**Museum and Exhibition Centre for Technical and Technological Development of the Arctic**

**(Arctic Museum and Exhibition Centre)**

**Branch of the World Ocean Museum in St. Petersburg – "Icebreaker *Krassin*"**

Seventh International Conference

“Polar Readings – 2019”

**State and Public**

**Organisations in the Management of the Arctic:**

**Past, Present, Future**

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**“Polar Readings – 2019”** will focus on the history of and prospects for cooperation between state and public organisations in the management of the Arctic. This theme is extremely relevant in connection with the implementation of large-scale projects and the need to develop effective mechanisms for managing Arctic activities. The 2019 conference will turn to the rich historical experience of our country and will consider the experience of the Main Directorate of the Northern Sea Route (Glavsevmorput), the various Arctic committees, the state Committee and other organizations involved in Arctic management.

The conference will be held in St. Petersburg at the **end of April 2019** on board of the Branch of the World Ocean Museum in St. Petersburg – "Icebreaker *Krassin*”.“Polar Readings – 2019” will be held on the eve of the Icebreaker Festival on the River Neva.

Historians, archives staff, museums, libraries, undergraduate and graduate students of various educational institutions, restorers, archaeologists and collectors are all invited to participate in the conference.

***The conference will among others focus on the following themes:***

- Activities of the various federal (administrative and scientific) institutions, committees, and commissions on the Arctic and the North (Siberian Department, Jakutskaya prikaznaya izba, the Admiralty Board, the Main Hydrographic Office, the Russian Geographical Society, the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Russian Academy of Sciences’ Polar Commission, the Northern Scientific-Commercial Expedition, etc) from the 17th century to the middle of the 20th century;

- History and experience of the Main Directorate of the Northern Sea Route: its territorial management and various subdivisions (1932-1964);

- Experience of international organisations in the management of scientific research and development of the Arctic;

- Activities of the Commissions on Indigenous Peoples of the North;

- Activities of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON);

- Historical experience of interaction between state and public organisations in Arctic governance;

- Prospects for cooperation between state and public organisations in the management of the Arctic on the basis of historical experience.

All the presentations will be published in the “Polar Readings’’ Conference yearly publication.

**The deadline for submitting applications and abstracts (up to 500 words) is 1st December 2018.** In your application, please include the title of your presentation, your coordinates (affiliations, position, academic degree, phone, fax and e-mail). Accepted abstracts will be published on "Polar Readings" website (<http://polarconf.ru>). **Once your abstract and presentation have been accepted, the deadline for submitting your article is 1st June 2019**

**Requirements:** articles should be max 15 pages (Times New Roman 12) in .doc/.docx with no more than five (5) black-and-white photographs, drawings, charts in .jpeg (minimum 300 dpi) with a legend under each figure; references to each figure should also be made within the text, eg. (photo 1). All links and references are made in footnotes.

The organising committee reserves the right to select applications for participation, as well as articles for publication.

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