

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
“P. P. SEMENOV-TIAN-SHANSKY AND MODERN GEOGRAPHY”**

**INFORMATION LETTER No. 1**

Dear colleagues,

The Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences invites you to participate in the International Scientific Conference dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of the outstanding Russian geographer, statistician, and public figure Pyotr Petrovich Semenov-Tian-Shansky.

The conference will be held from from **26 to 29 April 2027** at the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The aim of the conference is to discuss the scientific legacy of P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and his contribution to the development of geographical science, as well as to present current research in the field of physical and socio-economic geography.

The conference will bring together scholars who continue the legacy of P. P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky — his descendants, researchers of his biography and scientific works, as well as Russian and international scholars working in various branches of geographical science.

**Session topics:**

- History of Geographical Science and the Role of P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and His Descendants in Its Development
- Classical and Modern Methods of Geographical Research
- Integrated Regional Studies and Cartography
- Urban and Rural Areas in Contemporary Russia and Neighboring Countries
- Fundamental and Applied Problems of Geographical Regionalization

To participate in the conference, each participant must submit an application to the Organizing Committee by **15 September 2026** using the registration form, which will be available from **1 June 2026**. The application must also include an abstract (300–400 words) in Russian or English. Please note that the Organizing Committee will consider only those presentations whose content is related to the scholarly legacy of P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky.

Following the Conference, a special issue of the journal “Izvestiya of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Geographical Series” is planned.

There is no registration fee for participating in the conference.

**The conference will take place at the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Staromonetny Lane 29, building 4.**

**Conference organizing committee contacts:**

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## **Conference Key Dates**

**1 August 2026** – abstract submission opens

**15 September 2026** – abstract submission closes

**2 November 2026** – acceptance decisions announced

**1 December 2026** – preliminary conference programme published

**12 April 2027** – final conference programme published

**26 April 2027** – first day of the conference (plenary sessions)

**27 April 2027** – second day of the conference (plenary and sectional sessions)

**28 April 2027** – third day of the conference (plenary and sectional sessions)

**29 April 2027** – professionally oriented excursions

## PLENARY SESSIONS PROGRAMME

**APRIL 26, 2027 (Monday)**

Registration

### **Plenary Session 1. P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and Contemporary Geography**

Welcome address by the conference organizers

Presentation of publications dedicated to P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky

Anniversary collection from “Nauka” Publishers (title to be confirmed) (Oksana Nikolaevna Tolstykh)

V.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky. An experience in Advanced Geography (P.M. Polyan)

### **Plenary Session 2. The Semenov-Tian-Shansky Family: A Family-Institute**

M.A. Semenov-Tian-Shansky (Dijon, France). “P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and his family as a unique scientific community”

A.A. Bogdanov (Ryazanka, Lipetsk Region). “From the history of the anniversaries of Pyotr Petrovich Semenov-Tian-Shansky”

V.L. Semenov-Tian-Shansky (St. Petersburg). “Toward the Museum of P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky: The collection of the Heritage Foundation of P. P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and his descendants”

M.F. Matveeva (Archive of the Russian Geographical Society, St. Petersburg). “Materials of the Semenov-Tian-Shansky Family in the Scientific Archive of the Russian Geographical Society”

O.A. Korolkova (The State Hermitage Museum). Topic to be announced

**APRIL 27, 2027 (Tuesday)**

### **Plenary Session 3. Pyotr Petrovich and Veniamin Petrovich Semenov-Tyan-Shansky: Scientific Heritage and Contemporary Relevance**

V.L. Kagansky. “V.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and Russian Theoretical Geography”

A.I. Treyvish. “Human Geography” (title to be confirmed)

A. Pritvorov. “From Anthropogeography to Artificial Intelligence: The Legacy of V.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and a New Paradigm of Spatial Research”

P.M. Polyan. “V.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky and Dasymetric Maps”

S.Yu. Belykh. “Art and its role in the Central Geographical Museum”

**APRIL 28, 2027 (Wednesday)**

**Plenary Session 4. Pyotr Petrovich and Veniamin Petrovich Semenov-Tian-Shansky:  
Scientific Heritage and Modernity**

A.N. Gunya. “Tracing the expeditions of P. P. Semenov-Tyan-Shansky in Central Asia:  
Dynamics of land cover and landscapes of the Issyk-Kul region”

A.Zh. Purekhovsky. “Building Historical GIS for P. P. Semenov-Tyan-Shansky’s Fieldwork  
Regions”

A.A. Bogdanov. “Mapping P. P. Semenov-Tyan-Shansky’s Routes Based on Field Diaries  
(pending confirmation)”

M. Menshikov Archaeological Discoveries Along the Routes of P. P. Semenov-Tyan-Shansky’s  
Expeditions (pending confirmation)

A. Strelnikov. “Studies of Earthquake Impacts on Landscapes in the Areas of P. P. Semenov-  
Tyan-Shansky’s Expeditions (pending confirmation)”

D. Koroleva. “Reconstruction of P.P. Semenov-Tian-Shansky's Historical Routes (pending  
confirmation)”

The Issyk-Kul Physical-Geography Station of the Institute of Geography (speaker to be  
confirmed)

“Reports by colleagues from Kazakhstan (preliminary focus on the study of the nival-glacial  
zone) and Kyrgyzstan (issues of mountain region development)” (pending confirmation)

**APRIL 29, 2027 (Thursday)**

Professionally oriented excursions in Moscow are planned.. Further information will be provided  
later.