



XII CONFERENCE
«MARINE MAMMALS OF THE HOLARCTIC»
March 15–19, 2027, Murmansk, Russia
Conference website: <https://holarctic2027.ru/>

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues!

The Interregional Public Organization “Marine Mammal Council” (MMC), in collaboration with Murmansk Arctic University (MAU) and the A.N. Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IEE RAS), invites you to participate in the XII Conference “**Marine Mammals of the Holarctic**”.

Dates, Venue and Format

- **Dates:** March 15–19, 2027
- **Venue:** Murmansk Arctic University (MAU), Murmansk, Russia
- **Format:** Hybrid (in person with online streaming)
- **Working languages:** English and Russian

Conference Objectives and Key Topics

The Conference aims to provide a platform for regular discussions on current research, conservation strategies, and the management of marine mammal populations. Key thematic areas include:

- Population biology;
- Abundance estimation and monitoring;
- Ecology (feeding, distribution, habitats, migrations, etc.);
- Behaviour and acoustics;
- Physiology, toxicology and pollution;
- Marine mammal veterinary medicine;
- Advanced research methods;
- Conservation, management and legislation;
- Rehabilitation and keeping in captivity;
- Anthropogenic impacts and mitigation strategies.

Additional Events:

- Thematic round tables, working group meetings, workshops;
- Documentary film screenings;
- Photo exhibitions.

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Important Dates

Event	Deadline
Registration and Abstract submission opens	September 1, 2026
Abstract Submission deadline	November 15, 2026
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	December 15, 2026
Early Bird Registration Closes	December 30, 2026 (21:00 UTC)
Roundtable proposals Deadline	January 15, 2027
Preliminary Programme Publication	February 15, 2027
Late Registration Closes	February 28, 2027
Conference Dates	March 15–19, 2027

Registration Fees

(Payments can be completed online via the conference website or by contacting the organizers for direct bank transfer instructions)

Registration Terms	Registration Fee
Early Bird (September 1 – December 30, 2026)	€200
Late (January 1 – February 28, 2027)	€300
Guest Rate* (January 1, 2027 – Conference Start)	€100

** Includes attendance without oral/poster presentation or publication in the Abstract Book*

Students, postgraduate students, and non-working pensioners may be exempted from paying registration fees upon application and submission of supporting documents.

Registration fees cover conference organization, online streaming infrastructure, simultaneous interpretation, technical support, and production of the Program and Abstract Book.

Online Participation Options

To accommodate colleagues unable to attend in person due to travel constraints, two virtual participation options are available: Please note that online services (streaming platform, technical moderators, etc.) are organised separately from the in-person programme.

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Virtual Presenter Rate (€50)

Includes abstract publication in the Conference Proceedings, a live or pre-recorded presentation (15–20 minutes), live Q&A session via chat, full access to live stream sessions, and a digital copy of the Abstract Book.

Note on Pre-recorded Presentations: Speakers unable to present live due to time zone differences or technical issues may submit a recorded video presentation (15–20 minutes) by March 10, 2027. The presentation will be broadcast during the designated session, and the author should be available for a live Q&A via chat.

Virtual listener (Free of charge) *

Includes access to live stream sessions, chat Q&A access, and a downloadable copy of the Abstract Book.

** Prior registration is strictly required.*

Proposals for Roundtables and Workshops

The Organizing Committee invites proposals for working meetings, thematic roundtables and workshops on marine mammal research, conservation and management. Proposals should be submitted to holarctic_conference_2027@mail.ru by **January 15, 2027, and must include:**

- Title of the session;
- Contact details of the session organizer;
- Estimated number of participants and session duration

Abstract Submission

Abstracts submitted by **November 15, 2026**, formatted according to the guidelines and approved by the Organizing Committee, will be included in the Abstract Book. The Scientific Committee reserves the right to decline submissions that fall outside the conference scope or fail to meet formatting standards. Abstracts must be submitted **in both English and Russian**

- Submission is made via the conference website (opens September 1, 2026).

Abstract Formatting Guidelines

- **Length:** up to **2,000 characters (with spaces)** – longer texts will be automatically truncated.
- **Figures, tables, and references** are not allowed in the abstract text.
- **Formatting Details:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5-line spacing, 2 cm margins; (.doc or .docx format).

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Presenter Limit: One participant may serve as the primary (first) author on up to three (3) abstracts.

The Organizing Committee requests that the abstracts be submitted in two languages: English and Russian. The online form provides separate fields for the Russian and English versions of the abstracts.

**Note: indicate your presentation format (oral or poster) while submitting*

Conference Proceedings

The Organizing Committee is evaluating the publication of a peer-reviewed volume of proceedings, “*Marine Mammals of the Holarctic*” based on the conference materials. Authors may express their interest in submitting a full paper during online abstract submission.

A final decision will be announced later.

Contact Information

• **Scientific Program and General Inquiries:** Organizing Committee Email: holarctic_conference_2027@mail.ru

• **Technical Secretariat & Registration Operator (Monomax LLC)**
(Registration, Abstract Uploads, Payment, and Hotel Bookings)

• Coordinator: **Darina Pososhina**

• Phone: +7 921 5547044 (also available via Telegram, WhatsApp)

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• **Conference website:** <https://holarctic2027.ru/> (will open for registration and abstract submission soon)

Co-Chairs of the Organizing Committee:

• **S.V. Naidenko**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Head of IEE RAS

• **D.M. Glazov**, Chairman of the Board of the Marine Mammal Council

• **A.A. Yurmanov**, Candidate of Biological Sciences, Vice-Rector for Research at MAU

If you have general questions about the abstract submission process, please contact holarctic_conference_2027@mail.ru

Spread this information among your colleagues.

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