**IMPORTANT DATES:**
- Registration and Abstract Submission: 30 April 2013
- Registration for Field Trips: 15 May 2013
- Hotel Reservation: 15 May 2013
- Abstract Submission: 15 May 2013

**REGISTRATION FEES:**
- Regular Participant (no Excursions): 650 €
- Regular Participant (with Excursions): 750 €
- Accompanying Person (with Excursions): 700 €

Registration Fee includes full conference package, including book of manuscripts based upon conference presentations, coffee breaks and refreshments, welcome party and transportation costs from St.Petersburg to Kirovsk and return by train, taxi from St.Petersburg Airport to the Ladoga Railway Station and from the Apatity railway station to Kirovsk.

**PAYMENT METHOD:**
Payment should be made either by bank transfer to the Laplandia Minerals Ltd (details to be given later) or by cash at the registration desk.

**HOTELS:**
The conference will be partially held in the 'Severnaya' hotel in Kirovsk. The basic costs per night are as following (incl. breakfast):
- 1-person Lux: 7000 rub
- 2-person Lux: 8000 rub
- 1-person SemiLux: 5000 rub
- 2-person SemiLux: 6000 rub
- 1-person Normal: 3000 rub
- 2-person Normal: 4000 rub
- 1-person Economy: 1800 rub
- 2-person Economy: 2400 rub

Please note that the number of rooms is restricted and will be provided on the first-come-first serve basis. A list of other hotels in the area may be available upon request.

Lunch and Dinners will be served in the hotel restaurant. A preliminary cost estimation is till 40 € per day.

**Guidelines for Abstract Preparation**

**Title:** Times New Roman Bold 12 pts, centered

N.N. Author(s): 12 pts, centered

Authors affiliations: 12 pts, inclined, centered

E-mail: 12 pts, centered

Please underline the name of corresponding author. Please insert pictures and graphs into the text [1].


**Example**

Nanoscience: The Comedy of Errors
W. Shakespeare

Parish of St.Helen, Bishopsgate, Stratford, UK
E-mail: shakespeare@google.com

Sir, in my heart there was a kind of fighting that would not let me sleep... [1]


All abstracts must be submitted to the following e-mail: maam3@mail.ru.

**Book of Extended Manuscripts based upon Conference Proceedings**

will be published in Springer Verlag as a collection of articles under title 'Minerals as Advanced Materials III' (consult www.springer.com for the first two books of the series). Detailed instructions and templates will be provided later.
MINERALS AS ADVANCED MATERIALS III

Dear Colleague,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 3rd International workshop "Minerals as Advanced Materials III" that will be held in Kirovsk, Kola peninsula, Russia. The conference is devoted to a wide range of topics that are on the crossroads between mineralogy, material science, physical chemistry and nanoscience.

**Topics to be covered**

Mineral nanostructures; Microporous and mesoporous mineral phases; Geo-inspired materials; Physical properties of minerals: a treasure for future applications; Applied biomineralogy and biomineralization; New methods for study of structure and properties of minerals; Self-assembly and self-organization in minerals at micro- and nanoscale

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**VENUE:**
The city of Kirovsk is located in Murmansk region, Kola peninsula. It is about 1200 km north from St.Petersburg and 200 km south from Murmansk. It is situated at the center of Kola peninsula, in southern part of the Khibiny mountain range, on the shore of the Great Vud'javr lake.

**PROGRAMME:**
The workshop will consist of three days of lectures [25-27 June] and two days of field excursions to the famous and picturesque mineral localities of Kola peninsula (Khibiny and Lovozero alkaline massifs) [28-29 June].

**REGISTRATION:**
Registration should be done via e-mail to maam3@mail.ru. The registration e-mail should include the following information: full name, type of registration, arrival/departure dates and exact time, preferable type of transportation to Kirovsk (airplane or train), preferable type of accommodation in Kirovsk. Please indicate, if you need official invitation for Russian visa. You are welcome to contact Dr. Oleg Siidra (siidra@mail.ru) or Prof. Dr. Sergey Krivovich (skrivovi@mail.ru) for further information.

**TRAVEL:**
Kirovsk may be reached by car from Murmansk airport (ca. 2 hours driving time) or from Apatity railway station (ca. 30 minutes driving time). In turn, Apatity may be reached by train from St.Petersburg (24 hours time; comfortable 2-person compartment price is ~ 6700 rub one way).