**EMECS 11 – SeaCoasts XXVI**

**Joint Conference**

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|  | **StudentS and Schools Partnership SESSION (SSP Meeting)*****CHANGING CLIMATE******in A Changing World******August 22-27, 2016******St. Petersburg, Russia*** |

On behalf of the International Center for Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (International EMECS Center) and «Sea Coasts» Working Group of the RAS Council on World Ocean, the Organizing Committee of the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU), P.P. Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IO RAS) and A.P. Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute (VSEGEI) are happy to invite you and your colleagues to special Students and Schools Partnership Session (SSP Meeting) in frame of EMECS’11 – SeaCoasts’XXVI Joint Conference “Managing Risks to Coastal Regions and Communities in a Changing World”.

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***Principles and Organization of SSP Meeting***

The SSP Meeting participants are defined as high school aged to undergraduate or roughly 15 – 20 years of age (under 20 year old on the day of Conference start).

The number of the SSP Meeting participants is limited. Selection will be made on the basis of:

* the abstracts review results by the SSP Meeting expert group;
* the review of scientific or educational organization where the work was performed. In the review should be indicated that the organization would cover travel, accommodation and personal expenses of the SSP Meeting participant.

The work of the SSP Meeting in frame of the Conference will be organized in forms of the panel discussions and posters session. In the work of the SSP Meeting panel discussions, the world level scientists and educators will participate.

One of the SSP Meeting results will be a SSP declaration with a young point of view that is parallel to the main Conference declaration.

The SSP Meeting participants will participate in unique SSP Meeting activities which be hosted by Russian student.

***Students and Schools Partnership (SSP) Session Committee***

**Bell Wayne,** *Senior Associate of Washington College, USA –* ***Co-Chair***

**Ryabchuk Daria,** *Leading Scientist of A.P. Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute, Russia –* ***Co-Chair***

**Ducrotoy Jean-Paul***, Reading Professor Emeritus of Coastal Sciences, Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies, University of Hull, France*

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**Shatrova Olga,***Russian State Hydrometeorological University, Russia*

***Languages***

The official language of the SSP Meeting is English.

***Venue and dates***

The SSP Meeting will take place on August 22-27, 2016 in St. Petersburg. Main venue of the SSP Meeting will be VSEGEI.

***Conference SSP Meeting Proceedings***

The Conference SSP Meeting Proceedings will be published in print and electronic versions. Format and rules for Abstracts and Full Papers are available on the Conference web-site.

***Key dates***

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| Registration open | *September 15, 2015* |
| Abstracts submitting open | *September 15, 2015* |
| Visa support request open | *September 15, 2015* |
| Deadline for the Abstracts for submission | *February 1, 2016* |
| Notification about the results of the abstracts review by the SSP Meeting expert group | *till February 15, 2016* |
| Deadline for papers submission to the Conference SSP Meeting Proceedings | *May 1, 2016* |
| Deadline for a visa support requests | *June 1, 2016* |
| Publication of the preliminary Conference SSP Meeting Program | *June, 2016* |
| Final program of the Conference SSP Meeting | *July, 2016* |

***Conference Organizing Committee informs you that registration form, abstract and paper will be processed ONLY through the Conference official website, in accordance with this key dates schedule.***

***All Conference SSP Meeting participants are kindly asked to follow the key dates schedule in order not to create any inconvenience in conference organization.***

***Visa***

Foreign participants and guests of the Conference SSP Meeting should have an entry visa. Visa support will be carried out by Conference Organization Committee, as an addition fee component, including:

* Russian migration service and duty payment (if need, depending on the country of residence),
* Submission of the original visa invitation to the Russian embassy or consulate in countries of the applicants.

This addition fee component don’t cover the costs related to visa application process in the Russian embassy or consulate in countries of the applicants.

The Conference Organizing Committee does not guarantee that you will be granted a visa since this is entirely the prerogative of the Embassy or Consulate of the Russian Federation in the applicant’s country to decide on.

Pleases note that your passport must be valid no less that 6 months after the trip finished, i.e. till February 21, 2017.

Forms for a visa request and value of the addition fee component, are available on the Conference web-site.

***Registration Forms***

Registration forms are available on the Conference web-site.

***Registration Fee***

***Registration fee for participants of SSP Meeting is 0 euro!***

The Registration fee includes:

* Complete set of the Conference materials;
* Publication in the Conference SSP Meeting Proceedings;
* Welcome reception;
* Coffee-breaks during the panel discussions and posters session of the SSP Meeting;
* Unique SSP Meeting activities which be hosted by Russian students.

Travel, accommodation and personal expenses are not included in the registration fee.

Visa support as an addition fee component is payed separately. The bank account information for transfer of the visa support is available on the Conference web-site.

***Hotel Accommodation***

Conference Organization Committee is planning to book the RSHU hostel for the Conference SSP Meeting participants by low price. The information will be available on the SSP Meeting page of the Conference web-site.

***Useful Links***

**http://www.emecs-sc2016.com – Official web-site of the Conference;**

http://visit-petersburg.ru/en – Official city tourist portal of St. Petersburg;

http://www.emecs.or.jp/en/ – International EMECS Center;

http://www.seacoasts.ru – «Sea Coasts» Working Group of the RAS Council on World Ocean;

http://www.rshu.ru/eng – Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU);

http://www.ocean.ru/eng – P.P.Shirshov Institute of Oceanology of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IO RAS);

http://www.vsegei.ru/en – A.P.Karpinsky Russian Geological Research Institute (VSEGEI).

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**DEAR FRIENDS!!!**