Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to tell you that more than 20 specialists from Russia, Europe and the United States have been interested in our International Symposium “PALAEOGEOGRAPHY AND GLOBAL CORRELATION OF ORDOVICIAN EVENTS” to be held on August, 5-8, 2006 in Novosibirsk at the Institute of Petroleum Geology and Geophysics, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Science. After the Symposium, there will be arranged a field trip to the north-west of Western Siberia platform (Kulyumbe River, 160 km off Norilsk-city). To date, ten foreign specialists have agreed to participate in it.

**Schedule**

- 04.08.06 Arrival in Novosibirsk, check-in at the hotel, registration with the IPG
- 08.06 – 07.08.06 Symposium proceedings
- 08.08.06 – 15.08.06 Post-symposium field trip
- 16.08.06 Departure from Norilsk

**Symposium Agenda**

1. International Ordovician stratigraphic scale
2. Sedimentation and biotic events
3. Paleogeographic and paleoclimatologic reconstructions
4. Evolution of taxonomic diversity
5. Zonal scales and the problem of their correlation
6. Sedimentary basins and paleo-environments

- Symposium languages – Russian and English
- 15-20 min. verbal presentations and poster materials are planned to be introduced at the Symposium

**NOTE:** The prior information sent out has been modified concerning the time limits set for the speakers to submit synopses of their presentations. Please, be informed that the term for accepting the materials (both in Russian and English) has been extended until April, 10th 2006.
The number of pages for extended theses has been allowed to be maximum three (four with pictures) A4 pages with 2.5 cm margins. The format is Word for Windows, 12-pt Times New Roman type and 1.5 vertical spacing. All the formulas, drawings, and tables have to be included in the text. The title of the report (in capital letters) should be followed by the authors’ names, properly marked and footnoted, if they come from different institutions providing the information about each organization they represent (in small letters), such as the organization’s names and both their mail (with the post/ZIP code) and e-mail addresses (in small letters, italic type). The authors’ surnames and initials have to be underlined.

The extended theses have to be submitted to the Organizing Committee by e-mail not later than April, 10th 2006. Those sent their presentation synopses in short form can replace them with the extended ones. In case the authors do not submit revised materials the original versions will be published.

Abstracts of the presentations and the detailed field trip guide will have been published by the Symposium commencement date.

Registration fee for foreign participants is $100.
Registration fee for Russian participants is 500 RUB.

Field trip expenses amount to $1000 (can be paid in RUB at current exchange rates), the cost breakdown includes traveling by plane from Novosibirsk to Norilsk, followed by transportation with a helicopter from Norilsk to and from the Kulyumbe River (field camp site), with one way taking 50 min.

Those who would like to participate in both the Symposium and post-symposium events are requested to return the filled Registration Form (please, find enclosed) by e-mail to the Organizing Committee by 10th April 2006.

Letters of Invitation and applying for Visas

Since it is necessary to get permission to visit Norilsk by foreigners, it will take the Organizing Committee about two months to prepare the Letters of Invitation for the participants to apply for the Visa and send them out by mail. This is why all the participants are requested to provide the Organizing Committee before April, 10th with the following personal information:
- a copy of passport page with full name, nationality, date and place of birth, passport No., date of issue of the passport and its expiry date (to be sent by fax);
- the country of residency, full home and office addresses, place of employment and your position, science degree, information about your earlier visits to Russia, and the city your Visa is being applied for.

Accommodations

The visitors have to file for booking the hotel with the Organizing Committee not later than June, 1st 2006. The participants will have accommodations at “Zolotaya Dolina” Hotel, which is a walking distance to the Symposium venue. Below, please, find more detailed information about the hotel:
ZOLOTAYA DOLINA Hotel
Address: 10, Iljicha St., Novosibirsk 630090
Tel. +7 383 3 30 36 09, fax +7 383 3 30 42 40).

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The information about field trip

Within the framework of the Symposium there’s been planned a post-symposium field trip on August, 8 through Aug., 15 onto the unique continuous carbonate succession of Lower, Middle and Upper series of Ordovician System on the Kulyumbe River (Siberian Platform). The succession on the Kulyumbe River to be shown therewith is well characterized by macrofauna and microfossils (trilobites, brachiopods, conodonts, graptolites, ostracods, crinoids, bryozoans etc.)

The Field Trip Schedule
(within the frames of the “PLEOGEOGRAPHY AND GLOBAL CORRELATION OF ORDOVICHIAN EVENTS” Symposium)

The trip is planned to last eight days (including departure days - from Novosibirsk to Norilsk, from Norilsk to Moscow, as well as two spare days)

August, 8 (Tuesday)
- Flight (Sibir air company, TY-154, Departure time 11 am local time, from Tolmachyovo Airport
- Arrival time to Norilsk 2 pm local time, Alykel airport
- Way to Valek airport at 4 – 6 pm on the MI-8 helicopter to the base camp site, the way to the camp site takes about 55 min.
- Settle-down time and “housewarming” party

In case the helicopter delays it is possible to arrange sight-seeing excursion to Norilsk-city. If the weather situation is unfavorable for the trip all the participants will be provided with hotel accommodations (single-rooms at “NORILSK” Hotel) at the expense of the Organizing Committee. The shifts in the field trip schedule might be possible.

August, 9 (Wednesday)
Excursion No.1 to Lower Silurian, Upper and Middle Ordovician successions (the route is 1-2 km long)

August, 10 (Thursday)
Excursion No.2 to Middle Ordovician successions (the route is 0.5 - 1 km long)
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August, 11 (Friday)
Relocation of the camp site, walking excursion No. 3 (about 6 km long) with the observation of Low Middle Ordovician succession.

August, 12 (Saturday)
Excursion No.4 to Lower Ordovician successions (the route is 0.5-2.5 km long)

August, 13 (Sunday)
Excursion No.5 to Lower Ordovician successions (the route is 2.5-4 km long)

August, 14 – 15 (Monday/Tuesday)
Spare days might be used to compensate earlier shifts in the schedule due to the unfavorable weather situation, otherwise spare time can be used for extra excursions or recreation activities (fishing grayling, pikes, taimen)

**August, 14 – 16 (Monday - Wednesday)**

- Departure to Norilsk (the planned day and time of the day can be corrected)
- Picking up the participants at Valek airport and their way to the hotel in Norilsk.
- The participants will be provided with the hotel rooms for one night at the Organizing Committee expense.
- Finalizing the field trip.

### The Program Committee for the Symposium

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