



## **7<sup>th</sup>** International Conference on Genus Marmota "Marmots of Old and New Worlds"

### ***First announcement***

The Institute of General and Experimental Biology of Mongolian Academy of Sciences and the Commission on Marmots Investigation of the Theriological Society at the Russian Academy of Sciences are convening the 7th International Conference on the Genus Marmota in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) on August 13-17, 2018.

#### **Conference organizers:**

Institute of General and Experimental Biology, Mongolian Academy of Sciences;  
Commission on Marmots Investigation of the Theriological Society at the Russian Academy of Sciences;  
Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Sports of Mongolia;  
Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia;  
Mammalian Ecology Society of Mongolia;  
Center for the Study of Natural Focal Diseases of Mongolia;  
A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution of Russian Academy of Sciences;  
N.K. Koltzov Institute of Developmental Biology of Russian Academy of Sciences;  
Joint Russian–Mongolian Complex Biological Expedition of Russian Academy of Sciences and Academy of Sciences of Mongolia

#### **Scientific and Organizing Committees:**

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Prof. Viktor Tokarskii, V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ukraine;  
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### **Scientific program:**

The program of the Conference provides agenda of plenary and poster sessions in different areas of marmot studies.

### **Conference Themes:**

- Phylogeny and Taxonomy
- Paleontology and Paleoecology
- Ecology
- Morphology
- Physiology
- Genetic
- Behavior
- Diseases, Parasites and Epizootics
- Exploitation, conservation management and education
- Marmots in captivity
- Marmots in folk traditions

**Official language** of the Conference will be English. The possibility of translation from Russian and Mongolian will be considered.

The post-conference field excursion to the Khustai National Park will be held within the Conference program.

Optional tours to different sites will be offered later.

### **Registration and Abstract Submission**

A complete Registration Form should be sent before March 31, 2018 to e-mail: [rusmarmot@yandex.ru](mailto:rusmarmot@yandex.ru) and [gantulgasage@gmail.com](mailto:gantulgasage@gmail.com).

### Proceedings:

Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on the Genus *Marmota* will be printed before the beginning of the Conference. Each registered participant has the option to publish an **abstract** or an **article** on materials of the report. A language of abstracts is English. Articles must be in English and participants have the option to add a short summary or full text of the article in their native language.

### ***Instructions for Abstracts***

Abstracts should include the following:

Title:

Author name(s):

Institution(s):

E-mail address:

Text is not exceeding than 3000 letters including spaces; no Figs., no References; name of species and genera in *Italics*.

### ***Instructions for Articles***

Manuscripts should be prepared as follows:

1. Title.
2. Author/s.
3. Institution/s and address/es.
4. Abstract. Appropriate length of abstracts are 250 words.
5. Text should be typed by Times New Roman 12 pt, double-spaced with 2.5 cm margins all round (including tables, footnotes, references, and figure legends) and not exceeding than 25 pages including tables and figures.
6. Illustrations should be included in the text, numbered in a single series throughout in Arabic numerals and provided with legends. Additionally, illustrations should be submitted as separate files in TIFF format not less 600 dpi resolution.
7. Tables should be numbered consecutively in Arabic numerals. The explanation of used symbols should be typed as note to the end of each table.
8. Acknowledgements. All acknowledgements (including those for grant and financial support) should be typed in one paragraph directly, preceding the references section.
9. References. All references should be written in the text, as follows: “Wilson (1990) states...” or “Wilson (1990: 21) states...” when the author wishes to refer to a specific page, or “(Wilson, 1990)” as the author of a statement. Joint authors must be connected by “&” in both the text and references. When there are more than two authors use “et al.” (Wilson et al., 1990) in the text. If more than one reference by the same author/s published the same year is used, add a, b, c after the year in both the text and list. The references must list all the authors quoted in the text in alphabetical order, without numbers. The names of all the authors should be given, and the titles of periodicals given in full, not abbreviated. For books, cite title, edition (if any), place of publication, name of publisher.

Examples:

Corbet G.B., 1978. *The Mammals of the Palaearctic Region: A Taxonomic Review*. British Museum (Natural History), London.

Wilson D.E. & Reeder D.-A.M. (editors). 2005. *Mammal Species of the World. A Taxonomic and Geographic Reference (3rd ed)*. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Steppan S.J., Akhverdyan M.R., Lyapunova E.A., Fraser D.G., Vorontsov N.N., Hoffmann R.S., Braun M.J. 1999. Molecular Phylogeny of the Marmots (Rodentia: Sciuridae): Tests of Evolutionary and Biogeographic Hypotheses. *Systematic Biology*. **48** (4), 715–734.

Abstracts and articles should be saved as separate Microsoft Word files. The file name must begin with the name of the first author. Abstracts/articles should be sent before April 30, 2018 to e-mail: [rusmarmot@yandex.ru](mailto:rusmarmot@yandex.ru) and [lkhagvazeer@gmail.com](mailto:lkhagvazeer@gmail.com).

### **Registration Fee**

Standard registration fees are US\$100 per person. This price includes participation in plenary sessions, organizing, mail expenses, publishing of the proceedings, coffee breaks and lunches during the conference. Registration fees for students will be US\$50. Deadline for registrations is April 30, 2018.

A late registration fee will be applied after April 30, 2018.

Early bird registration, payment before April 30, 2018: 100 US\$ (students 50 US\$)  
Payment after April 30, 2018: 120 US\$ (students 60 US\$)  
Accompanying persons 50 US\$

### **Second circular**

More detailed information will be provided in the second circular including payment options, accommodation details and preliminary program.

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Reference sites for the Conference: <http://igeb.ac.mn/?id=56351>; <http://marmotcommunity.org>;  
<http://rusmarmot.wordpress.com>

### **Deadlines**

31.03.2018 registration;  
30.04.2018 abstract/articles submission and payment of standard registration fees.

### **Travel information**

#### ***How to reach Ulaanbaatar:***

#### Air connections:

Flights available from

1. Berlin & Frankfurt, Germany (MIAT) via Moscow, Russia,
2. Tokyo & Osaka, Japan, Seoul, Jeju & Busan Republic of Korea, (MIAT, Korean Air, JAL);
3. Beijing (MIAT, AirChina) & Huhhot, China (MIAT)
4. Moscow (MIAT, Aeroflot) & Irkutsk (MIAT), Russia;
5. Istanbul, Turkey (Turkish Airlines) via Bishkek, Kirgizstan;
6. Bangkok, Thailand (MIAT);

#### Train connections:

Moscow-Ulaanbaatar (5 days);  
Beijing-Ulaanbaatar (3 days);

#### Information on

Ulaanbaatar City: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulaanbaatar>

Khustain Nuruu National Park: <http://www.hustai.mn/index.php/en/>

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**Registration Form**

Registration deadline is 31 March, 2018

Given name and Surname:

Institution:

Address:

Town/city:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**

I would present:

an oral presentation

a poster presentation

Author(s) and institution(s) :

Title :

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

I require accommodation at a hotel for ..... nights for ..... person(s).

Date of arrival        .... /08/2018

Date of departure     .... /08/2018

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