

**11<sup>th</sup> International Conference**  
**‘Sustainable Natural Resources and Development in Mongolian Plateau’**



**August 8-9, 2016**

**Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Since 2005 the Mongolian Plateau science conference has served a venue for researchers from Mongolia, China, and Russia to share recent scientific advances in promoting sustainable development and natural resource management in the region. This 11th conference provides a platform to continue scientific efforts to inform policies and decision-making at the Mongolian Plateau. The 2016 conference highlights scientific contribution to understanding the causes and consequences of climate change in social-ecological systems in Mongolian plateau and its surrounding regions, and emerging solutions to climate-related hazards and socio-economic and natural resource degradation problems. Combining a variety of traditional and innovative interactive formats, this meeting encourages dialogue among diverse disciplines and across cultural, linguistic and national boundaries to think creatively about the future of Mongolian plateau, its social-ecological systems and the policies and practices needed to sustain them.

***Participation:*** The organizers warmly welcome researchers from all disciplines related to the sustainable future of social-ecological systems at the Mongolian plateau. We encourage participation of experienced scientists, young researchers as well as representatives of government agencies, donors, and NGOs who are interested in obtaining the most up-to-date scientific information relating the Mongolian Plateau and surrounding regions.

***Expected outcomes*** of the conference include increased interdisciplinary dialogue between scientists working on the thematic areas related to the Mongolian Plateau, synthesis of latest natural and social science results, identification of original solutions to challenges of sustainable development and resource management in the region. Young researchers are encouraged. Essentially, the organizers would like to see new ideas and proposals created by the conference for joint studies and cross-cultural research between scientists from different countries that inform sustainable development policies and decision-making in the region.

***Tentative Schedule:***

08-09 August: Registration, conference, dinner and student awards for best posters and papers

10-14 August: Field Excursion

***Working Language:*** English and Mongolian

**Conference Registration and Fees** The conference registration fee includes 2 tea-breaks and lunches each day, an awards reception, and a copy of the proceedings, as well as simultaneous translation in English and Mongolian. Conference fees are on a sliding scale in order to make participation affordable for students. Volunteer opportunities may be available in lieu of fees for Mongolian students.

Full fee (international scientists) \$150

Student fee \$25

Conference fees can be paid to the following accounts:

Transfers in **US** dollars:

Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia

Account name: Mongolian Society of Geography

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**Important Dates:**

Dec 07 Call for abstracts

April 11 Deadline for abstract submission

May 10 Notification of acceptance of abstracts

June 10 Deadline for submission of full papers

**Instructions for submitting abstracts:** Abstracts are limited to 350 words and should be in English. Each abstract should contain the following information: 1) brief background to the problem or issue, 2) clear statement of the research question or questions, 3) methods used, 4) results, and 5) conclusions and implications. Write in the first person. **In order to ensure consideration, abstracts should be submitted as an email attachment to: mongolianplateau2016@gmail.com, by April 11, 2016.** Please put the words “Mongolian Plateau-2016 abstract” in the subject line and indicate in the text of the email the preferred type of presentation: oral presentation or poster.

**Organizers:**

- The Institute of Geography and Geoecology
- The Mongolian Academy of Sciences
- National University of Mongolia
- Inner Mongolian Key Laboratory of Remote Sensing and Geography Information System, IMNU
- The Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research (IGSNRR) of Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Baikal Institute of Nature Management, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences
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