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**200th Anniversary Meeting
of the Russian Mineralogical Society
«200 years of RMS»**

10–13 October, 2017, Saint Petersburg

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The second Circular Letter

Dear participants of the Anniversary Congress
of the Russian Mineralogical Society,

We present to your attention the second Circular Letter of the Congress.
We kindly ask you to carefully read the information provided below,
since the Scientific and Cultural Programmes of the Congress are adjusted.

I. The Scientific Programme of the Congress

(Please find the full Scientific Programme in the Annex of the Circular Letter)

Considering the number and topics of the abstracts submitted, the following changes were made in the Congress programme:

1. Three pairs of workshops are merged:
 - *‘Fundamental mineralogical issues’ and ‘Mineral diversity and evolution of mineral formation’*
 - *‘Minerals indicating petro- and ore-genesis’ and ‘New methods and equipment for studying minerals, rocks, and ores’*
 - *‘Issues of applied (prospecting and technological) mineralogy’ and ‘Mineralogy for research and conservation of the Earth's biosphere’*
2. Abstracts of various workshops, devoted to diamonds and other forms of native carbon, are allocated in a separate workshop *‘Carbon and diamonds’*.
3. We very respectfully ask the authors of several oral reports to present their materials as posters due to the large number of participants.

Please note that these changes apply to the programme of oral presentations only. Reports are arranged in accordance with the original list of workshops in the Book of Abstracts and on the minsoc.ru website.

II. The Schedule of Workshops

Registration of Congress participants takes place in the Library of Mining University (entrance from the Blagoveshchenskaya embankment):

9th October, 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.;

10th October, since 8.30 a.m. The Registration Desk will also work during the Congress in the following days.

Plenary session will be held in the Conference Hall of Mining University on **10th and 13th October** (*the full List of Plenary Talks could be found in the Annex of the Circular Letter*).

Workshops:

11th October

- *‘Fundamental mineralogical issues; mineral diversity and evolution of mineral formation’*
- *‘Issues of mineralogical crystallography and crystal chemistry’*
- *‘Carbon and diamonds’*

12th October

- *‘Minerals indicating petro- and ore-genesis; new methods for their detection’*
- *‘Natural stone in the civilization history’*
- *‘History of science’*
- *‘Issues of applied (prospecting and technological) mineralogy’*

Poster Exhibition will take place in the foyer of the Assembly Hall of Mining University on **October 11th and 12th**. The recommended poster size is not more than 80 cm in width and 120 cm in height. Due to the large number of participants we kindly ask to present posters of the workshops ‘*Mineral diversity and evolution of mineral formation*’ and ‘*Issues of mineralogical crystallography and crystallochemistry*’ on 11th October, and to present the rest on 12th October (this is a recommendation, not a strict instruction).

In addition to posters, a demonstration of research equipment of sponsoring companies will be organised.

Please find the detailed Schedule of Reports in the Annex of the Circular Letter.

III. The Cultural Programme

The Mining Museum is freely available for all the participants during the Congress.

11th October (Wednesday): two excursions at the same time.

1. ‘**Natural stone in the decor and collections of the Hermitage**’
2. ‘**Stone in the decoration of the centre of St. Petersburg (pedestrian)**’.

The free bus transfer from Mining University to the starting point of excursions (departure at 5 p.m.). Excursions are free of charge for all the participants (except for the entrance fee to the Hermitage, 400 roubles).

12th October (Thursday): excursion to **the TESCAN demonstration centre**. You will see the microstructural EBSD analysis and sample preparation for it carried out using one device – the double-beam scanning FIB-SEM electron microscope. Free bus transfer from Mining University to the demonstration centre (departure at 6 p.m.).

14th October (Saturday): bus excursion to **Vyborg** with a visit to **the Vozrozhdenie and Erkilya granite quarries** and a sightseeing tour of Vyborg and **the Mon Repos park**. Bus transfer from Mining University: departure at 9 a.m., return to St. Petersburg at 8 p.m. Excursion is free of charge for all the participants (except for the entrance fee to the Mon Repos park, 100 roubles and lunch in Vyborg).

Please find the detailed information on the excursions in the Annex of the Circular Letter.

Please choose and reserve the desired excursions at the Registration Desk.

IV. Accommodation and Transfer

A free shuttle bus service will be provided between the hotels and Mining University:

1. From ‘Nauka’ hotel (Millionnaya str., 27) at 9.00 a.m.
2. From ‘MFK Gorniy’ hotel via ‘Pribaltiyskaya’ and ‘Morskoy Vokzal’ hotels at 9.30 a.m.

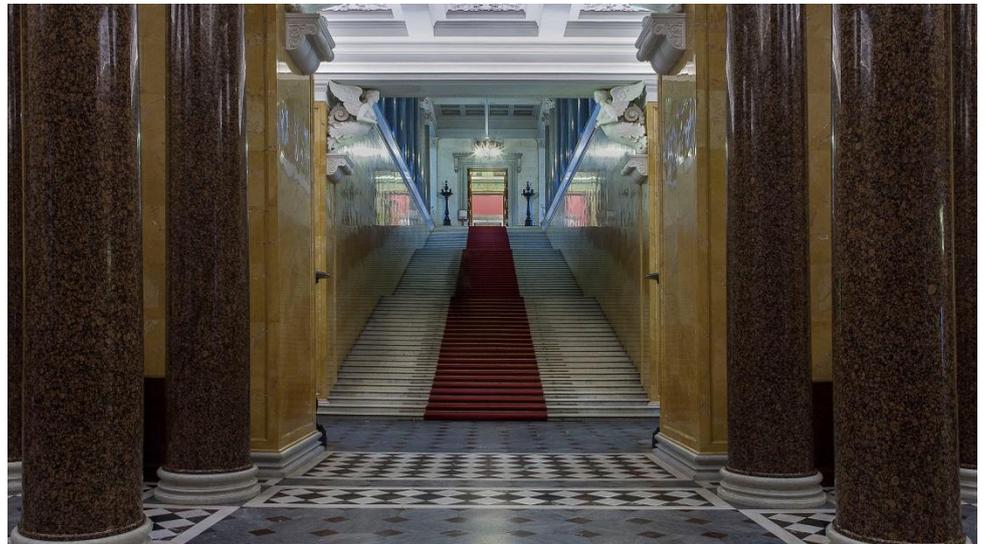
The return buses will depart from Mining University at 7.15 p.m. (10th, 11th, and 12th October) and 8 p.m. (13th October).

We kindly ask those participants who stay in the listed hotels to notify the Organising Committee in order provide enough transfer buses.

**We really look forward to seeing you at the Anniversary Congress
of the Russian Mineralogical Society!**

Excursion 'Natural stone in the decor and collections of the Hermitage'

Guide – Dr. M.V. Morozov





The excursion
‘Vyborg and granite quarries of Karelia’

9.00 – bus departure from St. Petersburg

11.00 – 12.00 – tour of *the Vozrozhdenie* quarry

12.00 – 13.00 – tour of *the Erkilya* quarry

13.00 – 14.00 – lunch in Vyborg (paid by participants, approx. 300 roubles.)

14.00 – 15.30 – sightseeing bus tour of the city of Vyborg

16.00 – 18.00 – walking tour to *the Mon Repos* park with a story of the local stone usage in the park architecture

20.00 return to St. Petersburg