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2014 INQUA-SEQS meeting

**The Quaternary of the Urals:
Global trends and Pan-European Quaternary records**
(10-16th September 2014, Ekaterinburg, Russia)

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Dear colleagues and friends,

This Second Circular is to issue a Call for abstracts for the 2014 Annual Meeting of the INQUA Section on European Quaternary Stratigraphy and to provide practical information concerning final registration, payment and accommodation. Please note that our deadlines have been extended for your convenience! Due to many requests, we extend the registration deadline till the **1st of July, 2014**. This date will be also final for abstract submission, requests for a visa invitation and for excursion booking. Additional details are available at the conference website <http://inqua-seqs2014.ecology.uran.ru/>



INQUA-SEQS 2014
The Quaternary of the Urals: Global trends and Pan-European Quaternary records

Call for abstracts (oral and poster presentations, submission deadline – 1st of July, 2014)

If you wish your abstract to be included in the abstract volume it should arrive not later than the 1st of July, 2014. Abstracts will only be accepted and published in English. Please read the instruction for authors enclosed or at our website:

<http://inqua-seqs2014.ecology.uran.ru/abstract>

Full papers of the presentations included in the programme of the 2014 INQUA-SEQS Meeting are to be published in a Quaternary International Special Issue (Elsevier) soon after the conference.

Conference fee

The conference fee is 150 € for ordinary participants and 80 € for students and accompanying persons covering scientific sessions, coffee breaks, 2 lunches on September 12-13, the abstract book and the guidebook for excursions, some other scientific materials, and city excursion in Ekaterinburg. The conference fees **do not cover** field trips, accommodation in Ekaterinburg, travel expenses, medical and personal accident insurance for participants.

Payments

Payments for registration and field trips can be made **in cash** at our registration desk in the conference venue. Please note that all on-site cash payments must be made in Russian Ruble (according to the official exchange rates of the Central Bank of Russia at the date of payment). During the first registration day (September, 10) our receptionists will be available to help you find an exchange office close to the conference venue.

Supporting funds

We are pleased to inform you that INQUA provides limited financial support for young career scientists, MSc-students and researchers from countries with a low GDP. If you want to make use of this opportunity for the 2014 meeting in Ekaterinburg, please ask Dr. W.E. Westerhoff wim.westerhoff@tno.nl before the 1st of July, 2014 for an application form.

Field trips (deadline for booking – the 1st of July, 2014)

The programme of the meeting includes three field trips: 1) one-day pre-conference field trip over the border of Europe and Asia (Middle Urals, Late Pleistocene to Holocene karst caves in the Serga River valley (Olen'i Ruch'i Natural Park); 2) two-days trip to the Southern Urals and Trans-Urals (lacustrine and fluvial deposits exposed in quarries of the Trans-Uralian peneplain and karst caves on both European and Asian sides of the Urals); 3) one-day trip to visit non-karst grottos and peat bogs of the Eastern slope of the Middle Urals. **Please visit the conference website for details:** http://inqua-seqs2014.ecology.uran.ru/field_excursions

For your convenience, it is not necessary to pay for excursions in advance. All payments will be possible in cash at our registration desk. However, we kindly ask you to book the trips you really plan to attend because we have to make preliminary arrangements before the 1st of July, 2014.



Invitation letter for visa application (deadline for invitation requests – the 1st of July, 2014!)

List of required documents for Russian visa application includes a specific visa support document – a visa invitation issued by the party inviting you to Russia. We will be pleased to provide official invitation letters for you to attend our conference. To obtain a visa invitation, please complete the visa invitation form and send it at your earliest convenience to the conference office. It is also necessary to send **one photocopy of ID page of your passport** (black-and-white or color). If your passport is prolonged, please provide a copy of the page with the valid date as well.

We strongly encourage you to send your visa invitation request at your earliest convenience!

It takes not less than 20 working days for us to process invitation letters and then printed copy should be sent to you to apply for a humanitarian visa (issued for scientific purposes). Registered participants with non-scientific visas are also welcome to attend the meeting! For example, if you wish to attend the conference for the days of scientific talks only, you might be interested in getting a visa invitation from the hotel you book for your stay in Ekaterinburg. The list of hotels providing visa support (for a tourist visa) is given at our web site <http://inqua-seqs2014.ecology.uran.ru>

Accommodation

Unfortunately, organizers of the meeting are not able to provide a service of hotel booking in Ekaterinburg. We kindly advise you to look at our list of hotels located within a range of 5 to 15 min walking distance to the conference venue (<http://inqua-seqs2014.ecology.uran.ru/accommodation>) or to use the main Hotel Booking Web Services (i.e. booking.com).

When booking, please note that the only overnight stay outside Ekaterinburg is scheduled for the 14th of September, 2014 and is included in the excursion fee.

Recommended hotels (3 stars category) provide reduced rates for the meeting participants (depending on number of booked rooms). To book a room in one of the three recommended hotels at reduce rate, please contact the hotel manager Ms. Tatyana Shishkina via email bron1@ustagroup.ru (code words: “International conference INQUA-SEQS2014”), then she will give you instructions for booking. Recommended hostels (bed&no breakfast) are chosen according to their position close to the meeting venue and English-speaking staff.

If you have any question concerning the accommodation in Ekaterinburg, please do not hesitate to contact the conference office ekb2014inqua@yandex.ru.



CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

Duration of the talk: 20 min (15 min presentation+ 5 min discussion). Poster session details will be given in the 3rd Circular.

Programme outline

Wednesday, 10th September 2014

Arrival in Ekaterinburg

Registration of participants at the conference venue 9.00-18.00

Thursday, 11th September 2014

Registration of participants at the conference venue (continued) 8.00-18.00

Pre-conference field trip 9.00-19.00

Friday, 12th September 2014

Opening ceremony

Plenary session

Working session (oral and poster presentations)

Banquet (not included in the conference fee)

Saturday, 13th September 2014

Working sessions (oral and poster presentations)

Evening sightseeing: Ekaterinburg

Optional: Dinner at a panoramic view restaurant on the 51st floor of Vysotsky Business Center (not included in the conference fee)

Sunday, 14th September 2014

Field excursion to the Southern Urals (day 1) 8.30

One-night stay and Conference dinner in a tourist center near Turgoyak Lake

Monday, 15th September 2014

Field excursion to the Southern Urals (day 2)

Return to Ekaterinburg 23.00

Tuesday, 16th September 2014

Optional field excursion to Nevyansk (8.30-19.00) or departure from Ekaterinburg



A visa invitation form

If you need a visa, please complete one form for each person and send it to the conference office ekb2014inqua@yandex.ru before the 1st of July, 2014

Please do not forget to attach one photocopy of ID page of your passport!

1. Given names (surname, name, name of the father/patronymic)	
2. Place of birth (country and city)	
3. Date of birth (day.month.year)	
4. Home address(country, city, ZIP code, street address)	
5. Citizenship	
6. Institution (full name)	
7. Position	
8. Work address (ZIP code, country, city, street address)	
9. Telephone/Fax	
10.Passport number	
11.Passport Date of issue	
12.Passport Date of Expiry	
13. City (with the Russian Embassy/Consulate) in which you plan to apply for a visa	
14.Russian cities, which you are going to visit*	

*Except Ekaterinburg, Nevyansk, Miass and Chelyabinsk (included in the conference programme). If you are going to visit other cities, please specify. If you are travelling through Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, etc. please include it to the list.

NB. Please keep in mind that visa documents processing can take more than one month.



Excursion booking form

If you wish to attend our field trip(s), please type an “x” instead of the appropriate boxes and send this form back to the conference office before the 1st of July, 2014

Things to do	Fees (to pay cash at the registration desk)	Yes, I wish to attend	No, thank you
Pre-conference field trip over the border of Europe and Asia (Thursday, Sept., 11 , 9.00-19.00) Supported by Olen’i Ruch’i - Deer Springs Natural Park	Free for the first 40 participants! 40 € for additional reservations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two-day excursion to the Southern Urals and Trans-Urals (transportation, lunches, conference dinner, overnight stay in the tourist center) Sunday and Monday, Sept., 14-15	190 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field trip to non-karst grottos and peat bogs of the eastern slope of the Middle Urals (transportation, lunch) Tuesday, Sept., 16	50 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banquet* Friday, Sept., 12	42 €	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Vegetarian diet: Yes No

Information on the field trips is available at our website:

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