12th International Platinum Symposium

11-14 August 2014
Yekaterinburg, Urals, Russia

First Circular

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Announcement and invitation

Ore deposit geologists, mineralogists, geochemists, and metallurgists are invited to attend the 12th International Platinum Symposium (12th IPS) to be held in Yekaterinburg, Urals, Russia between 11 and 14 August 2014 under the auspices of the IAGOD Commission on the Ore Deposits in Mafic-Ultramafic Rocks (CODMUR) and the Department of Earth Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (DES RAS). Yekaterinburg (or Ekaterinburg) is the fourth largest city in Russia after Moscow, St-Petersburg, and Novosibirsk, and the administrative center of the Sverdlovsk Region (Sverdlovsk Oblast in Russian). It is located in the middle of the Eurasian continent, close to the geographical border between Europe and Asia. Yekaterinburg is a big industrial, business, scientific and cultural center of Russia. It has a short but very interesting history of its foundation and development, related to the exploration and exploitation of economic mineral deposits of the Urals.

A Welcome from the Chairman of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Vice-President of RAS

As Chairman of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), I have the pleasure and honor to invite scientists and officials of mining companies to participate in the XII International Platinum Symposium (12 IPS), which will be held for the first time in the Urals, where the world platinum industry has started its development. The Urals is not only the boundary separating the continents of Europe and Asia, but it is also a place that connects people from different continents, uniting them in the common Eurasian space. The unique geographical location of the Urals, its well-developed transportation infrastructure, and high level of social and economic development of the region make it attractive for investments and ambitious international projects, both in industry and science. The basis for this is the unique natural resources of the Urals exploited for over 300 years and still remaining the largest donor to the Russian industry.

The progress of mining, metallurgy, engineering and electronic industry in the Urals stimulated the development of science and the emergence of large scientific and research centers, universities and other higher education institutions here. Currently Yekaterinburg is one of the largest research centers in Russia, with the Ural Branch of RAS that has several dozens of research institutes in different fields of research. The Ural Branch includes six institutes, which carry out research in the field of the Earth sciences. One of them, the Institute of Geology and Geochemistry, UB RAS, is the organizer of the XII International Platinum Symposium. Suggested scientific sessions promise a stimulating scientific program of oral and poster presentations. A variety of field trips to the places, where many of us have never been before, also promise to attract many participants. I do anticipate that the time spent in the Urals and in Yekaterinburg will be for most of you the period of new scientific contacts, ideas and plans for the future. I would like to thank the organizers of the 12th IPS for their work and look forward to meeting you in Yekaterinburg.

Valery Charushin, Vice-President of RAS
A Welcome from the Rector of the Ural Federal University

As Rector of the Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia Boris N. Yeltsin, I am pleased to welcome participants of the XII International Platinum Symposium held on August 11th - 14th, 2014. This Symposium is a great event in the Scientific World and provides nice opportunities for discussing the most important problems concerning the platinum-group elements, their geology, mineralogy, geochemistry, exploration, mining and technical applications. The Ural Federal University and the local organizing committee hope to create a friendly working atmosphere for a wide exchange of innovative scientific ideas and new research projects for all attendees, and a learning experience for young scientists. The Urals has always been one of the most industrially developed regions of Russia.

A lot of world-class ore deposits of different types are situated in the Urals. They are the base for the Ural metallurgical and engineering industry. The Ural Federal University teaches tens of thousands of students each year, and after graduation most of them become leaders in this business. For the participants of the 12th International Platinum Symposium it will be interesting to learn that at the beginning of the XIX century the Urals became the biggest world producer of platinum and kept this position for more than 100 years. The first platinum placers were discovered in 1824 in the Central Urals and some of them are still exploited. The unique placers and small but famous ore platinum deposits are related to the so-called Ural Platinum Belt, the largest chain of mafic-ultramafic massifs that are situated in the Central and Northern Urals. You will get an opportunity to visit some massifs, deposits and enterprises and to touch upon the real history of the Ural metallurgical and platinum industry development. We hope that you will enjoy your trip to the Urals and your stay in our city and the University, and traveling in the Urals.

Yours sincerely
Victor Koksharov
Rector of the Ural Federal University
Venue

The 12th International Platinum Symposium will be held at the Institute of Humanities and Arts of the Boris Yeltsin Ural Federal University. The Ural Federal University is the largest university in the Urals, with an enrolment of about 50,000 students. It consists of several Institutes and Research Centers, covering the most important fields in Engineering, Economic, and Social Sciences. The main building of the Institute of Humanities and Arts, where the 12th IPS will be held, was constructed in the neoclassical style in 1957 on the central Lenin Avenue of Yekaterinburg opposite the Opera House. It has a conference hall with 300 seats and modern multimedia equipment. The University building also has many smaller lecture halls of various sizes and it is therefore often used for workshops and conferences. There are several hotels, restaurants, and cafes within a five-minute walk, and the downtown and historical center of Yekaterinburg is less than 10 minutes walking distance.

Organizers

A.N. Zavaritsky Institute of Geology and Geochemistry of the Uralian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Co-organizers

International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits
Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits
The Ural Federal University
Interdepartmental Petrographical Committee of Russian Academy of Sciences
Russian Mineralogical Society
IGCP Project 592 "Continental construction in Central Asia"

Important dates

10 January 2014
Abstract-submission available via Symposium website. Registration opens.
10 March 2014
Abstract submission deadline.
Deadline for submitting student grant applications
20 March 2014
Editorial decisions from conveners.
30 March 2014
Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection. Preliminary program.
10 April 2014
Final abstract revision by the authors.
Deadline for notification of student support.
20 April 2014
Deadline for early bird registration.
21 April 2014
Start for late registration (Only participate in Symposium without abstracts and not to be included in program. Participate in workshops and excursions if it is available)
31 May 2014
End of full registration refund (minus bank commission).
10 June 2014
End of partial registration refund.
Deadline for late registration.
International Program Committee and Advisory Board

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Symposium format

There will be four days for eight Thematic Sessions, including keynote, invited, and volunteered oral presentations, dedicated times for poster presentations, a comprehensive range of pre- and post-meeting field trips led by experts, and a two-day pre-meeting workshop organized by leading authorities.

Thematic sessions

Provisional Scientific program of the 12th International Platinum Symposium will include the following Sessions:

Session 1. Magma dynamics, cumulates and ore genesis.
Conveners: Rais Latypov (Rais.Latypov@wits.ac.za) and Steve Barnes (Steve.Barnes@csiro.au)
Keynote speaker: Christian Tegner

Session 2. PGE mineralization in mafic-ultramafic intrusions of Russia: geology and petrogenesis.
Conveners: Alexey Ariskin (ariskin@rambler.ru) and Wolfgang Maier (MaierW@cardiff.ac.uk)
Keynote speakers: Sarah-Jane Barnes and Andrey Izokh

Session 3. PGE-Cu-Ni sulphide-bearing ultramafic-mafic intrusions of the Noril’sk Province: insights into ore genesis and exploration.
Conveners: Kreshimir Malitch (dunite@yandex.ru) and Chusi Li (cli@indiana.edu) Keynote speakers: Nicholas Arndt and Nadezhda Krivoloutskaya

Conveners: Sarah-Jane Barnes (sjbarnes@uqac.ca), Marina Yudovskaya (maiya@igem.ru) and Judith Kinnaird (judith.kinnaird@wits.ac.za)
Keynote speakers: Edward Ripley and Alexandr Sobolev

Session 5. Ophiolites and Ural-Alaskan-type intrusions: traditional and innovative looks on the PGM formation.
Conveners: Evgeny Pushkarev (pushkarev.1958@mail.ru) and Edward Ripley (ripley@indiana.edu)
Keynote speaker: Giorgio Garuti

Session 6. PGE and Au through experiments (the session will be sponsored by SGA).
Conveners: Alexander Borisov (aborisov@igem.ru) and Anna Vymazalova (anna.vymazalova@geology.cz)
Keynote speakers: James Brenan and Boris Tagirov

Session 7. New advances in the understanding of PGE mineralogy from magmatic to supergene environments (the session will be sponsored by SGA).
Conveners: Tanya Evstigneeva (evst@igem.ru) and Federica Zaccarini (federica.zaccarini@unileoben.ac.at)
Keynote speaker: Thomas Oberthuer

Session 8. Open Session.
Conveners: Elena Anikina (Elena.Anikina@igg.uran.ru) and Frank Melcher (frank.melcher@unileoben.ac.at)
Keynote speakers: Thierry Auge and Kreshimir Malitch

This program may be modified before the Symposium. The final program will be available on the Symposium website and handed out at the Symposium.
# Field trips

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<td>1. Ultramafic-mafic intrusions, volcanic rocks and PGE-Cu-Ni deposits of the Noril'sk Province, Polar Siberia</td>
<td>August 1-8, 2014</td>
<td>Sergei Sluzhenikin (<a href="mailto:sluzh@igem.ru">sluzh@igem.ru</a>), Nadezhda Krivolutskaya (<a href="mailto:nakriv@mail.ru">nakriv@mail.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>2. The Kondyor zoned clinopyroxenite-dunite massif and related platinum placers, Aldan shield, Siberian Craton</td>
<td>August 1-8, 2014</td>
<td>Vladimir S. Prihod'ko (<a href="mailto:vladimir@itig.as.khb.ru">vladimir@itig.as.khb.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>Vladimir Shmelev (<a href="mailto:shmelev@igg.uran.ru">shmelev@igg.uran.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>4. Geology, structure and composition of the unique VMS deposits in the Southern Urals</td>
<td>August 4-7, 2014</td>
<td>Sergey Znamensky (<a href="mailto:znamensky_sergey@mail.ru">znamensky_sergey@mail.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>Elena V. Anikina (<a href="mailto:Elena.Anikina@igg.uran.ru">Elena.Anikina@igg.uran.ru</a>), Kreshimir N. Malitch (<a href="mailto:dunite2009@mail.ru">dunite2009@mail.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>August 15-16, 2014</td>
<td>Evgeny V. Pushkarev (<a href="mailto:pushkarev.1958@mail.ru">pushkarev.1958@mail.ru</a>)</td>
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<td>7. The Ioko-Dovyren mafic-ultramafic layered intrusion in the Northern Baikal region and associated PGE-Cu-Ni deposit</td>
<td>August 15-25, 2014</td>
<td>Evgeny Kislov (<a href="mailto:evg-kislov@yandex.ru">evg-kislov@yandex.ru</a>)</td>
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Useful information about climate, medical service, vaccinations, liability and insurance, currency exchange, credit cards, and shopping, time zone, security, meals, Internet and e-mail access and others can be found on the 12 IPS website at [http://12ips.uran.ru](http://12ips.uran.ru)
Registration and payments

Registration must be done on-line using the registration facilities of the 12th IPS website at http://12ips.uran.ru. Payments must be made directly into Symposium bank account. Detailed information how to proceed with payments can be found on the 12th IPS website at http://12ips.uran.ru

Contact person: Elena Anikina RegistrationFee@igg.uran.ru, Fax +7(343) 3711997

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| Accompanied person | 100 Euro | 150 Euro |

One day registration will not be possible.

The meeting registration fee will include the welcoming reception, access to all technical (oral and poster) sessions, all meeting materials including the final program and conference abstract volume in digital format, morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunches and friendship dinner at the end of Symposium, Social events during the Symposium. The registration fee for an Accompanying person includes: the Ice Breaker Party, Symposium Dinner, Social events during the Symposium.

Official language

The official language of the Symposium, including workshops and excursions, will be English, and regrettably no translation facilities will be available.

Field trips

The table below lists the field trips that are planned under umbrella of the 12th IPS prior and after the Symposium. Bookings for field trips at 12th IPS will be allocated on a “first-come, first serve” basis. Questions about a field trip should be directed to the advertised organizers of the respective trip. The field trip guidebooks will be distributed by the field trip leaders.

Field trip registration must be done at the time of registration. Bookings for the field trips will be allocated on a “first-come, first serve” basis. Please be responsible for early symposium and field trip registration. The lists of the field trip participants will be posted on the Symposium website. If the field trip is cancelled by the 12 IPS organizing committee, all fees will be refunded. Field trip registrations cancelled after 10 April 2014 will be refunded only if the minimum number of participants has been exceeded. Organizations may send alternative participant to the Symposium, workshop, or field trip(s) if the original registrant is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. However, any changes must be approved by the 12 IPS organizing committee. Follow “Important dates” page on the 12 IPS website.
Abstract guide (http://12ips.uran.ru)

The authors have to send their abstracts to the conveners of scientific sessions where you are planning to have the oral or poster presentations. Please choose the scientific session on the 12 IPS website where you prefer to have your presentation and take e-mails of conveners. The Local organizing group doesn't accept the abstracts. All abstracts must be prepared in accordance with the "Abstract guide" rules from the 12 IPS website. Abstracts must be written in English up to 2 pages in length. Each registrant may submit only two abstracts as senior author and must indicate when they submit it whether they require an oral presentation (i.e., abstract withdrawn if no oral space available), whether they prefer an oral presentation (i.e., assigned a poster if oral space is not available), or whether they prefer a poster presentation. Oral presentations will be selected so as to provide the best-balanced program and to cover the most recent developments in each of the meeting themes. The abstract must include the title, authors, their affiliation, text, tables, figures (colored, grayscale or black and white) and references. The abstracts must be ready for printing. No English language correction will be provided. We encourage you to have your abstract edited professionally. For non-native English speakers, we recommend to use on-line services for translation of the abstracts. For example, Elsevier http://webshop.elsevier.com/languageediting/.

Abstracts will be accepted only from authors who attend the conference and present their work in either poster or oral form. Submission of an abstract implies a commitment to attend the meeting, and the abstracts of authors who do not register for the meeting or who cancel their registration prior to the meeting will not be included in the abstract volume.

The deadline for abstract submissions is 10 March 2014. The deadline for early registration for presenters is 20 April 2014.

Posters

Posters should not exceed the dimensions of the poster board: 170 cm x 120 cm (double vertical A0). The poster boards are arranged in 'landscape' format (longest dimension is horizontal). Additional instructions for poster presenters will be posted on the 12th IPS website. Questions may be directed to Evgeny Pushkarev pushkarev.1958@mail.ru

Oral Sessions

The oral sessions will be conducted in English. No translation facilities will be provided. Keynote presentations will be 30 minutes (25 minutes for the presentation plus 5 minutes for questions); invited and volunteered presentation will be 20 minutes (15 minutes for the presentation plus 5 minutes for questions). All oral presentations must be illustrated by PowerPoint slides and must run at XGA (1024x768) resolution under Windows or Mac OSx. Only one digital projector and one screen will be available. No slide or overhead projectors will be available. Additional instructions for oral presenters will be posted on the 12th IPS website.

Two-day pre-meeting workshop, 9-10 August 2014

Processes in magma chambers with implication to genesis of ore deposits
Leaders: Rais Latypov (Rais.Latypov@wits.ac.za) and Steve Barnes

All necessary information about program of the Workshop can be found on the 12th IPS web-site at http://12ips.uran.ru
Publications

All abstracts will be published in electronic format (PDF) on the 12 IPS website and on the CD will be provided to all participants at the meeting. The abstracts will be downloadable from the 12th IPS website as PDFs during and after the meeting. A printed copy of the abstracts is available against a fee of 25 Euro on request. The field trip guidebooks will be provided by the field trip leaders.

It is intended to publish contributions in four journal thematic issues after the 12th International Platinum Symposium:

Thematic issue of Mineralium Deposita on “PGE mineralization in mafic-ultramafic intrusions of Russia: geology and petrogenesis” being edited by Wolfgang Maier (MaierW@cardiff.ac.uk - primary contact) and Alexey Ariskin (ariskin@rambler.ru).

Thematic issue of Canadian Mineralogist on “PGE mineralogy from magmatic to supergene environments” being edited by Federica Zaccarini (Federica.Zaccarini@unileoben.ac.at - primary contact) and Tatiana Evstigneeva (evst@igem.ru).

Thematic issue of Journal of Petrology on "From igneous petrology to ore genesis" being edited by Rais Latypov (Rais.Latypov@wits.ac.za - primary contact), Stephen Barnes (Steve.Barnes@csiro.au) and Christian Tegner

Geology of Ore Deposits - Springer will publish the original results of investigations related to the thematic sessions of 12th IPS. Editor-in-Chief: Nikolai S. Bortnikov

The journal thematic issues will include both invited papers and papers volunteered by 12th IPS participants. In order to ensure timely publication following the meeting, manuscripts must be submitted at the meeting. Participants interested in contributing to the special issues should contact the Editors of these thematic issues.

Exhibits

Limited space is available for exhibits at the conference venue. Please contact Dasha Kiseleva from the local organizing group (kiseleva@igg.uran.ru) for more information regarding reservation and prices.

Sponsors

Open Joint Stock Company "Mining and Metallurgical Company "Norilsk Nickel" will sponsor the excursion to the Noril’sk-type Ni-Cu-PGE sulfide deposits

Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits will sponsor the Session № 6 "PGE and Au through experiments” and the Session № 7 "New advances in the understanding of PGE mineralogy from magmatic to supergene environments”

The Amur mining company (Khabarovsk) will sponsor the excursion to the Kondyor clinopyroxenite-dunite massif (Aldan Shield).

Sponsorship is available in different categories. Please contact Dasha Kiseleva from the local organizing group (kiseleva@igg.uran.ru) for more information.
Student Travel Awards

The organizers of the very successful 12th IPS are pleased to make 5 travel awards available to current MSc students, current PhD students, or PDFs within 1 year of obtaining PhD who wish to attend the 12th IPS to present a talk or poster. Applications, including 1) a justification of how the student will benefit from attending the meeting, 2) a justification of need for the financial support that includes a summary of all other available funding, and 3) a message from the research supervisor confirming their enrolment/graduation status and financial need, should be sent by e-mail to Prof. Michael Lesher (mlesher@laurentian.ca). Awards will be up to CDN$1250 each and will be given to the students at the 12IPS.

The Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA) offers 8 travel grants (each of 250 Euro) to SGA students to participate at the 12th International Platinum Symposium. The award of the student grant requires the acceptance of an abstract for oral or poster presentation, and will be based on financial need and scientific quality of the submitted presentation. The application form should send to Anna Vymazalova (anna.vymazalova@geology.cz) by March 10, 2014.

Accommodation

There are several three to five stars hotels and hostels of different quality and price within walking-distance of the Conference Centre. The Organizing Committee plans to obtain agreements with hotel administrations to reduce room prices for all participants of the Symposium. This information will be available in early 2014 during the Symposium registration process. You may obtain preliminary information about hotels and room prices through the hotels web pages loaded at the 12th IPS website.

Social Program

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Ice Breaker Party (free of charge), August 10, 2014
Symposium Dinner (free of charge), August 13, 2014
Geological Museum (free of charge), during Symposium. Contact person: Galina Shardakova (shardakova@igg.uran.ru)
Philharmonic Hall and Opera House, during Symposium

Visa Requirements

Only a few countries have visa-free arrangements for entering Russia, so all participants should check with their Russian Embassy as soon as possible to determine which documents will be required. The local organizing group will be pleased to send you an official invitation as a participant of Symposium, but we advise to contact the Russian Embassy in your country first to check the details you may require to enter Russia. Perhaps, you have to fill a special questionnaire and send us a copy of your passport before we will be able to prepare for you an invitation. Note that in some cases the Russian Federation has special agreements with other countries that provide easier ways for scientists, sportsmen, and artists to obtain visa.

Please contact Dasha Kiseleva for visa support, visa_12ips@mail.ru
Travel to Yekaterinburg

Yekaterinburg International Airport “Koltsovo” is served by direct international flights from Minsk, Rome, Sofia, Frankfurt, Munich, Prague, Barcelona, Vienna, Dubai, Tel Aviv, Istanbul, Tashkent, and Helsinki, and numerous transfer and seasonal charter flights to Turkey, Spain, and other countries. There are daily flights to Moscow’s Domodedovo Airport by Ural Airlines, S7, and Transaero, to Moscow’s Sheremetyevo airport by Aeroflot, and to Moscow’s Vnukovo airport by Skyexpress and Vladivostock Air. There are also connections to Saint Petersburg with Rossiya and Ural Airlines companies. Ural Airlines also has a wide number of domestic flights all over Russia. Information about flights, tickets, and service can be found on the Koltsovo airport website http://www.koltsovo.ru/en/ or using the internet services of the international aircraft companies.

The Trans-Siberian Railway, connecting European Cities-Moscow-Saint Petersburg-Samara-Perm-Chelyabinsk-Novosibirsk-Irkutsk-Khabarovsk-Vladivostok-Chinese Cities goes through Yekaterinburg. The length of this line from Moscow to Vladivostok is close to 9300 km and it is the longest railway in the world. The Yekaterinburg Main Railway Station comprises three building of different ages. The oldest building, constructed in 1878, is now used as a Railway Museum. The youngest building was constructed in 1912 and re-constructed in 1939, and is now used as the Main Railway Station. There are daily trains to Moscow and many other cities and towns in Russia from the central Railway station. You may book tickets using the Internet site of the Russian Railway Company http://eng.rzd.ru/static/public/. The booking offices at the Yekaterinburg Central Station are situated on the ground floor. There is an extensive network of local trains serving the surrounding region.

Please be aware that further information regarding the 12 IPS should be traced via the 12th IPS website: http://12ips.uran.ru

WELCOME!