



## *10th International Conference on Serpentine Ecology ICSE 10*

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### First circular

We cordially invite you to attend the 10th International Conference on Serpentine Ecology that will take place in Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation, from June 21-30, 2020. The conference is organized by the *Ural Federal University* (<https://urfu.ru/en/about-the-university/>) and *The Institute of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of the Ural Federal University* (<http://insma.urfu.ru/en/>).

The International Conference on Serpentine Ecology (ICSE) directed by The International Serpentine Ecology Society (ISES) has been held every three years since 1991. It is one of the major international scientific forums in the field of serpentine ecology, bringing together botanists, zoologists, microbiologists, physiologists, geneticists, geologists, soil scientists and other applied specialists studying the ecology of ultramafic rocks and soil. Previous conferences took place in the USA, New Caledonia, South Africa, Cuba, Italy, Portugal, Malaysia, and Albania. The conference will be held in Russia for the first time.

The ICSE is a worldwide multidisciplinary group of scientists interested in different aspects of serpentine biota, including diversity, ecology, evolution, physiology, and applied research in green technologies and conservation. The main goal of the ICSE is to create a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences, and to promote scientific dialogue, among scientists from numerous fields that share interests in the study of serpentine habitats worldwide. The previous ICSE conference was held in Tirana and Pogradec (Albania) 5-9 June 2017. The conference was attended by more than 100 delegates from 29 countries.

### Venue

Ekaterinburg (also, Yekaterinburg) is the fourth largest city in Russia, located on the eastern slope of the Ural Mountains, on the Asian side of the boundary between Asia and Europe. Ekaterinburg is called the "third capital of Russia" as it is ranked third in size in terms of economy, culture, transportation, and tourism. It is located about 1,420 kilometres (880 miles) to the east of Moscow.

Ural Federal University (UrFU) is the oldest university in the Ural region. It was established in Yekaterinburg in 1920 by the Soviet government.

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## Draft Program

June 21 *Registration*; Welcome reception

June 22, 23 *Registration*; Scientific sessions

June 24: Mid-conference field trip to serpentine areas

June 25: Scientific sessions; banquet dinner

June 26: Workshop (**the topic will be announced**)

June 27-30: Post-conference field trip.

## Important dates and deadlines

### September 2019 (2nd circular)

- Final session topics announced
- Website ready (info on accommodation, transportation, proceedings publication, etc.)
- Call for abstracts (oral and poster presentations)
- Registration opens
- Post-conference field trip preliminary registration opens

### March 2020

- Deadline for early registration (reduced rates) and abstract submissions (oral and posters)
- Deadline for early registration for post-conference field trip

### April 2020 (3rd circular)

- Notification to authors of acceptance of abstracts (oral and posters)
- Deadline for late registration and late abstract submissions (posters only)
- Deadline for late registration for post-conference field trip
- Final scientific program

### May 2020

- Notification of acceptance to authors (late abstracts)
- Acceptance of participants for the post-conference field trip

### June 2020

- ICSE X, June 21-26
- Post-conference field trip, June 27-30

**We are looking forward to seeing you in Ekaterinburg!**