

Use of molecular-genetic and morphological methods to study the taxonomy, phylogeny, biogeography, and ecology of *Eurytemora* species

May 13 – 17, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Saint Petersburg at our conference organized by the **Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences (ZIN RAS)**. Please find the detailed program attached. Several of the activities detailed here are included in the registration fee and can be enjoyed without additional payment; they are indicated when applicable. Others are quite interesting, but not included in the conference registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Program At A Glance

Monday	May 13	Day of arrival, Welcome Party
Tuesday	May 14	Conference Oral & Poster Presentations, Tour of the Zoological Museum
Wednesday	May 15	Conference Oral Presentations, Festive Dinner
Thursday	May 16	Boat Trip to Peterhof Palace and Museum
Friday	May 17	Molecular-genetics Master Class (Taxon Research Resource Center, ZIN RAS) and Practical Training on <i>Eurytemora</i> species taxonomy

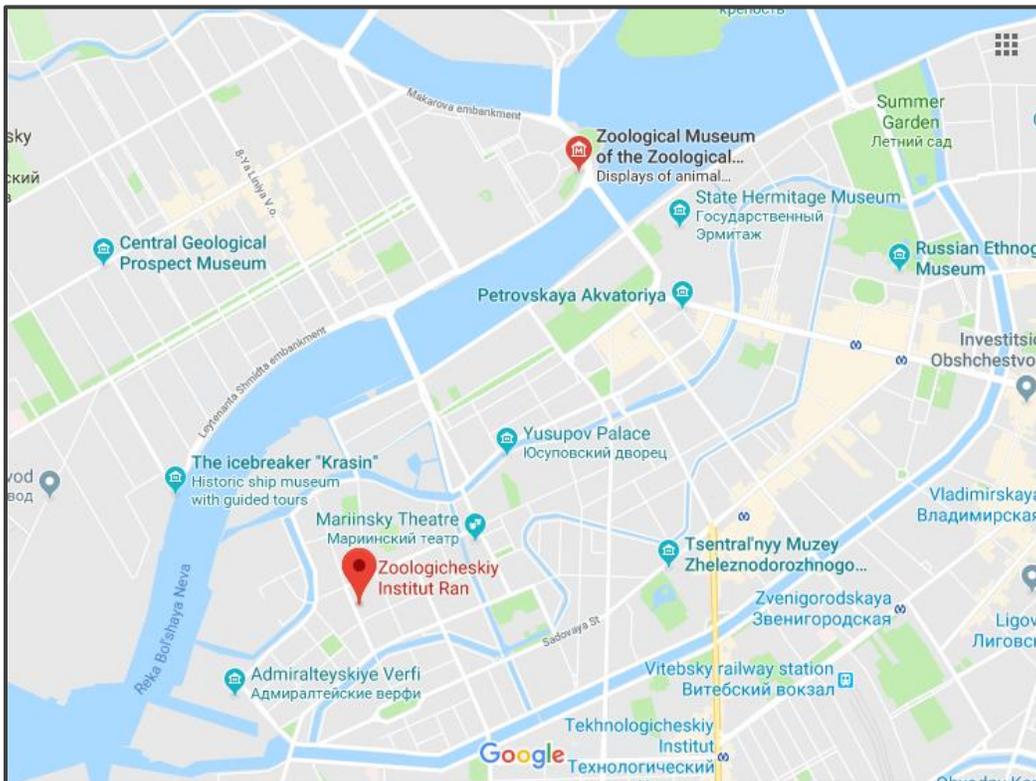
Main Conference Venue

Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences (ZIN RAS; www.zin.ru)
1 Universitetskaya Naberezhnaya
Saint Petersburg, Russia

MOLECULAR-GENETIC MASTER CLASS

The Master Class will be held in a different ZIN RAS building (**32 Angliyskiy Prospekt**, St. Petersburg). It will include a tour of the Laboratory. The Master Class on sequence editing and genetic data analysis will be held by Dr. Natalia Abramson (The Head of Taxon Research Resource Center, ZIN RAS). Attendees will need to bring a personal notebook computer with two programs installed in advance, for:

alignment <http://www.mbio.ncsu.edu/BioEdit/bioedit.html>
phylogenetic trees <https://www.megasoftware.net>



We ask that those interested in visiting the laboratory please let us know their intentions as soon as possible (eurymora2019@gmail.com)

EURYTEMORA PRACTICAL SESSION

The practical session on *Eurytemora* species identification will be held in the main building of the Zoological Institute (**1 Universitetskaya Naberezhnaya**, St. Petersburg). A collection of previously identified species will be available. We ask attendees to bring any needed materials or instruments related to crustacean dissection, including any prepared *Eurytemora* specimens pertinent to their interests.

We ask that attendees also let us know, as soon as possible (eurymora2019@gmail.com), which *Eurytemora* species specifically interest them.

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE

We welcome all speakers to present their contributions as full-length articles for the meeting proceedings. Proceedings will be published as a special issue of *Crustaceana*. The manuscript preparation deadline is May 17, 2019. Manuscript typesetting instructions are available online (<https://brill.com/view/journals/cr/cr-overview.xml>).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arrival

Saint Peterburg's only international airport is Pulkovo Airport (<http://www.pulkovoairport.ru/en/>). Please inform us before arrival about your flight number and date (eurytemora2019@gmail.com).

Bus and Metro Information

For those wishing to save money getting from Pulkovo Airport to their hotel, a shuttle is available from the airport to a nearby metro station. As of March 2019, the bus tickets cost 40 rubles (cash only). (<http://www.pulkovoairport.ru/en/transport/bus/>). Shuttle Bus 39 or 39K starts at the airport terminal and goes directly to the Moskovskaya Metro Station located in the south part of the city. The station is part of the #2 (blue) metro line. From there, attendees can reach any needed metro station close to their accommodation. (<http://www.metro.spb.ru/map.html>).

Taxi Information

Taxis can also be used to reach the Moskovskaya Metro Station or hotels. A trip from the airport to the conference venue costs approximately 14 Euro (1050 rubles), as of March 2019. Prices could be different in May, but substantial increases are not expected. The official taxi *service from Pulkovo can accept payment by credit/debit cards. In all other situations, you may need cash in rubles. If you would like help with understanding transportation options, please email us ahead of time and include your detailed arrival details. *(<http://www.pulkovoairport.ru/en/transport/taxi/http://onlinereg.ru/site.php?go=217&page=4428&lang=ENG>)

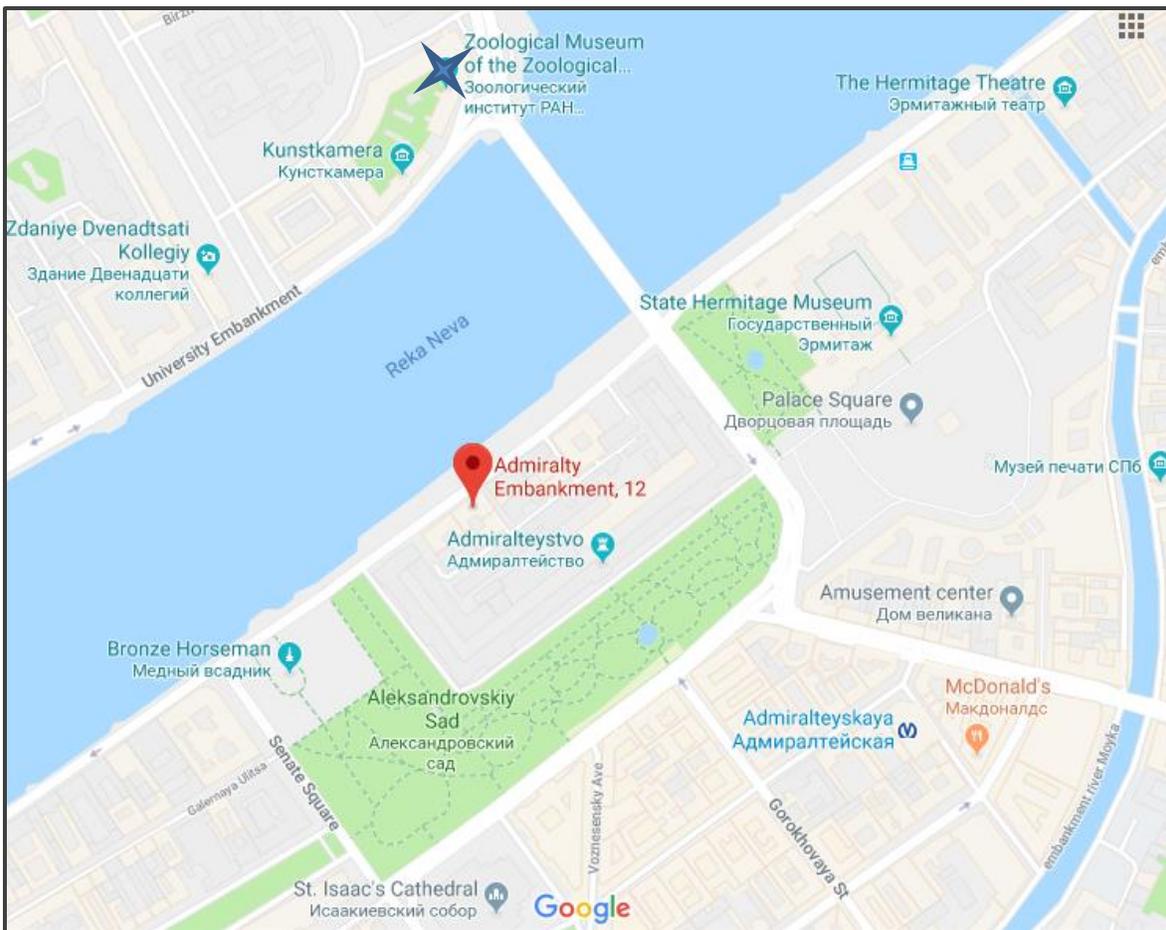
ACCOMODATIONS

THE BRIDGE HOTEL

12 Admiraltayskii Naberezhnaya, St. Petersburg

www.bridge-spb.com

The Hotel is situated 10 minutes by foot from the main conference site at the Zoological Institute. It is within walking distance of the Winter Palace, the Bronze Horseman, and famous bridges. The nearest metro station (Admiralteyskaya) is a 10 minute walk.



PETER AND THE WOLF HOSTEL

4 Birzhevoy Pereulok, St. Petersburg

www.booking.com/hotel/ru/hostel-peter-and-the-wolf.html

The hostel is situated 10 minutes (by foot) from the main conference (ZIN RAS). Independent reviews indicate that this area is one of visitors' favorites. The nearest metro station, (Vasileostrovskaya Metro Station) is a 15 minute walk.



CULTURAL PROGRAMME

FESTIVE DINNER **Wednesday May 15**

Grad Petrov

5 Universitetskaya Naberezhnaya, St. Petersburg

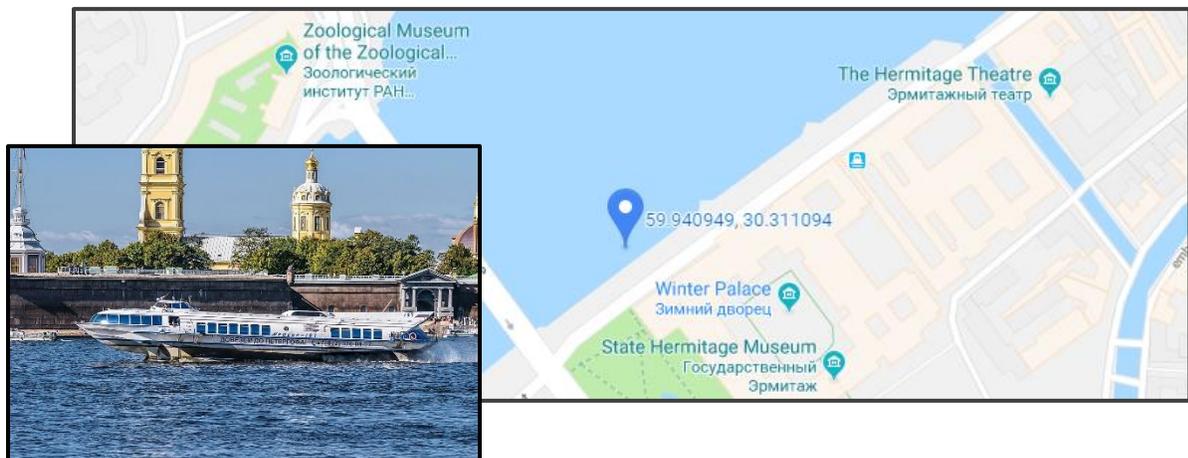
GradPetrov.com

The dinner (included in registration) will be at **Grad Petrov**. The venue is an informal brewery-restaurant not far from our Institute. It features a restored Petrine Era interior (18 century), landscape paintings of our city, great Russian and European cuisine, and perfect beer.



HYDROFOIL BOAT TRIP TO PETERHOF PALACE **Thursday May 16**

(excursion from the Palace Embankment to Peterhof Palace, included in registration)



We highly recommend visitors to see one of the most fabulous and brilliant city suburbs: Peterhof. The Peterhof Palace is one of the most famous suburban architectural complexes in Europe -known as "the kingdom of fountains". This venue is an enchanting mix of water, gold, marble, bronze, splendid flower gardens, and ancient trees. Peterhof, like St. Petersburg, was founded by Peter the Great at the beginning of XVIII century and continues to be the crown jewel in a series of palaces and parks.

(<https://en.peterhofmuseum.ru/objects/peterhof>).

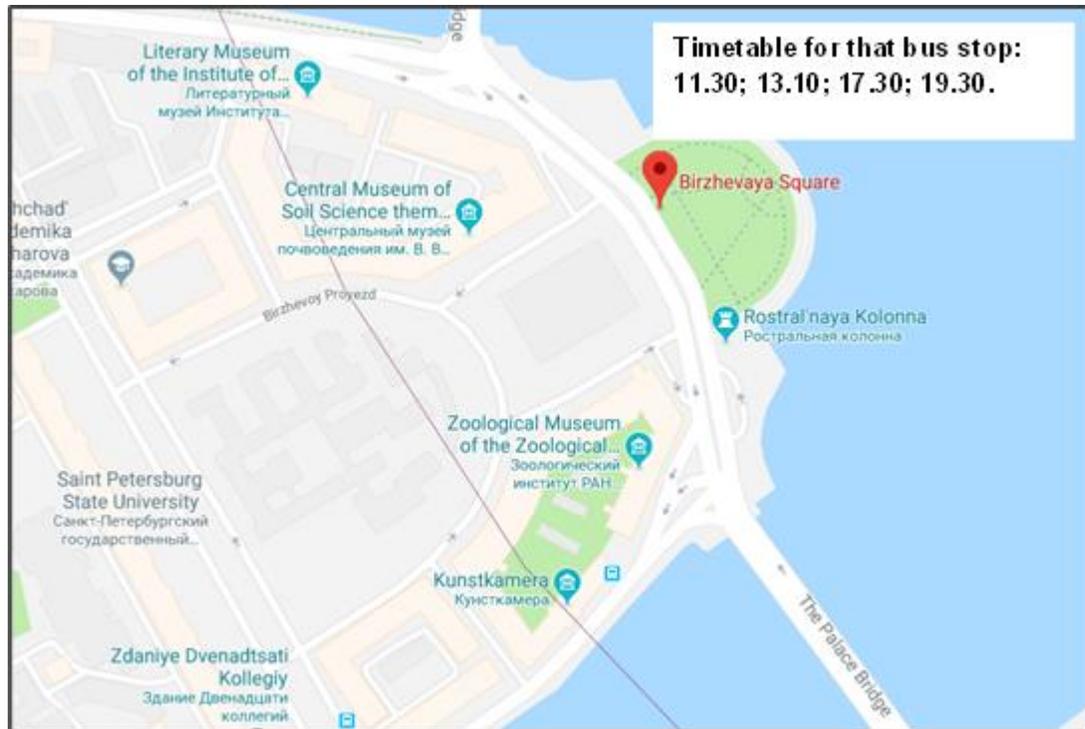


SIGHTSEEING BOAT TOUR

St. Petersburg is known as the "Venice of the North". Depending on the type selected, St. Petersburg boat tours typically allow visitors to see: various rivers; canals; the Neva River; and the Gulf of Finland. These tours are not the same as the hydrofoil trip Peterhof mentioned above, and they are not included in registration. Nevertheless, they are extremely interesting, and the organizers highly recommend them. All of the cruises are a great way to see the city's architecture; some travel to various suburbs. Day time, evening, and night time tours (under drawbridges), and even dinner cruises, are available. Prices are approximately 1000 rubles per person, not including food. A few useful sites are: <https://www.boattrip.ru>; <https://boattour.ru/en>; and <https://boattour.ru/en>.

HOP-ON HOP-OFF BUS TOUR

A good way to see a lot of historical St Petersburg, in a short time, is by panoramic double-decker bus tour with audio guide (<https://en.gocitybus.ru/>). There are 11 languages available for the audio guide: English, Russian, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Dutch, Japanese, Swedish, Finnish, and Rap/Hip-Hop. The bus stop is situated two steps from our Institute at the tip of Vasilievsky Island. A one day ticket costs 1000 rubles. A two day ticket costs 1200 rubles.



CLASSICAL THEATRE

The 236th season of the **Mariinsky Theatre** is a good place to find opera, ballet, or concerts (<https://www.mariinsky.ru/en/>). The 149th season of the **Mikhailovsky Theatre** is an option as well (<https://mikhailovsky.ru/en/>).

THE STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

Of course, visitors should visit the pearl of our city: The State Hermitage Museum. Since 1764, it has stored and featured over 3 million works of art and cultural artifacts from across the globe. (www.hermitagemuseum.org)

TYPICAL MAY WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR ST. PETERSBURG

SUN 5/12	MON 5/13	TUE 5/14	WED 5/15	THU 5/16	FRI 5/17
					
15° / 12°	15° / 11°	13° / 12°	13° / 12°	13° / 14°	15° / 12°
Cloudy, a shower in the p.m.	Low clouds; windy	Variable cloudiness, a shower	Partly sunny, a shower	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny

We should also add: St. Petersburg is *often* cloudy, rainy, and windy.

Actually, no... It is *almost always* cloudy, rainy, and windy!

CONCLUSION

More information about St. Petersburg events and history can be found online (saint-petersburg.com). Depending on your interests, you may enjoy some of the activities the organizers have listed here, or those detailed elsewhere. We can help you arrange other events if time permits.

We look forward to seeing you and hope that the information here will help you to organize a pleasant and productive visit to the Conference.

Kind regards,

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