

### Mid-conference and post-conference tours

All conference participants will visit the Lake Baikal during the mid-conference tour. For those who want to become familiar with the local saline and freshwater lakes several post-conference tours will be organized. The conference participants will visit the mountain valleys of the Baikal region and steppes of Trans-Baikalia and Dauria rich in natural and beautiful landscapes.

### Post-conference tour "Barguzin Valley»

The participants have the opportunity to visit the salt lakes situated in the wonderful and sacred Barguzin valley. All-inclusive costs: 240\$

**Day 1** Transfer from Ulan-Ude to Ust-Barguzin. The distance is 266 km. Visit of Holodyanky areas, sightseeing point on the Barguzin Bay of the Lake Baikal, rest on the beach, hotel (<http://bargudzintokum.jimdo.com>).

**Day 2** Travel tour to the Barguzin Valley: Ust-Barguzin – Barguzin – Suvo – Ust-Barguzin (100 km). Salt Alga Lakes (pH 9.6, salinity 40-50 g/L). The study and survey of the lake. Arrival in Suvo. Excursions: Ininsky garden of stones, Suvinsky castle rock, stone-bull "Bukhe-Shulun" – a sacred stone of the Barguzin Valley. Return to Ust-Barguzin.

**Day 3** Excursion to Chivyrkuisky Bay of the Lake Baikal. Travel tour to the Trans-Baikal National Park, visit of the salt lake Bormashevoye. Stop at the observation tower in the Barguzin Bay (the largest bay of the Lake Baikal). Boat trip to the nice Baikal bays: Krokhalinaya and Zmeevaya. Return to Monakhovo and transfer to Ust-Barguzin. Farewell dinner at the Lake Baikal.

**Day 4** Transfer from Ust-Barguzin to Ulan-Ude (266 km).



### Trans-Baikal tour

The main route will pass through the inland part of Eurasia, from Ulan-Ude to Chita and to the south of the Trans-Baikal Region (the State Nature Biosphere Reserve "Daurisky"). All-inclusive costs: 540\$

**Day 1** Transfer from Ulan-Ude to Chita. The distance is 658 km. On the way, the participants will visit the Lake Doroninskoye, one of the three known meromictic lakes in Siberia. Overnight stop in Chita (hotel).

**Day 2** Transfer from Chita to village Aginskoye. The distance is 150 km. Visit of the National Park "Alkhanai" (70 km). The participants will have an opportunity to visit the soda lake Nozhiy, one of the largest and most interesting soda lakes in this steppe region, and the historical attraction, Aginsky Buddhist temple. Overnight stop in national yurts of the "Alkhanai" park.

**Day 3** Transfer from National Park "Alkhanai" to the State Nature Biosphere Reserve "Daurisky". Accommodation and overnight stop in a tour center on the Torey lakes. Small tour around the reserve.

**Day 4** Excursion to the largest lakes of Trans-Baikalia: Torey lakes (Zun-Torey and Barun-Torey) and other nearby lakes of Torey.

**Day 5** - Transfer from "Daurisky" Reserve to Chita (300 km). The participants will depart by train to Ulan-Ude or fly from Chita airport to Ulan-Ude (or to Moscow).



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## 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Salt Lake Research



**Ulan-Ude, Russia**

**21-25 August 2017**



We are very pleased to invite you to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Salt Lake Research (ICSLR2017), which will be held in the city of Ulan-Ude, Republic of Buryatia, Russia during 21-25 August 2017.

#### **International organizing committee**

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#### **Program**

The program of the conference will be organized to reflect the growing interest in saline lakes and related aspects and meet the traditional expectations from the conference on saline lakes. It will combine traditional sections on geology and chemistry, physics, microbial ecology, food web ecology, human pressures on saline lakes with sections focused on comparative studies of different aquatic ecosystems, predictive mathematical modelling, paleolimnology, effects of water level on the ecology and biogeochemical cycling and other trendy topics in limnology.

#### **The venue**

The venue of the conference is Ulan-Ude, the capital of the Republic of Buryatia. Time difference between Ulan-Ude and Moscow is 5 hours. The conference will be held in the Buryat State University located in the historical center of the city. The Lake Baikal is located in 140-150 kilometers from Ulan-Ude.

#### **Important Dates**

Application for “Best paper” award for young scientists – **January 15, 2017**

On-line registration – **April 30, 2017**

Application for travel grants for young scientists – **April 30, 2017**

Abstract submission – **May 15, 2017**

Post-conference tour registration – **May 15, 2017**

#### **Registration fee**

	<b>Payment before May 15, 2017</b>	<b>Payment after May 15, 2017</b>
Professionals	280 USD	300 USD
Students	160 USD	180 USD

The registration fee covers admittance to the scientific sessions, coffees and lunches, mid-conference excursion to the Lake Baikal, Welcome Reception. The membership fee of the ISSLR (60 USD for professionals, 20 USD for graduate students for 3 subsequent years) is also included in the registration fee.

#### **Conference papers**

**Chinese Journal of Oceanology and Limnology (CJOL)** will be a responsible journal on special issue publication for ICSLR2017. CJOL had an honor and experience to publish a special issue for the previous 12th International Conference on Salt Lake Research that was successfully held on July 14–18, 2014 in the Grand Epoch City, China.

#### **Young Scientists Support**

The Young Scientist Award

The competition (<http://isslr.org/about/isslr-young-scientist-triannual-award/>) is open to all graduate students and early-career scientists. In this competition, the best papers in saline lake studies published in 2014-2016 will be chosen. Award winners will get an ISSLR grant, of up to 750 USD to cover their travel costs, or registration fee, or both, to attend the ICSLR2017. During this conference, each winner have to present Plenary Talk.

#### **Travel Grants**

There is a budget from the Society for travel assistance for students and researchers up to the age of 35. If such assistance would enable you to attend the conference, please send an application in free format with estimated ticket price, your CV, and the title of your planned presentation or poster to the Vice President of the ISSLR (Dr. Egor Zadereev, [egzadereev@gmail.com](mailto:egzadereev@gmail.com)). The ISSLR can support only travel expenses (4 travel grants of up to \$500 each will be granted). Travel grants will be distributed based on the scientific merit and financial need of the applicants.

#### **Bill Williams Award**

Bill Williams was a driving force in limnology of saline lakes. Two awards (750 USD each) will be granted to young scientists during the conference – one for the best lecture and one for the best poster.