

# Holarctic marmots as a factor of biodiversity, Cheboksary, Russia, 25 - 29 August 1997

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Commission on Marmot Investigations of Theriological Society of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ministry of Natural Resources and Nature Protection of Chuvash Republic, National Academy of Sciences and Arts of Chuvash Republic invite you to the 3rd International conference on marmots. The conference will be held in the city of Cheboksary (Russia, Chuvash Republic) from 25th to 29th August, 1997.

At the conference, we intend to discuss a wide variety of problems concerning study, conservation and management of marmots, all over the world. Program of the conference will include plenary talks divided between several sessions and posters. Topics of the sessions as well as other scientific events (roundtables, workshops, etc.) during the conference will be specified later on the base of topics of the abstracts.

The official languages of the conference are English and Russian. Deadline of registration is 1st May 1997. For registration form contact Dr. Oleg V. Brandler - fax: (095) 135-7583 or Dr. Vadim Yu. Rumiantsev via e-mail: vyurum@biogeo.geogr.msu.su

## Abstracts

To encourage people to contribute maximum papers, three presentations per person are allowed for the first author, and one may be coauthor of unlimited number of contributions presented by others. Length of each abstract prepared for publication is limited to two standard printed pages (A4), including figures, tables, references. Authors from the former USSR countries must send abstracts both in Russian and in English, others - only in English. You are welcomed to send abstracts via e-mail in UUENCODE form. Abstracts must be sent before 15th May 1997.

## Travel and accommodation

For the participants from the "West" countries, travel to the place of the conference is supposed to be organized from Moscow by train. The one-way ticket Moscow-Cheboksary is about 200,000 rubles or 40 USD (1996). The train tickets may be also reserved for the participants from the former USSR.

Accommodation of participants will be in the Hotel of the Administration of the President of Chuvash Republic in the city of Cheboksary. Prices are quoted per room and night (first figure - Russian rubles, thousands; second figure - USD):

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room :	single	double	for three persons
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Participants from the former USSR:

top class	140 (\$ 25)	100 (\$ 18)	-
first class	90 (\$ 17)	50 (\$ 18)	40 (\$ 7.5)

Participants from the "West" countries:

top class	376 (\$ 68)	350 (\$ 63)	-
first class	200 (\$ 36)	130 (\$ 23)	-

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Prices do not include meal. Meal expenses will be about 55,000 rubles or \$ 10 per day.

## Registration fee

- for the participants from the former USSR:
  - until 1 April - USD 20,
  - until 1 June - USD 30,
  - after 1 June 1st or at the conference - USD 40
- for the participants from the West countries:
  - until 1 April - USD 100,
  - until 1 June - USD 120,
  - after 1 June 1st or at the conference - USD 150.

## Excursions

During the conference several excursions are planned: around the city of Cheboksary, to Cheboksary's water reservoir, and to a colony of marmots.

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