

# XV International Science Conference

## INTEGRATED STUDIES OF SVALBARD NATURE AND OFFSHORE

Conference Announcement and First Call for Papers

28–30 October 2020

Murmansk, Russia

**Dear friends and colleagues,**

We are glad to announce that the 15th Science Conference on Svalbard will be held in **October 28–30, 2020 in the city of Murmansk**, Murmansk Region (Kola Peninsula), Russia.

Situated along the coast of Kola Inlet, the city of Murmansk is Russia's gate to the Arctic and the station of nuclear-powered ice-breakers. It opens the way into the Barents Sea and further to the North Pole and into the Northern Sea Route.

This Conference, initially called Research on Svalbard's Environment and in recent years Comprehensive Research on Svalbard and Adjacent Continental Shelf, has been held by the Murmansk Marine Biological Institute (Murmansk, Russia) since 2001. The Conference is the only Russia's science forum devoted to the Archipelago of Svalbard. It is aimed at joining Russian and foreign scientists conducting research on the Archipelago itself and around in the Arctic.

### **Murmansk Marine Biological Institute**

MMBI invites researchers and all stakeholders to the **XV** Science Conference on Svalbard 2020. The Conference will focus on a broad range of scientific topics related to the Archipelago of Svalbard and waters off its coasts. We hope it will provide a good opportunity to exchange information, ideas and experiences between fellow scientists conducting research in the Arctic. Both oral and poster presentations are welcome.

We hope that you will also enjoy the opportunity to visit Murmansk, one of the largest cities beyond the Polar Circle.

### **Topics Addressed**

- Marine and terrestrial ecosystems and ecosystem components, ecosystem resilience
- Climate change, its dynamics and related impacts
- Biological resources, biodiversity and productivity of ecosystems
- Pollution in Svalbard ecosystems and adjacent sea areas – sources, pathways and effects
- Geophysics
- Cryosphere studies, periglacial events and processes
- Geology, geodynamics, and paleogeography
- Archaeology
- Education and science





### Call for Abstracts

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on research and findings relevant to the topics identified above. Abstracts for proposed oral and poster presentation should be forwarded to the Conference organizers at [euro-arctic@mmbi.info](mailto:euro-arctic@mmbi.info)

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Deadline for abstracts is **April 27, 2020**.

### Registration fee

The participant fee for the conference is:

	Foreign participants	
	Before 01.05.2020	After 01.05.2020
Participant	€100	€150
Participant (60+ years old)	€50	€75
Student, post-graduate	€45	€65
Accompanying person	€45	€65

Participant fee does not include travel expenses, accommodation, and excursions.

For more information and the registration form please visit the Conference web site [www.mmbi.info/Svalb-conf](http://www.mmbi.info/Svalb-conf).

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