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Second announcement

of the

Author meeting and workshop of the European Charophyte monograph project

St. Petersburg, Russia, 24th-29th of March 2019

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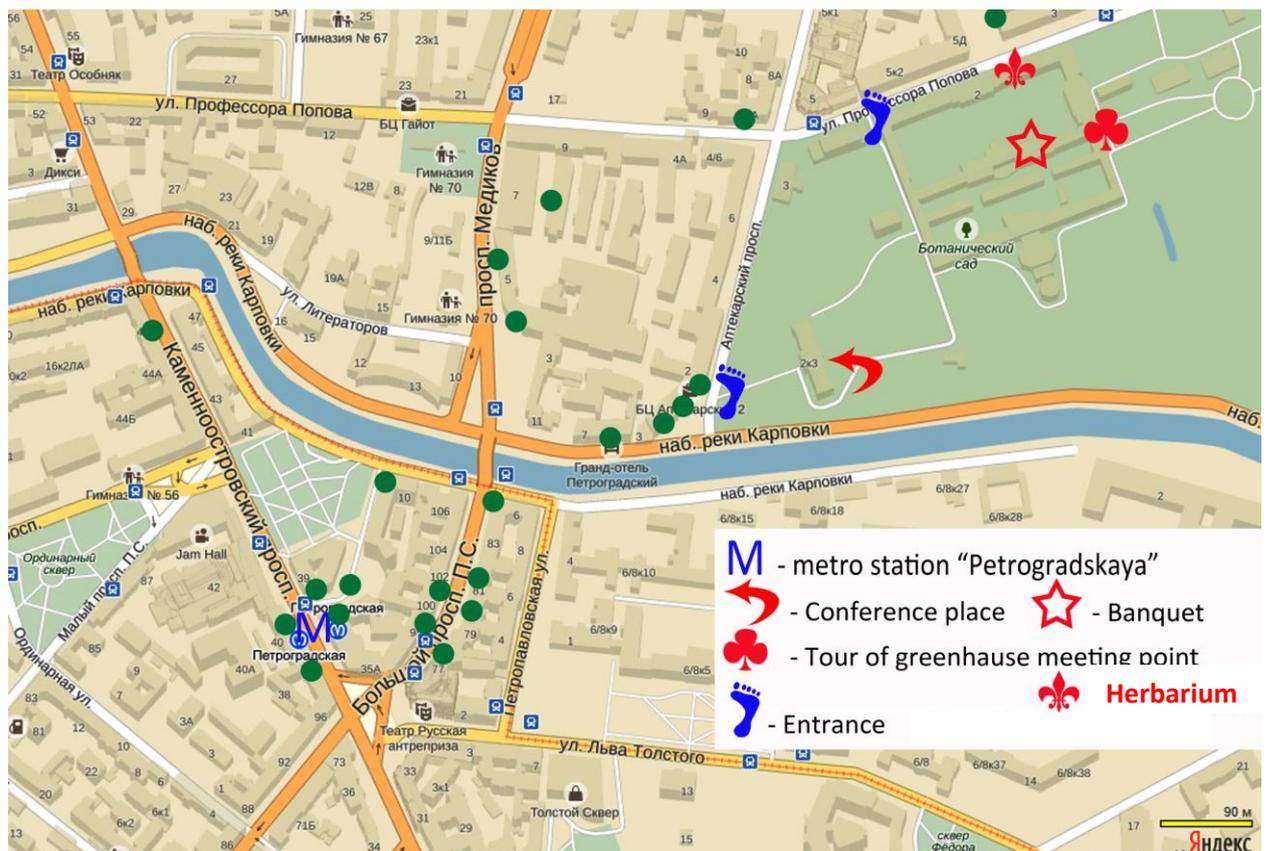
History

This meeting is dedicated to the preparation of a European monograph on Charophytes, a project that started in 2017 and is targeting on the development of a commonly agreed concept of species delineation for Europe. In addition, it will compile all available data on distribution and ecology of Charophytes in Europe, serving a comprehensive overview for field ecologists as well as a basis for bioindication purposes.

Aims

- 1) Authors meeting, focusing on the harmonization of the structure of the species chapter and allowing for a discussion about the contents of the “main chapters”
- 2) Determination workshop, focusing on check of the voluminous material stored in the herbarium of the Komarov-Institute and allowing for discussion of species delineation concepts by comparison of the various determination keys in use

Venue – Komarov Botanical Institute (<https://www.binran.ru/en/>) St. Peterburg, Professor Popov str. 2
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The Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences is one of the oldest scientific institutions in Russia. Emperor Peter I founded it in 1714 (according to other data - at the end of 1713) as the Pharmaceutical garden. Initially, his goal was the cultivation of medicinal plants for the needs of the army, but already in the first decades of its activity scientific collections were laid and the beginning of scientific work.

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General schedule of events:

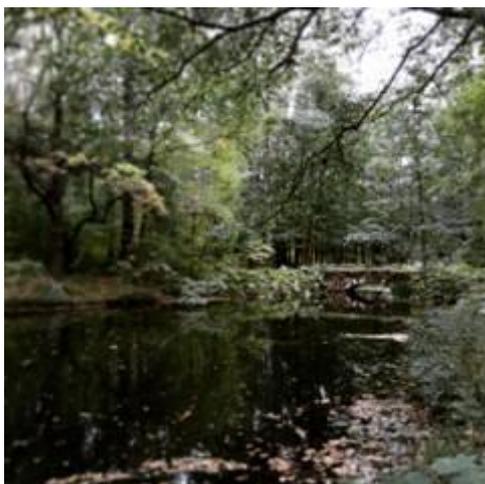
24 th of March	Arrival;
25 th of March	9.00-18.00 authors meeting (Komarov Institute); tour of greenhouse
26 th of March	09.00-18.00 Determination workshop (Herbarium of the Komarov-Institute);
27 th of March	Excursion to ponds in the vicinity of Peterhof;
28 th of March	09.00-13.00 Determination workshop (Herbar of the Komarov-Institute)
	14.00-18.00 Final discussion and “wrap-up” ;
29 th of March	Departure

Working languages:

English.

Registration fee: 25 Euro, which must be paid on arrival.

Field trip and excursion by bus in Big Palace in Peterhof (the vicinity of St. Petersburg)



About 6 hours

The fee for the field trip and excursion is about **30 Euro**

An excursion in **Grand Palace (Bolshoi Dvoretz)** (see more <http://www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/showplace/196858/>) and field tripe to **Olgas pond**, where you can gather morphologically interesting specimen of the *Chara hispida*-complex. In case of ice cover, which occurs often even in late march, we'll give our best to provide tools for safe drilling of holes. In any case have a look on the weather forecast and prepare yourselves with warm clothing and shoes or raincoats

and wellies accordingly when planning to attend the field trip.

Jeneral Information

St.Petesburg is Russia's second-largest city after Moscow, with 5 million inhabitants. It was founded by Emperor Peter the Great on 27 May 1703. Saint Petersburg is one of the most modern cities of Russia, as well as its cultural capital. See more: <http://www.saint-petersburg.com/>

Weather

The weather in Saint Petersburg in the month of march quwite cold comes from statistical datas on the last years. You can view the weather statistics for all the month: Temperature: about 0, -3°C; Snow showers 30% of time; Fog 20% of time; Sunny 13% of time. Very often a strong wind blows.

Please dress warmly!

Arrival

There are many ways to travel to **St. Petersburg**:

By Air

The city's airport is called **Pulkovo** Airport, you will find him at: <http://www.saint-petersburg.com/essentials/st-petersburg-airports/>.

However, in case you don't get a good connection to Pulkovo, you may take one of the Moscow airports and take the high-speed train (Sapsan) from Moscow, which is a 3,5 hrs ride in a comfortable train. However, don't underestimate the time required to reach the Moscow train station from the respective airport! Information about Moscow airports: <https://www.moscow-airport.com/>

Information about the high-speed train Sapsan: <https://www.russiantrain.com/sapsan>

By train

St. Petersburg has four railway stations : Moscow Station (Moskovsky Vokzal), Vitebsk Station (Vitebsky Vokzal), Finland Station (Finlyandskiy Vokzal), Ladoga Station (Ladozhskiy Vokzal): <http://www.saint-petersburg.com/essentials/train-stations/>

A high-speed journey with Allegro train between the Finnish capital Helsinki and St. Petersburg takes just three and a half hours <https://www.russiantrain.com/allegro>

By car (only if you are really keen on it and very familiar with driving on snow & ice)

We don't recommend arrival by car. Both, cold weather as well as dense traffic will make it a challenge to you and border control will be another challenge probably – you are leaving EU, which means you have to fill in a lot of declarations, to get the car in as well as out.

Important information: Don't use unofficial taxis close to the airport or railway stations! They are expansive and often not trustable! There are official taxis for fixed prices, clearly announced at the respective counters.

Please send information about your arrival (date, time, number flight or train) well in advance as soon as you know them. We will pick you up and / or organize transfer for you – in case we don't receive official support, the transfer to your hotel will cost you about 20 Euro per car ordered.

Visa procedure

Most of you will need a Visa. Russia and EU have agreement about simplification of visa procedure (and special –cheaper - prices) if you have Invitation for scientific activities or you a participant of scientific program.

For the Visa, you need an invitation letter, which will be organized by our colleagues at the Komarov Botanical Institute. They need the following information from you:

- 1) A Copy of your actual passport
- 2) Your official work address
- 3) the city of the Russian consulate/embassy you will apply for your Visum.

For all who have not yet done: Please send these data as soon as possible to:

[<lechem@ibiw.yaroslavl.ru>](mailto:lechem@ibiw.yaroslavl.ru) or [<leczem@mail.ru>](mailto:leczem@mail.ru)

All of you who sent this information soon will receive notifications and letters from Nadezhda Zanina from the Komarov Botanical Institute. She deals with their design and mailing.

Accommodation

We can recommend 2 hotels close to the venue in about 2-5 minutes walking distance:

1. Economy variant in the Super hostel: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/ru/superhostel-kammennoostrovskiy-39.html>

2. More comfortable: <https://www.booking.com/hotel/ru/grand-petrogradsky.html>

Unfortunately, you must book them yourselves, because all of them are asking for full prepayments.

Please don't wait for too long with your bookings – both hotels are known for their cheap prices and located in a pretty attractive part of the city – so late booking might be impossible.

However, in case you miss them, there are plenty of good and affordable hotels (and hostels) in St. Petersburg. Just have a look on one of the common booking portals (e.g. <http://www.saint-petersburg-hotels.com/>; <http://www.hotel-spb.com/hotel-spb-com.nsf/main/en>; <https://www.booking.com/>) and take care for:

A) distance to the next Metro station

B) number of beds per room (don't try lodging houses/hostels, where you just rent a bed – foreign tourists can be extremely noisy when returning at night!) – this is often not easy to see – especially booking.com often recommends you pretty cheap “rooms” which are, if you read the text, just a bed in a large room – so read the description carefully and respect to C) too:

C) facilities – it is not recommended to opt for rooms with shared bathrooms, better spend another 2-5 Euro for a room with your own bathroom.

Important information: you must add about 8 Euro (600 rubles) “registration fee” – a kind of city tax – which all foreigners have to pay when staying overnight in St. Petersburg. It is a per-period tax, so you have to pay 600 rubles once, irrespective of the duration of your stay – don't get tricked by bad guys, asking for a per-night registration fee – there isn't anything like this! But don't complain about the 600 rubles per period at the registration desk, this tax isn't mentioned at the booking portals, but is official....

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