



## RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (RAS)

ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,  
ST.-PETERSBURG RESEARCH CENTRE (SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ON GENERAL  
HYDROBIOLOGY AND JOINED SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL “ECOLOGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES”),  
COUNCIL «PROBLEMS OF BIODETERIORATION»,  
ST.-PETERSBURG BRANCH OF HYDROBIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

**Dear Colleagues!**

The Organizing Committee of the forthcoming conference “**Periphyton and fouling: theory and practice**” to be held at **Zoological institute and St.-Petersburg Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Science** (SpbRC RAS and ZIN RAS) on **22-25 October 2008** extend our warmest thanks all who have expressed interest, have sent registration cards and have supplied abstracts. We have had a tremendous response, and are looking forward to an exciting and productive meeting.

*(Earnest request to those who have not yet sent their abstracts – please, send your abstract as soon as possible by e-mail: [fouling\\_periphyton@yahoo.com](mailto:fouling_periphyton@yahoo.com) )*

### Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at the building of St.-Petersburg Research Centre RAS, which is located on the Universitetskaya emb., 5. The nearest metro stations are “Gostinyi Dvor”, “Nevsky prospect”, “Vasileostrovskaya”, “Sportivnaya”. The most convenient alternative transport links to the venue include the municipal bus nos. 7, 10, 47, fixed-route taxis nos.147, 209, 128, 129, 141, 147, 209, 252, 228, and trolleybus nos. 1, 7, 10, where you should alight at the stops labeled as "University", "Universitetskaya naberezhnaya", or “Birzhevaya ploshad”.

### Tentative timetable

21-22 October, Arrival of participants;  
22 October, 9.00-12.00, Registration;  
22 October, Opening Session and Plenary Sessions, beginning of Poster Session;  
23 October, Concurrent Sessions, continuation of Poster Session, Conference Dinner;  
24 October, continuation of Poster Session, Round tables (themes will be circulated in due course), Excursions, Conference resolution, Closing Ceremony;  
25 October, Departure of participants

Tea and coffee will be available during Registration and coffee breaks. Duration of coffee breaks will be 15-20 min.

## **Presentations**

Duration of all oral presentations will be up to 20 minutes, including time for short discussion. Participants will be provided with a notebook computer and equipment for multimedia projection. Please reserve some time for your presentation's summary to be given in Russian.

The Poster Session will run from Wednesday afternoon to 13.00 on Friday in the entrance hall of SpbRC RAS building.

If you are planning to bring handouts, please have them ready beforehand. The possibility for using copying/printing facilities will be limited at the Conference Venue.

## **Publication**

The Book of Abstracts will be published by the beginning of the Conference. The Organizing Committee also plans to publish the Book of Abstracts, along with the Program and Conference Resolution, on the webpage of the ZIN RAS after the Conference. There will be the additional option of posting full presentations online.

## **Events**

During the Conference there will be the opportunity to join a 2 hour sightseeing bus tour of the city or a 1.5 hour excursion to the Marmara Palace. The estimated cost of the sightseeing tour is approx. 250 RUR (based on a group of 30 people), and excursion to the Marmara Palace approx. 450 RUR (for a group of 20 people).

On Thursday a Conference Dinner is planned, with an estimated cost of approx. 500 RUR

Method of payment: in cash at Registration.

*To register for attendance at these events, please fill in the Events Form below this letter and send it by 15<sup>th</sup> September to [fouling\\_periphyton@yahoo.com](mailto:fouling_periphyton@yahoo.com) using the phrase "Events and Reservation" at the Subject section of your message.*

## **Accommodation and transfer from and to airport**

You can reserve hotels, mini-hotels or apartments by yourself via the Internet at any convenient time. However, we are recommending one particular hotel, for which we will make reservations on your behalf (see below).

**sites with Russian and English interface:**

<http://www.saintpetersburgapartments.com/>

<http://www.saint-petersburg-hotels.com/>

**sites with only Russian interface:**

<http://www.petersburgtravel.ru>

<http://hotel1.ru/bb>

The Organizing Committee recommends for your consideration the inexpensive hotel "Krestovsky ostrov", Deputatskaya str., 34, situated on Krestovsky island in the delta of the Neva River in the old park zone of the city. It is very close to metro station "Kresrovskiy ostrov", 7 min from "Sportivnaya". One place in a Double room costs 1500 RUR, Single room -

2000 RUR, with tea facilities in the rooms and buffet-style breakfast included. If many participants opt for this hotel, the Committee will consider the provision of a morning shuttle bus to the conference venue.

*If you wish to make a reservation in this hotel via the Organizing Committee, please do this before 15<sup>th</sup> September, using the “Reservation in «Krestovsky ostrov»” form ( sending it to [fouling\\_perihyto@yahoo.com](mailto:fouling_perihyto@yahoo.com), with Subject heading:”Events and Accomodation”).*

The Organizing Committee would also like to arrange transfer of participants from and to the airport. For our planning the timetable of transfer, *please send your flight details and an address of your hotel (if it is not “Krestovsky ostrov”)* as soon as your travel and accommodation has been arranged.

### Invitation Letter

Persons requiring an official letter of invitation in order to attend the conference can write to the Organizing Committee.

### Some useful information

Rates by beginning of August: AUD/RUR=21.8; CAD/RUR=22.8 ; EUR/RUR=36.4; GBP/RUR=46.1; 10SEK/RUR=38.5; USD/RUR 23.4

Metro, municipal bus, trolleybus, tram – 17 RUR per trip, fixed-route taxis – 24-30 RUR per trip.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in St. Petersburg!

Best regards,

The Organizing Committee

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### Forms:

#### 1. Events

**Surname, Name.**

Event	Number of places reserved
Sightseeing city tour	
The Marmara Palace	
Conference Dinner	

#### 2. Reservation in «Krestovsky ostrov»

Surname, Name	Suggested	Suggested
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	date and time of arrival	date and time of departure