



XI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM "STEPPE OF NORTHERN EURASIA" (INTERNATIONAL STEPPE FORUM '2027)

The first information letter

Institute of Steppe of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IS UB RAS), together with other interested organizations, is holding the **XI International Symposium "Steppes of Northern Eurasia"**.

The Symposium will be held **in the first decade of June 2027** in Orenburg.

At the Forum, special attention will be paid to:

- the contribution of academic and university science to the study of the steppes of Eurasia;
- the role of the latest research methods in solving the problems of non-depleting nature management, ecological optimization of landscapes, and sustainable development of steppe regions in the context of modern changes and challenges.

THEMATIC AREAS OF THE SYMPOSIUM:

1. History, achievements, and prospects of steppe studies as a fundamental scientific field. Problems of preservation of steppe ecosystems in the 21st century (on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Institute of Steppe of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences).
2. Landscapes of steppe and adjacent regions, their structure and dynamics under the influence of economic activity and climate change.
3. Biological diversity of steppe landscapes: current threats and conservation strategies.
4. Environmental, hydrological, and water management issues and prospects for the rational use of the reclamation potential of steppe regions in the context of climate and anthropogenic changes.
5. Socio-economic, natural-resource, and tourist-recreational potential of the steppe regions. Problems and prospects of sustainable development of the steppe regions of Eurasia.
6. Geo-ecological and technological aspects of optimizing steppe land use.

Based on the received applications, panel sessions and round tables will be formed. Field sessions and scientific excursions are planned. An electronic collection of the Symposium's materials (RSCI, DOI) will be published before the Symposium begins.

To participate in the Symposium, a completed registration form (Appendix 1) must be sent to the Organizing Committee (steppe_forum@mail.ru) **by November 1, 2026**.

The subject of the email should be **Forum 2027**, and the name of the attached file should be the first author's last name and the number of the thematic area (for example: **Ivanov_2**).

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within three days, please resend the document.

Materials for publication in the electronic collection of the XI International Symposium "Steppes of Northern Eurasia" are accepted **until February 1, 2027**.

The second information letter with updated deadlines and conditions for participation, as well as additional options for publishing the materials selected by the Organizing Committee of the Symposium, will be sent based on the applications submitted **after February 15, 2027**.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED

The text must be typed in the Microsoft Word text editor, **Times New Roman font, 11 font size (abstract, keywords, and references are 10, and 10 is allowed for tables), single-spaced, 1.25 cm paragraph indent**, justified, on A4 paper (210x297 mm), with 20 mm margins.

The articles must have a UDC index. The UDC must match the title and purpose of the article, as well as the keywords. The article must be accompanied by an abstract in Russian and English (100-150 words) and keywords (3-5 words/phrases).

The text should follow the following structure: introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusions (summary), and acknowledgments.

The text should be no more than 3-5 pages, including figures, tables, diagrams, and a list of references. Automatic word wrapping is not allowed, and pages are not numbered. When typing, you should pay attention to the correct use of the "dash" and "hyphen" characters. The multiplication sign must be authentic.

Drawings and tables are placed in the text after the references to them and are numbered in order. The number and title of the table are aligned to the right above the table, and the number and title of the drawing are aligned to the left below the drawing. Additional graphic materials are provided as separate files in the *.jpg format with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

Formulas and mathematical symbols must be performed either in MS Word using the built-in formula editor.

References to literature in the text are indicated by numbers in square brackets – [3, 6], corresponding to their numbers in the list of literature. The Reference is placed at the end of the text; after 1 line, the words are printed: **References**, which are aligned to the left, font size 10 pt. Below, after one interval, sources are specified, which are placed in the list in the order of mention in the text. **The total number of sources in the list of references should not exceed 15.** In accordance with the general recommendations, the following information should be provided in the references:

- the names and initials of all authors (if there are more than ten authors, the first 10 authors should be listed followed by "and others");
- the title of the article (not required for books);
- the title of the source (book, journal, or collection);
- the editors (for a collection or book);
- For books and collections, specify the place (city) of publication and the publishing house;
- Publication year;
- Volume and issue number (for journals and periodicals);
- Pages of publication.

The materials must contain significant scientific results, correspond to the main thematic areas of the symposium, and be carefully edited and formatted according to the requirements.

The articles will be published in the authors' original version. The authors are responsible for the accuracy of the facts, the content, and the literacy of the provided materials, as well as for any legal or other consequences.

Articles that do not meet the requirements or are submitted after the specified deadline will not be accepted for publication.

Control dates:

November 1, 2026 – the end of the registration cards of the participants of the Symposium (Appendix 1).

February 1, 2027 – the end of the materials of the XI International Symposium “Steppes of Northern Eurasia”.

February 15, 2027 – the mailing of the second information letter with the specified terms and conditions of participation.

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If desired, the participants of the Symposium can discuss the directions and topics of the planned reports and presentations on the prospects of steppe studies and steppe land use on the following channels: <https://dzen.ru/id/653fa6c90eb21624a2c9fe76>

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Appendix 1

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PARTICIPANT(S) OF THE XI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
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Article title

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The thematic area of the Symposium

Registration data of the first author

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- only the publication of the article.

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