



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International Society for Invertebrate Morphology, Moscow State University, The Paleontological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the local organizing committee we cordially invite you to attend the 4th International Congress on Invertebrate Morphology (ICIM4) to be held 18 – 23 August 2017 in Moscow, Russia.

The congress will be hosted by Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU), which is a perfect venue for this scientific society to gather, discuss, and share ideas. The building of the Biological Department located directly on the MSU campus will open its gates to students, scientists and professors from all over the world.

The ICIM 4 is devoted to actual questions and the most important achievements in the field of invertebrate morphology; to a wide range of scientific problems including the synthesis of classical morphology with advances in molecular taxonomy and phylogeny, to evolutionary developmental biology; to investigations on the structure of different groups of invertebrates; to the problem of miniaturization and the evolution of larval forms; and to modern achievements in the field of functional morphology and paleontology. Special attention will be paid to modern approaches and methods of morphological and evolutionary studies.

Congress symposia could be assigned to four major fields

- (1) Recent advances in functional morphology;
- (2) Special invertebrate morphology;
- (3) Evolutionary theories;

(4) Advanced Microscopy and Morphology.

The Organizing committee is inviting students, young ambitious scientists as well as professors from all over the world to share their ideas and to demonstrate their recent scientific results.

Please remember the following deadlines:

On-line Registration: October 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017

On-line Abstract submission: November 15, 2016 - April 30, 2017

Participants will get an opportunity to submit short articles to be published in the “**Invertebrate Zoology**” journal, which is included in Scopus lists http://kmkjournals.com/journals/Inv_Zool.

Start of manuscript submission: November 15, 2016

Deadline for the manuscript submission: March 31, 2017.

Address for manuscript submission: temereva@mail.ru

Registration fee

Participant (before February 1, 2017) - 250 €

Participant (after February 1, 2017) - 280 €

Student (before February 1, 2017) - 125 €

Student (after February 1, 2017) - 140 €

For residents of Russia a subsidy will be made available through federal funding programs.

Details will be provided in the online registration form.

The full registration fee includes:

Admission to all scientific sessions;

Conference handbook (Program and Abstracts) and proceedings in Invertebrate Zoology

Welcome party;

Coffee-tea breaks;

Tours to the Zoological museum of Moscow University: <http://zmmu.msu.ru/en> , to the Orlov Paleontological Museum: <http://www.paleo.ru/museum-en/> and to the Main Building of Moscow University: www.mes.msu.ru , <http://www.msu.ru/en/tour/>

All transfers, hotel accommodation, tour to the Moscow Region with conference party, and cultural program are not covered by the registration fee and have to be paid separately.

Lunches are available at cafeterias and restaurants on the University campus.

The prices range from 4 to 5 €.

Mid Congress Tour to Zvenigorodskaya Biological Station
with field excursion and Dinner – 60€

We welcome potential sponsors of the Congress to demonstrate their current research technologies including optical and microscopy equipment, materials and tools to a very broad scientific community. A list of sponsors and their logos will be included in the Congress Program brochure and published on-line on ICIM web site. Short advertisements of Sponsors will be published in scientific journal *Invertebrate Zoology* and on web site of KMK scientific Press (<http://kmkjournals.com/>).

Visa information

Foreign participants require a visa to enter the Russian Federation. The Committee will provide you with the visa support documents (an official invitation letter).

Details on accommodation and Moscow tourist attractions on our official Website: www.icim4.com

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Moscow

Natalia M. Biserova, ISIM President-elect

Elena N. Temereva, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee

For further information on the conference, please contact us

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Please feel free to share this letter with your students and colleagues who might be interested