

“ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF BIOSPHERIC PROCESSES IN ECOTONE ZONE OF SOUTHERN SIBERIA AND CENTRAL ASIA”

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
September, 6–8, 2010, Ulaan-Baatar, Mongolia

The conference was timed to coincide with the 40-anniversary of the Joint Russian-Mongolian Complex Biological Expedition (JRMCBE) of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and the Mongolian Academy of Sciences (MAS). In his welcoming speech, the President of the MAS, Academician B. Enhtuvshin, paid tribute to the long-term efforts of the Expedition in research on the environment and biological resources of Mongolia. The co-chairmen of the Organizing Committee, First Vice-President of the MAS, academician D. Regdel, and a member of the RAS Presidium, Academician D.S. Pavlov, delivered welcoming speeches to the participants of the conference.

Key-note presentations were made by: a member of the Committee on Food, Agriculture, and Nature of the Great Hural, G. Bayarsaikhan; Head of the RAS Department of External Relations S.S. Markianov (on behalf of the RAS President, Academician Y.P. Osipov); Deputy Minister of the Department of Nature, Environment, and Tourism, C. Jargalsaikhan; Deputy Minister of the Department of Culture, Science, and Education C. Kulanda; Professor G. Bernardi (on behalf of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS)); and Dr. R. Yakumar (on behalf of the Eastern-Asian Network of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves).

220 scientists from Russia, Mongolia, Germany, Israel, the USA, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan participated in the conference. About 80 reports were made during the plenary sessions and the conference sections on six most important areas:

1. Ecological-social problems of the natural environment pollution;
2. Environmental problems of aquatic and wetland ecosystems of the Baikal Lake basin;
3. Causes and effects of centennial climate dynamics;
4. The present condition of the network of especially protected natural territories and prospects of its development;

5. Ecological risks in anthropogenic (agricultural and forest) ecosystems;

6. Floristic, faunistic, and biogeocoenological diversity in the ecotone zone of Southern Siberia and Central Asia.

In addition to oral reports, there were a number of poster presentations on various subjects followed by discussions. Future research activities under the JRMCBE Program for the period of 2011–2015 were also discussed.

The chairmen of the conference sections made summary reports at the final plenary session. The Ulaanbaatar Declaration was accepted. Before closing the conference, a member of the Parliament of Mongolia, Kh. Narankhuu, addressed the conference with a special speech. He spoke very highly of the contribution of the JRMCBE to research efforts on Mongolian ecology and, especially, to the applied research that targets assessment of pastures' condition. He also noted that both Russian and Mongolian members of the JRMCBE received 8 state, 5 governmental, and 4 academic awards as well as certificates of honor from different Mongolian ministries and the MAS.

186 conference abstracts by 365 authors from 90 academic institutes, universities, and various departmental organizations of Russia, Mongolia, Germany, Israel, and the USA had been published in two volumes prior to the conference. The materials of the conference can be found on the site of the RAS Institute of Ecology and Evolution: http://www.sevin.ru/menues1/index_rus.html.

Mass media of Mongolia widely covered all conference activities, including the transfer of more than 500 volumes of the JRMCBE transactions on various directions of its research to fifteen libraries of Mongolia.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS, CONTRIBUTING TO “GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY”

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Among the major sections of the journal will be: basics of geography and environmental science; fundamentals of sustainable development; environmental management; environment and natural resources; human (economic and social) geography; global and regional environmental and climate change; environmental regional planning; sustainable regional development; applied geographical and environmental studies; geo-informatics and environmental mapping; oil and gas exploration and environmental problems; nature conservation and biodiversity; environment and health; education for sustainable development.

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