

### First Circular

## ***International Seminar on Biodiversity and Evolution of Mollusks, September 26–27, 2019, Vladivostok, Russia***

On September 26–27, 2019, the *Russian Far East Malacological Society* (RFEMS) and *A.V. Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center of Marine Biology FEB RAS* (NSCMB) with support of the *University Museum of Bergen* (University of Bergen), *P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology RAS* and *ForBio* – Research School in Biosystematics (Norway) will hold a seminar on problems of modern malacology – ***International Seminar on Biodiversity and Evolution of Mollusks***. The seminar will be held immediately after the *ForBio and MEDUSA course: Systematics, Morphology and Evolution of Marine Molluscs* (September 17–25, 2019, Marine Biological Station *Vostok*, Russia) (information about the course is available at: [https://www.forbio.uio.no/events/courses/2019/Molluscs\\_Vladivostok](https://www.forbio.uio.no/events/courses/2019/Molluscs_Vladivostok) and <http://rfems.dvo.ru/index.php/en/news-menu-en>), and all participants of the course are invited to the seminar. The international seminar is a follow-up of the course and is also connected with celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Far East Malacological Society; it will be held in the NSCMB, Vladivostok, Russia.

Final scientific programme of the seminar will be available in June. The seminar includes three parts: two oral sessions with **invited speakers** (10–12 oral presentations, 20 min each) and one extended poster session held all the day long with the rest of participants. English is the working language of the seminar.

Tentative schedule of the seminar is as follows:

#### **September 26 (Thursday)**

9.30 am – 17.30 pm: seminar (oral and poster sessions in the main NSCMB building, Palchevsky Street, 17)

18.30 pm – 21.00 pm: reception and celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RFEMS

#### **September 27 (Friday)**

10.00 am – 13.00 pm: visit to Primorsky Aquarium (a branch of the NSCMB) in Russky Island

13.00 pm – 18.00 pm: free time (a visit to Science and Educational Museum of the Far Eastern Federal University (includes large Zoological Museum) in downtown is possible if requested in advance)

If you wish to participate in the seminar, please, email your registration form (deadline – May 10, 2019) and abstract deadline – June 1, 2019) to the Organizing Committee (registration form is attached in the end of this circular). All participants will receive acknowledgement of abstract receipt within 10 days (in case of non-receipt of acknowledgement, please send your abstract again). Format of abstracts should be as follows: abstracts must not exceed 2 pages and should be written in English; text should be arranged in MS Word, with 25 mm upper, lower, right and left margins, Times New Roman 12 font, single-spaced; abstracts should start with a title, followed by the author's full name (for example, Svetlana P. Ivanova, or John A. Brown) and title of institution (for example, Institute of Biology RAS, Moscow 100100, Russia, e-mail). Do not include figures or a list of references.

The registration fee for participants including co-authors taking part in the seminar in person (except for the *ForBio and MEDUSA course* participants) is 1300 rubles (about 18 USD). It covers abstract book, coffee breaks and reception dinner. The fee is paid at registration on the first day of the seminar.

The venue of the meeting is the NSCMB main conference room. There are several hotels at distance of 7–10 min by taxi from the NSCMB. Other logistics will be provided in the second circular to be distributed in July. Vladivostok is easily accessible to foreign participants, with direct air routes from many Asian cities (including Tokyo, Beijing and Seoul). The majority of malacologists in eastern Russia work at the institutions of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Far East Federal University and Pacific Fisheries Research Centre, all in Vladivostok.

A bilingual webpage of the seminar will be regularly updated at the RFEMS website (<http://rfems.dvo.ru/>).

#### **Important dates**

Deadline for Registration Form receipt – May 10, 2019

Deadline for abstracts acceptance – June 1, 2019

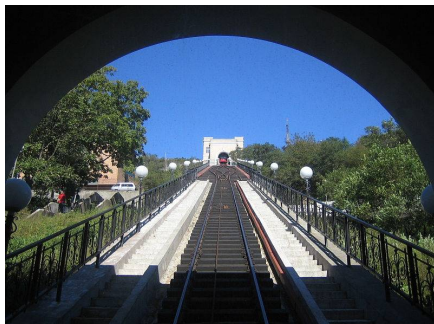
#### **Vladivostok City**

The city is located in the southern extremity of Muravyov-Amursky Peninsula. There are a chain of about 50 outlying islands in the Peter the Great Bay (only six of them have an area greater than one square kilometer: Russky, Popova, Reineke, Rikorda, Shkota, Elena). The city stretches over 30 km from south to north, bordering by the Amursky Bay and the Ussuriysky Bay as parts of the Peter the Great Bay, Sea of Japan.

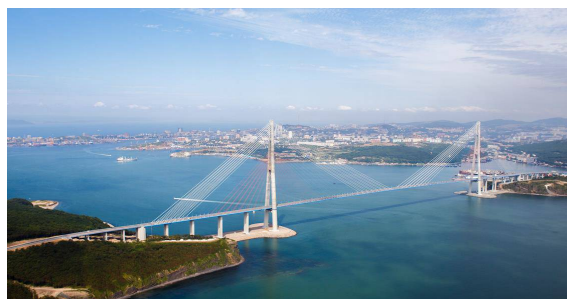
Vladivostok is the largest scientific and educational center of the Far East region, including the Far Eastern Federal University, Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences and numerous institutes of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, and administrative capital of the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia. Other major scientific organizations are the Pacific Research Fisheries Center (TINRO Center) and the Far Eastern Regional Hydrometeorological Research Institute (DVNIGMI). The Society for Study of the Amur Region (OIAK), the oldest scientific organization in the Russian Far East, now operates as Primorye regional department of the Russian Geographical Society.

Vladivostok is a major cultural center of the Russian Far East. The Primorsky State Arsenyev` Museum in Vladivostok is the largest and the oldest museum in Primorye leading its history from the Museum of the Society for Study of the Amur Region. Of great interest are two aquariums, Submarine Museum S-56 and others, in particular, the Scientific and Educational FEFU Museum, Primorye Regional Art Gallery, museums of research institutions. The city has seven theaters, including Primorsky Opera and Ballet Theatre opened in 2013, and a circus. Svetlanskaya Street with building of the second half of the 19th century is an architectural gem of the city centre. Two giant

cable-stayed bridges were constructed in Vladivostok, namely the Zolotoy Rog Bridge over the Golden Horn Bay in downtown, and the Russky Bridge from the mainland to Russky Island, where the APEC summit–2012 took place. The latter bridge is the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world. Sights of the city are also funicular, railway station and churches.



The Vladivostok Funicular



Russky Island bridge

Please, find more information about the city at Wikipedia <http://ru.wikipedia.org>, website of Primorsky Territory Administration <http://primorsky.ru/Vladivostok> and <http://www.vl.ru/>.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Please, fill in and return this form by e-mail to: [Ms. Marina Gorelaia \(mgorelaia@mail.ru\)](mailto:mgorelaia@mail.ru)

**Registration deadline: May 10, 2019**

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**Submission of abstracts deadline: June 1, 2019**

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**General visa information:** The citizens of 40 countries and territories are eligible to visit Russia with a valid passport and without obtaining a visa in advance. In other cases, you need to obtain an ordinary humanitarian visa for a designated period. For scientific visits/events visa application, you need an official invitation letter of two kinds: one may be issued by an inviting institution on site (for citizens of China, Japan, and many European countries), and another one – only by a local branch of the Ministry of Interior (MI) (USA, Canada, Australia, etc.). The MI invitation process may take up to two months prior to issuance of invitation. Another option exists for citizens of 18 countries who can apply for electronic visa without invitation to stay in Vladivostok as a free port for 8 days (please, check <https://evisa.kdmid.ru/en-US/Home/Index>). If you need to apply for visa, please, contact Ms. Marina Gorelaia ([mgorelaia@mail.ru](mailto:mgorelaia@mail.ru)) at the Organizing Committee, and she will provide you with necessary details. The official invitation letter will be sent to you as soon as possible depending on procedure. Please, consult websites of Russian embassies/consulates in your countries for further details.



*Rapana venosa* (Valenciennes, 1848) (Muricidae), or the *veined rapa whelk*, a rare large local gastropod was selected for logo of the 2019 RFEMS seminar

