY TRIP TO KAZAN

Kazan, located to the east of Moscow along the Volga River, was founded in 1401 and designated capital of the Tartar khanate in 1455. Almost a century later it became part of Russia under Czar Ivan the Terrible. Kazan is now the capital of Tatarstan, a republic within the Russian Federation. It has a longstanding Muslim community along with many other religious and ethnic groups who have contributed to its rich cultural heritage.



E. 3-DAY TRIP TO NOVGOROD THE GREAT AND VALDAY

Novgorod the Great (Veliky Novgorod) was first mentioned in historical texts in 859. Its Kremlin on the Volkhov River is home to revered architecture, including the St. Sophia Cathedral. On the other side of the river there is an old commercial arcade, Yaroslav's Court, which contains a variety of churches, galleries and shops. The town of Valday is not far from Novgorod the Great, beside the immense Lake Valdayskoe and at the center of a national park with terrain of smaller lakes and rolling hills.

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