Call for Session Proposals

The UArctic Congress 2022 takes place in Moscow, Russian Federation in October, 4 - 7 2022, hosted by Lomonosov Moscow State University. It brings together institutional leaders, Indigenous representatives, academics, researchers and students from around the Circumpolar North and beyond. It is an excellent platform for all UArctic members to engage and promote cooperation with each other and others interested and working in and for the Arctic. Together with partners, policy makers and other actors, the UArctic Congress strives to take the Arctic agenda forward by creating and strengthening collaborations that produce new findings and solutions for the future of the Arctic. The UArctic Congress program section is open for everyone, it will also showcase the research and other activities conducted by the UArctic Thematic Networks and UArctic Institutes, as well as by UArctic members organisations.

The UArctic Congress 2022 is part of Russian's chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2021-2023) with the cross-cutting priority "Responsible Governance for Sustainable Arctic" promoting collective approaches to the sustainable development of the Arctic, environmentally, socially and economically balanced, enhancing synergy and cooperation and coordination with other regional structures, as well as implementation of the Council's Strategic Plan, while respecting the rule of law.

The Congress will focus on Russia's chairmanship priority themes:
1. Arctic Peoples, including Indigenous Peoples of the North
2. Environmental protection, including climate change
3. Socio-economic development in the region
4. Strengthening international Arctic cooperation, including education and research

Session call

We welcome proposals for sessions to be held during the UArctic Congress on October 4 – 7, 2022. Sessions can be comprised of oral and/or poster presentations, as well as panel or round table discussions.

Session proposals should include title, a short abstract content of the planned session with other relevant information and contacts for session conveners. In case of planned closed sessions (not open for abstract call in early 2022) a list of speakers and their topics should be included to the submission (follow guidelines in the submission form). In that case, 50% of the speakers should be confirmed at the time of submission; if not, please describe what kind of process the session conveners will conduct for finding and confirming the session speakers.

In general, sessions run for 60 or 90 minutes and can have several conveners, however, there must be one primary convener designated as the main contact person.

As such, sessions should focus on a particular main theme listed below or its sub-themes. In addition, topics which are not covered by the proposed themes, should be submitted in the theme "Other".

1. Arctic Peoples, including Indigenous Peoples of the North
    1.1. Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic
    1.2. Arctic Youth
2. Environmental protection, including climate change
    2.1. Climate change and the Arctic Environment
    2.2. Prevention of emergencies
3. Socio-economic development in the region
    3.1. Economic cooperation
    3.2. Development of infrastructures and sustainable shipping
    3.3. Arctic tourism
    3.4. Arctic Cultures
5. Strengthening international Arctic cooperation, including education and research
6. Other

Proposals must ONLY be submitted via the online submissions form. Please note that you will have to register as a user in the system. The registration will allow you to go back to your submission and also to evaluate and accept/decline the abstracts submitted for your session at the later stage, if your session is accepted to the congress. Note: Please register with the email you use on daily basis! This is important in order to avoid lost information and delays.

The deadline for session proposals is November 15, 2021. Link to the session submission form.

Decisions on the session call will be announced by December 21, 2021.

Abstract call will be open January 2 – February 15, 2022.

Announcements of accepted abstracts by early March 2022.

Visa invitation requests and Congress registration opens in early March 2022.

If you have questions please contact: congress.sessions@uarctic.org