



## INFORMATION LETTER / CALL FOR PAPERS

**Dear colleagues,**

The Buryat State University (Ulan-Ude, Russia), the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO, Berlin, Germany), the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Sofia, Bulgaria), the Department of Anthropology of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (USA), and the Agency of Physical Culture and Sports of the Buryat Republic organize the

### **International Symposium**

## **“STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES IN DEVELOPING TRADITIONAL SPORTS: PAST EXPERIENCES AND CURRENT TRENDS”**

**in Ulan-Ude (Russia, Buryat Republic),  
1 - 3 July 2015**

Scientists, experts, students and anybody, who wants to share knowledge relevant to this topic, are invited to participate.

The **general goal of the symposium** is to bring together academic expertise from sport sciences with that of historical and social sciences.

The **main objective of the symposium** is to analyze diverse aspects of how ‘national’ (or ‘traditional’, ‘folk’ or ‘ethnic’) sports (e.g. Basque pelota, Buryat wrestling, Inuit ear pull, Tadzhik buzkashi, Scottish caber toss, and suchlike) have been performed in the past and are performed today. Special attention will be paid to historic and present contradictions in the developments and practices of these kinds of sports.

#### **Working languages:**

English and Russian

#### **Selection of the participants:**

The organizing committee of the symposium reserves the right to choose from the applicants those who may present at the symposium.

#### **Publication of the proceedings:**

A volume of elaborated presentations will be published **after** the symposium. Only papers, which were presented at the symposium, may be published in this volume.

## Primary scientific focuses of the symposium:

- Panel 1:

### History and Modernity: tendencies in the developments of traditional sports

This panel will deal with questions concerning the transformations of traditional indigenous contests into national sports and (recently) into transnational athletic activities and cultural representations:

- What have such changes been due to?
- Which have been the cultural, social and economic imperatives, and political purposes they have responded to?
- Who have been the actors initiating and directing them and how have these changes been implemented?
- Did these changes influence athletes' training methods and modes of competition, and if so, how?
- Which problems and conflicts have arisen in the processes of establishing and regulating national sports and of their recent internationalization and how have they been resolved?
- How have these changes been experienced in society?
- And how can be answered all these questions in regard to such processes ongoing today?

- Panel 2:

### Traditional sports and new sport science technologies

This panel will deal with interpretations of pedagogical principles and foundations of processes of perfection of sportive activity and ideas of human perfectibility associated with it. In particular will be discussed, which role in traditional sports play new approaches to athletes' training and competition preparation, including

- genetic engineering and gene doping;
- employment of systems of biomechanical analysis of training activities,
- computerized systems of analyzing and planning the workout load of athletes,
- employment of satellite navigation systems for monitoring training processes,
- modern-day sport management,  
etc.

## Program:

- The symposium will be held July 1-3, 2015. In addition to the two described panels, plenary meetings will be held for opening the symposium and for summing up its results. The two panels will be held in turns, so that all participants of the symposium may attend all presentations. A **detailed program** of the symposium will be finalized by the organizing committee after the selection of participants, and **will be distributed** in early March 2015.
- For after the symposium is planned to offer the participants a cultural and sightseeing program. This will include a visit of the Buryat national sport holiday "Naadan-Surkharban 2015," to be held in Ulan-Ude July 4-5, and an optional short trip to Lake Baikal.

### **Application for participation:**

Applications for participation and **abstracts** of proposed presentations **in English or Russian** of **maximal lengths of 300 words** need to be emailed to [6730@mail.ru](mailto:6730@mail.ru) by **February 14, 2015**.

Please format your applications in accordance to the following guidelines:

line 1: title of presentation,

line 2: your name(s),

line 3: country, town, academic or other affiliation,

below follows the text of your abstract in English or Russian of **maximal length of 300 words**.

Please use Word for Windows 2003 or newer and font Times New Roman size 14.

The organizing committee's finalized **selection of applicants who will be invited** to present at the symposium **will be announced in early March 2015**.

### **Registration fee:**

The participants of the symposium are required to pay a registration fee of €30. This fee has to be paid at the reception desk of the symposium after arrival.

### **Organizing committee of the symposium:**

#### **Chair of the organizing committee:**

Stepan Vladimirovich KALMYKOV – doctor of pedagogical sciences, professor, rector of the Buryat State University.

#### **Members of the organizing committee:**

Vladislav Matveyevich BUMBOSHKIN – head of the Agency of Physical Culture and Sports of the Buryat Republic;

Birgit KRAWIETZ – professor of Islamic studies, Free University (FU) Berlin;

Viktoria Vladimirovna NOMOGOYEVA – doctor of historical sciences, dean of the Faculty of History of the Buryat State University;

Katrin BROMBER – PhD, Dr. habil. of African studies, senior researcher at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) Berlin;

Tsuneo SOGAWA – professor at the Faculty of Sports Sciences of Waseda University, Japan;

Maksim Olegovich AKSENOV – candidate of pedagogical sciences, docent, post graduate researcher at the Department of Physical Culture Theory of the Buryat State University;

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**We are looking forward to see you at our symposium!**