



International Interdisciplinary Workshop

“THE WELL-BEING OF THE SAMI PEOPLE. THE VALUE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY”

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invites to take part in International Interdisciplinary Workshop

We hope to be able to organize the in-person meeting with an option of online participation (hybrid format). However, the final decision on the format will be taken later depending on the epidemiological situation in the Russian Federation and in the world.

The main aim of the workshop is to draw the attention of indigenous communities and the scientific community to the problems of indigenous health and its fundamental component - reproductive health, well-being - to the environment quality and its transformation; to discuss a wide range of issues related to reproductive health and reproductive behavior of young people; to exchange information and experiences on health preservation, improving its reserves; to optimize the relationship of human communities and the environment; to conduct a multidisciplinary study of human, natural and medical problems of well-being.

The Workshop program will include documents presenting the results of interdisciplinary basic and applied research. Discussion of scientific projects within the framework of international cooperation is envisaged.



Scientific Foci:

- Health and Environment in the Context of Indigenous Culture
- Human health, well-being and ecosystem change - general and specific issues
- Reproductive health and reproductive behavior, indicators, estimations, criteria
- Environmental quality and health impact
- Long term impacts, vulnerability and resilience in Arctic socio-ecological systems.
- Ways to solve the problems.

The working languages of the Seminar are Russian and English.

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or go through online registration

<https://www.ksc.ru/issledovaniya/kalendar/blagosostoyanie-naroda-saami-tsennost-reproduktivnogo-zdorovya-i-kachestva-okruzhayushchey-sredy/>

Registration is free of charge.

The deadline for registration and abstract submission is 10 February 2022

Background

The Sámi are an indigenous people who live in several Northwest European countries. The Well-being of the Sámi people depends on many factors with the environment and health playing a major role.

According to the declaration of the Saami Council (Saami Council: Tråante Declaration Tråante 2017), 16: Saami use of land, water and natural resources constitute the foundation of the Saami culture, identity and society; 42. The Saami people have a right to the best attainable standard of health, including mental health. States shall provide health care that is linguistically and culturally appropriate to the Saami; 43. States should implement this

right, through recognition of Saami rights, avoidance of discrimination and marginalization of the Saami people, as well as by eliminating harassment of Saami individuals).

Health includes various aspects of the body. However, a major role in the demographic prosperity of a unique ethnic group is reproductive health. According to the WHO (1994), reproductive health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being that ensures the ability to have a safe and effective sex life combined with the ability to reproduce healthy offspring in the quantity and timing determined by the individual. Under conditions of technogenic influence of the environment, the least protected in the body is the reproductive system. It is proven that the reasons for the deterioration of the health of the population in general and reproductive function in particular are unfavorable social, economic and environmental factors.

That's why we have proposed the project "The contribution of reproductive health and the quality of the Arctic environment to the Wellbeing of the Kola Sami" which is interdisciplinary in nature, and should bring together a variety of specialists answer the fundamental question: to what extent the wellbeing of the Saami people on the Kola Peninsula is influenced by the environment and reproductive health.

The project will involve research scientists, including young specialists, who will assess the immune system, genetic disorders in cells and mental health. The project will involve gynecologists and obstetricians who provide medical care to the Sami people and pediatricians. The state of the environment will be assessed by ecologists based on studying the quality of soil, water and atmosphere. The data obtained will make it possible to assess the degree of well-being of the Sámi people on the Kola Peninsula, the indicators of which will be the state of the environment and reproductive health.

We are organizing a workshop to introduce the methods and estimations of the Well-being of Sami people and other indigenous peoples and the health problems of Saami communities living in the territories of North-West Europe, to exchange experiences in the study of reproductive health and Well-being indices, to attract specialists studying the environment, to join efforts aimed at improving the Well-being of the Sami people.

Organizers:

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- International Science Initiative in the Russian Arctic (ISIRA)
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- Research laboratory of the Federal Budgetary Scientific Institution "North-West Research Centre for Hygiene and Public Health"

- Public Organization of the Murmansk region “Association of the Kola Sami” (AKS)
- Public Organization for the Promotion of Legal Education and the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of the Sami People in the Murmansk Region

Registration form

Surname:

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Organization/institution, city, country:

Position:

Form of participation (online / face-to-face)

Report language (in Russian/in English)

Title of the report:

e-mail:

Example of the abstract

Co-variations of geophysical agents and physic-chemical of the skin properties in examiners on arch. Spitsbergen

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Background: The geophysical feature of arch. Svalbard is its location in the polar cusp region (Tsyganenko, Russell, 1999), where open lines of the Earth's magnetic field are associated with lines of the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF), which allows the accelerated plasma of the solar wind (SW) to burst into the magnetosphere and penetrate into the ionosphere (Chen, Fritz, 2005)....

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The Organizers of the Workshop may provide financial support for early career scientists (ECS) and principled participants of the workshop after the decision of the Program Committee. We can also support members of the Saami international communities, regardless of age, who will be presenting papers or making keynote speeches.

The definition used for ECS is "IASC/SCAR definition for early career scientists eligible to receive travel support is up to 5 years after completion of PhD" or a Master's degree. There is no age limit in this. Just number of years since graduation.

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