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Permafrost dynamics and indigenous land use in the Northern Urals: Combining insights of local land users, environmental and social scientists

IPA "Permafrost and Culture" Action Group

Scientific workshop, Vorkuta, 24-27 September 2017

Programme

24 September (Day 1)

09:00 Opening speech by Arkadii P. Shipunov, Director, "Gruppa razvedochnykh rabot", Vorkuta

09:10 Introductory presentation by Yegor M. Chugaev, Ministry of Agriculture, Komi Republic

09:25 Introductory presentation by Kirill Istomin and J. Otto Habeck

09:45 Short plenary discussion

10:00 Session 1: "Which (written and oral) sources of knowledge on permafrost and land use in the Northern Urals exist, and what are the main insights?" (Existing knowledge)

11:15 Tea/coffee break

11:30 Session 1 continued: towards compiling a preliminary report

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Organisational questions

13:45 Session 2: "What are the permafrost phenomena and processes least understood? What are questions that demand further research or action?" knowledge

15:00 Session 2 continued: towards compiling a preliminary report

15:45 Tea/coffee break

16:00 Session 3: "To what extent and how can we assess the prospects of land use and environmental change over the next twenty years?"

17:15 Session 3 continued: towards compiling a preliminary report

18:00 End of Day 1

25 September (Day 2)

09:00 Meeting point: Hotel Vorkuta [to be confirmed], departure to Faktoriia Syr'iaga

Arrival at Syr'iaga, field excursion (Faktoriia Syr'iaga is located at the shore of the lake Khasyrei-To at approximately 67°44'52"N 65°04'47"E (67.747763, 65.079867))

Facilitator of the stay at Faktoriia Syr'iaga: Sergei G. Pasyukov (Director, "Olenevod" Agricultural Cooperative)

26 September (Day 3)

Field excursion, departure from Syr'iaga in the afternoon

17:00 (approx.) Arrival at Vorkuta

27 September (Day 4)

09:00 Organisational questions

09:15 Short evaluation of the field excursion (brain-storming)

09:40 Plenary discussion

11:00 Tea/coffee break

11:15 Reassessing the preliminary reports of sessions 1, 2, 3 in the light of the insights gained during the field excursion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Concluding plenary

14:30 Preparation of written statements by session chairs and rapporteurs

15:30 End of workshop

16:00 Guided tour around the city of Vorkuta

18:00 End of the guided tour

Workshop Abstract

The overall goal of this workshop is to discuss the interplay between permafrost dynamics and indigenous land use in the tundra lowlands on the western side of the Northern Urals. The workshop will bring together representatives of three groups: local land users, environmental scientists and social scientists. The involvement of these groups is crucial, since each of them holds different understandings of permafrost landscape characteristics. The topic of indigenous land use has thus far rarely caught scientific attention in permafrost research. Previous scientific research in this region has mainly explored how permafrost-infrastructure interactions affect local cultures and social-economic development. Our intention is to complement this strand of scholarship with a focus on the more extensive forms of renewable resource use, notably mobile pastoralism. The workshop as an activity of the International Permafrost Association (IPA) Action Group Permafrost and Culture (PaC) will facilitate a synthesis of current knowledge and help identify needs for future research.

Relevant Literature

In preparation of the workshop, relevant literature can be found on Dropbox. Alternatively, you may use the zip file available from the organisers.

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