

CryoNet Asia Workshop

(Second Session)

Salekhard, 2 – 5 February 2015

Administration of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Molodezhi st., 9
Field trip: Ob' river near the town of Salekhard, 4 February 2015

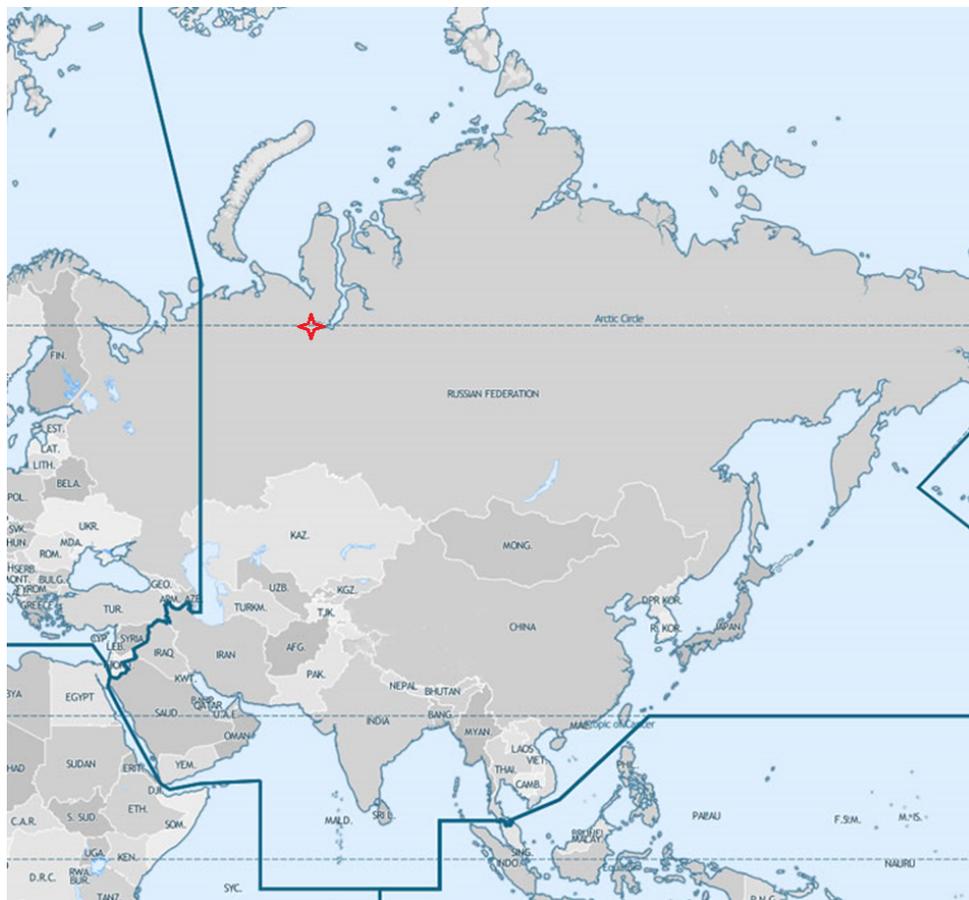


Information for the Participants

2nd CryoNet Asia Workshop

The World Meteorological Organization's Global Cryosphere Watch (GCW) is an international mechanism for supporting all key cryospheric in-situ and remote sensing observations. To meet the needs of WMO Members and partners in delivering services to users, the media, public, decision and policy makers, *GCW provides authoritative, clear, and useable data, information, and analyses on the past and current state of the cryosphere*. GCW includes observation, monitoring, assessment, product development, prediction, and research. It provides the framework for reliable, comprehensive, sustained observing of the cryosphere through a coordinated and integrated approach on national to global scales to deliver quality - assured global and regional products and services. GCW is fulfilling its objectives through a number of specific activities. Many build on existing information, observations, and programs. All are done in consultation with the community of cryospheric scientists and organizations. "CryoNet" constitutes the core network of surface observations of GCW that applies agreed practices, and which builds on existing networks.

The main objective of the 2nd CryoNet Asia Workshop is to develop practical aspects of the implementation of CryoNet in Asia (WMO Regional Association II) based on the decisions of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress (25 May – 12 June 2015) and the GCW Implementation Plan. This includes, among others, (a) identifying new stations/sites that could become CryoNet or contributing sites in both terrestrial and marine environments in Asia; (b) reviewing existing observing practices for cryospheric observations and examining advances in measurement techniques; and (c) discussing data policies.

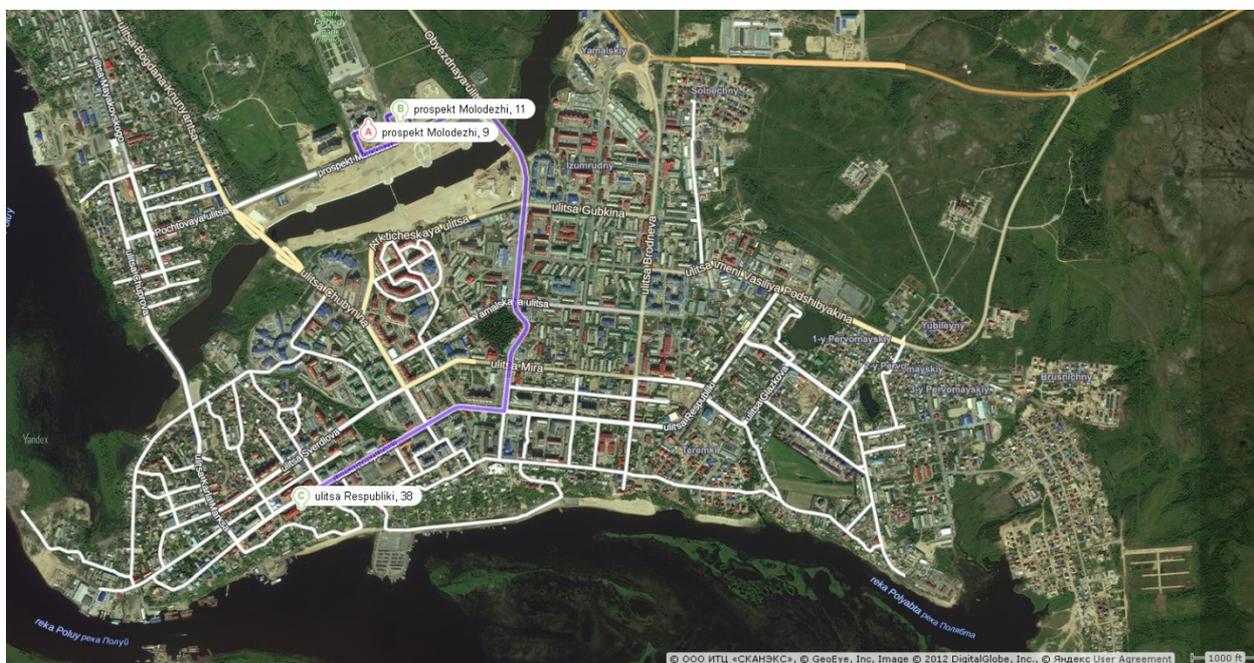


The workshop is organized jointly the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute (AARI) of Roshydromet, Administration of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug (YaNAO) and the WMO Secretariat and is planned to include 3 days of plenary meetings and 1 day of field training on Ob' river. Cultural programme will be organized at the courtesy of YaNAO Administration.

Salekhard (66°32'N 66°36'E), venue of the meeting, is a small picturesque town (42500 inhabitants) on Ob' river and the administrative center of Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Russia. It is the closest town to the Polar circle, the main parts being about 1 kilometer (0.62 mi) south and suburbs stretching to the north of the circle.

Meeting Venue

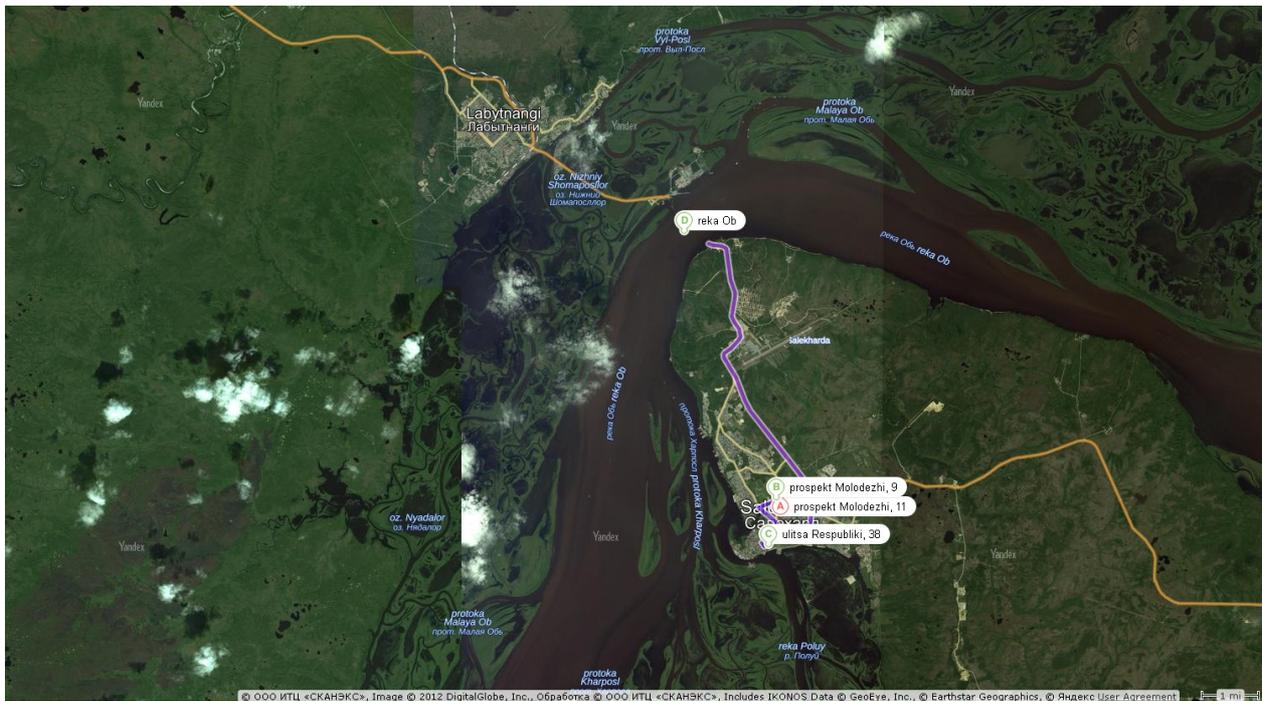
Conference hall (sign A on the map), YaNAO Administration. Address: Administration of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Molodezhi st., 9, Salekhard, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, 629008, Russia. Tel. +7(34922)2-29-29, 2-29-30 / Fax +7(34922)4-79-99 / E-mail: gov@ecm.yanao.ru



Training venue

Training (sign D on a map) will be organized at a site on river ice of Ob' river. Proposed place is on the winter road crossing the river between the towns of Labytnangi and Salekhard.

Expectations for the training site are 50...70 cm (fresh water river ice), ~30-40 cm (snow). AARI together the YaNAO Administration will organize transportation (20-30 minutes) of the participants from the meeting venue to the training site, training (3 hours) and back. Some cleaning of the site (from the snow) and its approaches is possible upon request from the organizers.



Visa Formality

Participants from most of the countries should apply for either Tourist or Business Russian visas (pending citizenship and type of passport - ordinary, official) at the nearest consular department of Russian Federation. Please do check the official visa requirements at <https://visa.kdmid.ru>. An informal summary is also available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_Russia.

Invitation letters for business visa for participants from the EU will be issued by the AARI. Support for business visas for participants from other countries will be organized jointly by AARI and Roshydromet. Participants applying for business visa are kindly requested to fill the visa form (attached) and send it to local organizers at AARI.

To obtain a tourist visa participants will need a voucher from the hotel. Voucher will be provided by e-mail to participant upon the time of booking. For additional information you are welcome to contact the local organizers from AARI and YaNAO Administration.

Time zone: UTC+5 (MSK+2)

Currency

Russian Federation currency is the Ruble (RUB), 1 USD = 55 RUB, 1 EUR = 62 RUB as of 1 July 2015. Several money exchanges / ATM are located a couple of blocks from the meeting venue.

Airport

Salekhard airport (IATA code SLY, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salekhard_Airport) is located 7 km north of the city. Yamal airlines (<http://yamal.aero>) and S7 airlines (<http://s7.ru>) are conducting daily direct flights from Moscow to Salekhard. IrAvia avialines (<http://iraero.ru>) is conducting flights to Salekhard from Novosibirsk and Omsk cities in Siberian Russia. It is highly recommended to make reservations for direct flights and economy class well in advance (3 months or more), though there are options getting to

Salekhard with stopovers in Tumen' and Omsk (also in Siberian Russia) by Yamal airlines. Transportation from the airport to the hotel will be organized by YaNAO Administration and AARI though using taxi is also a choice. Please do inform the local organizers about details of your arrival and departure.

Hotel accommodation

The participants should inform the organizing committee about the dates of arrival and departure, type of the room and need for a voucher for the tourist visa.. Block reservation is already made by local organizers for 50 participants in hotels Yuribey (20 single rooms, 20 double rooms) and Arktika (10 single rooms). Pending participants will be met in the airport, inquiries on reservation are recommended only in cases of a need for additional information/special requests or number of participants exceeding 50. Recommended hotels:

Hotel Yuribey, 4 star (sign B on the map).

In close vicinity of the meeting venue (200m). English-speaking staff, Wi-Fi.

Address: Molodezhi st., 11, Salekhard, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, 629008, Russia. Additional information on reservation/special requests can be made by tel. +7 (34922) 2-52-00 / 2-52-01. Prices:

- single room: 5550 RUB(101 USD), with 3 meals - 8600 (5550+3100) RUB (156 USD),
- double room (2 persons): 5900 RUB (107 USD), with 3 meals: 1 person - 9000 (5900+3100) RUB (163 USD), two persons: 12100 RUB (220 USD)

Hotel Arktika, 3 stars (sign C on the map)

3 km distance from the meeting venue, transportation to the meeting venue will be organized by the local committee. Address: Ulitsa Respubliki 38, 629008 Salekhard, Russia. Reservation (in case of number of requests for this hotel exceeds 10) can be made via <http://booking.com>).

Prices:

- single room: 5550 RUB(101 USD), with 3 meals - 7750 RUB (141 USD),
- double room (2 persons): 5800 RUB (105 USD), with 3 meals, two persons: 10300 RUB (187 USD)

You may also check other hotels at <http://www.tripadvisor.com> or <http://booking.com> or <http://www.101hotels.ru>

Meals

It is recommended to make hotel arrangements with three daily meals. Coffee breaks twice a day during the plenary and training will be organized by the local committee (free of charge or for a small fee).

Internet

Wi-Fi should be available during the plenary meetings and at least at Yuribey hotel.

Climate data for Salekhard

Participants should be prepared for low temperatures close to -23...25°C and aware of a possibility of temperature extremes up to -30...35°C, with snowy weather highly possible. Check Moscow Hydrometcenter actual weather and forecast information at <http://wmc.meteoinfo.ru/forecasts5000/russia/jamalo-nenetskij-ar> Participants should

remember to bring warm clothes to Salekhard themselves. That should also include warm gloves, high boots, snow glasses for a several hours training trip to Ob' river.

Solar calendar (local time, UTC+5)

| date | sunrise | transit | sunset | daylength |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 2016-01-31 | 09:42:01 | 12:46:01 | 15:50:00 | 06:07:58 |
| 2016-02-01 | 09:38:20 | 12:46:10 | 15:54:00 | 06:15:40 |
| 2016-02-02 | 09:34:37 | 12:46:18 | 15:58:00 | 06:23:22 |
| 2016-02-03 | 09:30:54 | 12:46:26 | 16:01:58 | 06:31:04 |
| 2016-02-04 | 09:27:10 | 12:46:33 | 16:05:56 | 06:38:45 |
| 2016-02-05 | 09:23:26 | 12:46:39 | 16:09:52 | 06:46:26 |
| 2016-02-06 | 09:19:41 | 12:46:44 | 16:13:48 | 06:54:06 |
| 2016-02-07 | 09:15:55 | 12:46:49 | 16:17:42 | 07:01:46 |

Electricity: Voltage: 220-240 Volts. Primary Socket Type: Europlug.

Language: Workshop will be held entirely in English.

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| First name (Name) | |
| Nationality | |
| Sex | |
| Country of residence | |
| Date and place of birth | |
| Passport number | |
| Date of issue/Date of expiry | |
| Organization of affiliation (Name and full address) | |
| Position, tel., fax | |
| Date of arrival to Russia | |
| Date of departure from Russia | |
| Cities to be visited including St.Petersburg | |
| Country and city of visa application (with the Russian embassy) | |

Note: Please attach scanned copy of the first page of your passport.