



NORILSK INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGIES, PARTNERSHIP

Norilsk, 20–22 July 2026

The Forum is held to discuss current trends in Arctic research, the latest results in permafrost studies, climate and ecology, as well as issues of education development and international cooperation in the Arctic.

The Norilsk International Arctic Scientific Forum will take place at Fedorovsky Polar State University on 20–22 July 2026. Norilsk has been chosen as the venue due to the intensive development of Arctic territories in the north of Krasnoyarsk region, rich in strategic resources such as non-ferrous metal ores, oil and gas. These resources are essential for the sustainable development of the economy of the Russian Federation and Krasnoyarsk region and are in high demand on the global market.

The Norilsk ore district is a unique treasure trove of the Far North: it hosts sulphide copper-nickel deposits, as well as coal, oil, gas and other mineral resources. A large-scale program has been launched to renovate the city and develop permafrost research in the region.

FORUM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Forum goal

The goal of the Forum is to create a professional platform for discussing scientific, educational and applied issues of sustainable development in the Arctic, including engineering development of northern territories, permafrost studies, climate change, environmental safety and international cooperation.

Forum objectives

- To discuss recent research results in permafrost science, climate and the environment of the Arctic.
- To present applied and scientific developments relevant to northern and Arctic territories.
- To foster interaction between universities, research organizations, industrial companies and public authorities.
- To discuss the development of education in the Arctic and mechanisms of international cooperation.
- To formulate expert proposals for further scientific, technological and educational cooperation in the Arctic zone.

MAIN FORMATS

The Forum will include a plenary session, parallel sessions, round tables, field visits and introductory excursions.

Parallel sessions

- Permafrost studies
- Climate and environmental studies

Round tables

- Education development in the Arctic

- International cooperation in the Arctic

PARTICIPANTS

The Forum invites scientists, experts, university faculty, researchers, postgraduate students, students and representatives of relevant organizations.

Participation formats include: on-site participation with a presentation, on-site participation without a presentation, participation in round tables, participation in field and cultural-business program, remote participation with a presentation, remote participation without a presentation, remote participation in round tables.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURE

To take part in the Forum, participants must register on the website of Fedorovsky Polar State University and submit an application by 10 July 2026.

The Organizing Committee is responsible for accepting applications, forming the scientific program, preparing hand-outs, coordinating talks and informing participants on organizational matters.

No registration fee is charged.

Forum outcomes

- A resolution, recommendations, information materials and proposals on the development of scientific, educational and technological cooperation in the Arctic will be prepared.
- A special issue of conference proceedings (collection of papers) will be published.

ORGANIZERS

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Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)

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Conference program

Monday, 20 July 2026	
9.30–10.00	Registration
	Opening of the conference
10.00–10.30	Welcome addresses from organizers and invited experts
	Plenary session
10.30–10.45	P. I. Kotov, Director, Research Centre, Fedorovsky Polar State University. <i>Permafrost studies in the Norilsk industrial region</i>
10.45–11.00	A. A. Romanovskaya, Corresponding Member of RAS, Director, Y. A. Izrael Institute of Global Climate and Ecology. <i>Specific features of climate change in the Russian Federation</i>
11.00–11.15	Y. A. Mazey, Corresponding Member of RAS, Vice-Rector, Lomonosov Moscow State University. <i>Russian–Chinese cooperation in ecology, climate and Arctic research: new opportunities and challenges</i>
11.15–11.30	G. M. Kunchulia, PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel. <i>System for monitoring buildings and structures</i>
11.30–11.40	Group photo
11.45–12.15	Coffee break
12.15–12.30	Xu Nan, Professor, Peking University
12.30–12.45	Wu Ying, Professor, East China Normal University
12.45–13.00	V. S. Isaev, Associate Professor, Shenzhen MSU–BIT University
13.00–14.00	Lunch
	Parallel sessions
14.00–15.45	Session 1. Permafrost studies Moderator: V. S. Isaev, Associate Professor, Shenzhen MSU–BIT University
	Session 2. Climate and environmental studies Moderator: A. A. Romanovskaya, Corresponding Member of RAS, Director, Y. A. Izrael Institute of Global Climate and Ecology
15.45–16.15	Coffee break
16.15–17.00	Round table <i>Education Development in the Arctic</i>
17.00–17.45	Round table <i>International Cooperation in the Arctic</i>
18.00–21.00	Reception/Dinner
Tuesday, 21 July 2026	
Excursions to the PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel Norilsk Division enterprises (Participant lists are formed in advance during registration at the website)	
Wednesday, 22 July 2026	
Field trips to permafrost sites of Fedorovsky Polar State University and to the Red Stones waterfall (Participant lists are formed in advance during registration at the website)	