The conference which will be held under the auspices of the International Geographical Union (IGU) is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) - the largest world-renowned geographical research organization in Russia.

In addition to fundamental research, Institute of Geography has been closely associated with practical demands aimed at solving urgent national issues related to its research agenda. Its staff actively participated in the development and examination of territorial concepts, laws and norms regulating environmental protection and large-scale economic programs. Therefore, the main task of the conference is to sum up Russian and international experience in practically oriented research in the fields of social and environmental geography meeting the diverse and critical challenges of the XXI century.

Being the leading geographical scientific institution in Russia, the Institute of Geography RAS has always played a significant role in scientific cooperation between Russian (Soviet) geographers and foreign scholars. Institute of Geography staff have regularly participated in major international programs and projects, while the Russian National Committee of IGU functions in the framework of the Institute. Renowned geographers from the Institute have been repeatedly elected as IGU Commissions’ Chairs and members and Vice-Presidents of IGU. One of the most well-known was the untimely deceased corresponding member of RAS, IGU Vice-President (2000-2005) Nikita F. Glazovsky. The present conference is also dedicated to him and his scientific legacy.

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Important dates
01.11.2017 – deadline for sessions submission; opening of registration and abstracts submission
15.01.2018 – deadline for abstracts submission
20.02.2018 – decision on paper acceptance; early bird registration opens
15.04.2018 – preliminary programme published
20.04.2018 – early bird registration closes
04.06.2018 – Conference «Practical geography and XXI century challenges»

Programme
1. 100 years of Russian geography
2. Environmental challenges
3. Socio-environmental challenges
4. Social challenges
5. Geopolitical challenges
6. Technological challenges
7. Informational challenges
8. Challenges to geographical education

Tours:
The conference program includes scientific two-hour bus tour around Moscow. For an extra charge conference participants, may also take part in a two-day tour around the cities of the Russian Golden Ring and St. Petersburg on June 7-8.

Conference venue:
The conference will be held in the buildings of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow’s historical center near the Moskva-river.

Registration fee includes:
For regular and young scientists - participation in the conference; a conference badge; conference program, a USB with conference materials, a pen and writing pad; coffee breaks and lunches; participation in a bus tour around Moscow. For accompanying person see details.*

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