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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Main Topics of the Meeting (tentative):

1. The roles of various types of urban settlement in contemporary regional development.
2. New initiatives for intra-regional and international development in resource-rich regions
3. Transformative local development in the rural space.
4. Public policy options and local initiatives for regional development in the Russian Far East and elsewhere.

Preliminary Program:

Monday, 15 August: arrival of participants.

Tuesday, 16 August: registration, opening, plenary session, thematic sessions, poster session, welcome party (buffet).

Wednesday, 17 August: thematic sessions, concluding panel session focused on the discussion of results, closing; Vladivostok City sightseeing excursion.

Thursday-Friday, 18-19 August: visiting Nakhodka and Kozmino Bay; Ussuriisk-Mikhailovka urban and rural areas.

Saturday, 20 August: Departure for Beijing.

Venue

Conference-hall of Arseniev Regional Museum of Primorski Krai, 20, Svetlanskaya St., Vladivostok, Russia.

Abstract Submission

Abstract of up to 400 words in **doc** or **rtf** format. Abstracts should be sent to both Alexey Lankin alankin@tig.dvo.ru and to Michael Sofer soferm1@biu.ac.il till April 31, 2016. Notification of acceptance by May 22, 2016.

Language: Abstracts submitted in English and presentations are held in English.

Registration Fee

Regular – US\$80; student - US\$40. The registration fee includes: organizational expenses, hand-outs, refreshments during coffee breaks, dinner party, and city and field excursions. The participants can pay their registration fee at the registration desk before opening the meeting.

The participants will pay for their accommodation and meals (lunch) during the conference themselves.

Accommodation

Recommended participant accommodation is at these hotels: 'Primorye'(hotelprimorye.ru); 'Azimut Hotel Vladivostok'(azimuthotels.com/russia/vladivostok/azimut_hotel_vladivostok); 'Amur Bay Hotel' (azimuthotels.com/russia/vladivostok/a_hotel_amur_bay); and 'Equator' (hotelequator.ru). Their prices are an affordable US\$60-80 per night. These hotels are within 5-10 minutes walk from the conference-hall. Please, note that mid-August is a high tourist season in Vladivostok so the participants are advised to make their room reservations at least 1-2 months beforehand.

Visa Support

Participants can apply for an entry visa at Russian embassies in their countries, using either (1) the official visa invitation of PGI FEBRAS as authorized by the Federal Migration Service of Russia, or (2) the tourist (hotel) voucher issued by the hotel accommodating the participant. Authorization formalities via the Federal Migration Service usually take up to 2 months, and cost US\$15. The issue of tourist vouchers differs between hotels and usually takes 2-3 weeks.

Important Dates:

Submission of Abstract(s) and personal information for visa support as attached till April 31, 2016.

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The main goal of field excursion is to acquaint with representative types of areas in the south of Primorski Krai: from depressive areas and settlements (former resource, industrial, agricultural ones, etc.) to contemporary focuses in local and regional growth, including new transport infrastructure, logistics centers, territories of advanced developments and so on. More detailed information on the route and the objects of visit the Organizing Committee will provide later.

There are some places below to visit:



Golden Horn Bay Bridge is a new landmark of Vladivostok, an administrative centre of Primorskii Krai.

The city of Nakhodka is the largest ocean port, the major industrial and transport centre in the Russian Far East.



The specialized sea oil port at Kozmino Bay is designed for discharge, storage and export transshipment of oil delivered by the Eastern Siberia – Pacific Ocean Pipeline System and by rail.

Vostochny Sea Port – coupled with Nakhodka Sea Port form the “eastern” branch of the final destination of the Trans-Siberian railroad.



Please, give us the following information about yourself if you need our visa support:

- 1) The scanned 1st page of your passport (with photo, issue and expiry dates, place of birth).
- 2) Affiliation, position, work address.
- 3) Period of staying in Russia and date of entry.
- 4) The route in Russia by which Vladivostok will be reached.
- 5) City, where is the RF Embassy is situated, and where you are going to apply for entry visa to Russia.
- 6) Accompanying persons, if any.