

# **International Northern Sea Route Conference**

## **JANSROP**

**Development and Operation Programme for Environmental  
Sustainability in East Eurasia**

**June 30th & July 1st, 2005**

**Tokyo**

**Ocean Policy Research Foundation  
( Ship & Ocean Foundation )**

**June 1, 2005**  
**Ocean Policy Research Foundation**  
**( Ship & Ocean Foundation )**

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

**Announcement of the International Northern Sea Route (NSR) Conference**  
**“New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”**

Since 2002, Ocean Policy Research Foundation has been undertaking JANSROP project, Development and Operation Programme for Environmental Sustainability in East Eurasia, in partnership with research institutes in Russia, Norway, and Canada.

The objective of this project is to discuss (1) transportation systems to connect Japanese industries with natural resources in Far East Russia via the NSR; and (2) how to ensure maritime safety and marine environmental conservation in the Sea of Okhotsk where exploitation of oil and gas is ongoing through the Sakhalin project.

The project has completed JANSROP-GIS (Geographic Information System) which contains data on abundant energy, mineral, forest and marine resources and geographic features in Far East Russia. This compilation of the detailed information is unique in the world.

Also, recognizing the importance of marine environmental conservation, the project has developed the concept of an Environmental Security Regime for the Sea of Okhotsk based on the use of designated Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA).

The international conference will present the results of the project to specialists and to the public according to the attached schedule.

The International Experts Meeting on June 30 is designed for researchers and experts in the fields of shipbuilding, logistics, polar research, exploitation of resources and energy, and the Sakhalin project. On that day, technical papers will be presented in English. The International Symposium for Potential Users on July 1 will present the results of the project in Japanese to the interested general public in layman's terms.

We would be pleased if you would inform as many people as possible about this conference and attend it yourself. We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Note:

The project and the conference are subsidized by The Nippon Foundation with assistance funds derived from proceeds of motorboat racing.

1. Name of the Conference:

International NSR Conference “New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”

2. Brief Schedule:

Day 1: Thursday, June 30, 2005

10:00-17:10 International Experts Meeting

(Official Language: English / Number of Seats: about 50)

Day 2: Friday, July 1, 2005

13:30-18:15 International Symposium for Potential Users

(Simultaneous Interpretation Available / Number of Seats: about 250)

18:30-20:00 Reception

3. Venue:

Hotel Kaiyo

2-27-7 Hyakunin-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo (In front of JR Ohkubo station)

Tel: 03-3368-1121

4. Program:

See attached (this program is subject to change).

5. Cooperating Institutions/Agencies (tentative):

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan

Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Japan Coast Guard, Japan

Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Japan

The Nippon Foundation, Japan

Embassy of the Russian Federation in Japan

Royal Norwegian Embassy in Japan

Canadian Embassy in Japan

6. Application Fee:

Free

7. Inquiries:

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**Program of International NSR Conference**  
**“New Era in Far East Russia & Asia”**

**Day 1: June 30, 2005**

**International Experts Meeting (IEM)**

10:00 – 10:15 Opening Speech by OPRF

10:15 – 12:30 **IEM1** Natural and Biological Resources and JANSROP-GIS

Chaired by: Prof. Hajime Yamaguchi (University of Tokyo, Japan) and Dr. Gennady Semanov  
(Central Marine Research & Design Institute – CNIIMF, Russia)

10:15 – 10:45 **IEM1-1** Oil & Gas Resource of the Far East of Russia

Dr. Yury Grigorenko (All-Russia Petroleum Research Geological Exploration Institute –  
VNIGRI, Russia)

10:45 – 11:15 **IEM1-2** Coal, Forest and Other Peculiar Resources in Russian Far-East

Dr. Gennady Serebryansky (Far-Eastern Marine Research, Design and Technology  
Institute – FEMRI, Russia)

11:15 – 11:45 **IEM1-3** Marine Products of the Sea of Okhotsk

Dr. Natsuhiko Otsuka (North Japan Port Consultant Corp., Japan)

11:45 – 12:15 **IEM1-4** Natural Resources in Russian Far-East: JANSROP-GIS

Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki (Universal Shipbuilding Co., Japan)

12:15 – 12:30 Discussion and Summary

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:50 **IEM2** NSR and Regional Transport Systems in Far-East Russia-Asia: the Prospect

Chaired by: Dr. Natsuhiko Otsuka and Dr. Vsevolod Peresyppkin (CNIIMF, Russia)

13:30 – 13:50 **IEM2-1** Canadian Experience in Development and Transport of Natural Resources in the  
Canadian Arctic

Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro (Transport Canada, Canada)

13:50 – 14:10 **IEM2-2** Prospective of Transport Systems in Far-East Russia

Dr. Yaroslav Semenikhin (FEMRI, Russia)

14:10 – 14:30 **IEM2-3** Further Development of the NSR in the Next Decade(s)

Dr. Vsevolod Peresyppkin

14:30 – 14:50 Discussion and Summary

14:50 – 15:10 Coffee Break

15:10 – 16:50 **IEM3** Proposal on Conceptual Design of the Okhotsk Regime

Chaired by: Dr. Koh Izumiyama (National Maritime Research Institute – NMRI, Japan) and Dr.  
Peter Johan Schei (The Fridtjof Nansen Institute – FNI, Norway)

15:10 – 15:30 **IEM3-1** Russian Proposal

Dr. Vladimir Vasilyev (CNIIMF, Russia)

15:30 – 15:50 **IEM3-2** Canada's Experience with the Arctic Shipping Regime System

Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro

15:50 – 16:10 **IEM3-3** Norwegian Suggestions

Dr. Peter Johan Schei

16:10 – 16:30 **IEM3-4** Japan Proposal

Dr. Koh Izumiyama

16:30 – 16:50 Discussion and Summary

16:50 – 17:00 **IEM4** Concluding Comments

Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa (former professor of Hokkaido University, Japan)

17:00 – 17:10 Closing Speech by OPRF(SOF)

**Day 2: July 1, 2005**

**International Symposium for Potential Users (IS)**

- 13:30 – 13:40 Opening Remarks by OPRF(SOF)
- 13:40 – 13:50 Welcoming Address by Guest of Honor  
Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (President of The Nippon Foundation, Japan)
- 13:50 – 14:00 Greeting Speeches by Guests of Honor  
Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Japan  
Ambassador of Norway to Japan
- 14:00 – 14:25 Keynote Speech “The Changing Pattern of Utilization of the Arctic”  
Prof. Willy Østreng (Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Norway)
- 14:25 – 15:05 **IS1** Overview of JANSROP-II
- 14:25 – 14:30 **IS1-1** Project Overview  
Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa (former professor of Hokkaido University, Japan)
- 14:30 – 14:45 **IS1-2** Natural Environment of Far East Russia and Sea of Okhotsk  
Prof. Masaaki Wakatsuchi (Hokkaido University, Japan)
- 14:45 – 15:05 **IS1-3** Natural Resources in Far East Russia: JANSROP-GIS  
Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki (Universal Shipbuilding Corp., Japan)
- 15:05 – 15:20 Coffee Break
- 15:20 – 16:55 **IS2** From Different Perspectives: Natural Resources and Transportation System in Far East Russia and Asia, and NSR  
Chaired by: Dr. Kazuhiko Kamesaki
- 15:20 – 15:35 **IS2-1** Perspective of Japanese Market  
Mr. Yuichiro Ishikawa (Marubeni Corp., Japan)
- 15:35 – 15:55 **IS2-2** Perspective of Korean Market  
Prof. Young Seok Ha (Keimyung University, South Korea)
- 15:55 – 16:15 **IS2-3** Future of NSR  
Dr. Vsevolod Peresyphkin (Central Marine Research & Design Institute – CNIIMF, Russia)
- 16:15 – 16:35 **IS2-4** Future Marine Access in the Arctic Ocean  
Dr. Lawson W. Brigham (U.S. Arctic Research Commission, U.S.A.)
- 16:35 – 16:55 **IS2-5** Development of Transportation Route in Far East Russia  
Mr. Vladimir Chlenov (Minister of Transport of Sakha Republic, Russia)
- 16:55 – 18:05 **IS3** Marine Environment Conservation in Sub-arctic Regions
- 16:55 – 17:15 **IS3-1** Developments in the Barents Sea and EU waters  
Dr. Peter Johan Schei (The Fridtjof Nansen Institute – FNI, Norway)
- 17:15 – 17:35 **IS3-2** Canada’s One Ocean Concept  
Dr. Victor Santos-Pedro (Transport Canada, Canada)
- 17:35 – 17:55 **IS3-3** Oceanic Environmental Protection in Russia  
Dr. Gennady Semanov (CNIIMF, Russia)
- 17:55 – 18:05 **IS3-4** Proposal on an Okhotsk Regime/Outcome of the Meetings  
Dr. Hiromitsu Kitagawa
- 18:05 – 18:15 Closing Statement by OPRF
- 18:30 – 20:00 Reception

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