

ХРОНИКА

**INTERNATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP
ON THE TRANSNATIONAL GREEN BELT AREAS:
HISTORY, TOURISM, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT
IN THE FINNISH-RUSSIAN-NORWEGIAN BORDER REGIONS**

Archangelsk May 31, 2016 — June 1 2016

Venue: M. V. Lomonosov Northern (Arctic) Federal University (NArFU)
Arkhangelsk

This workshop on the transnational Green Belt of FennoScandia and Russia was organized by the Northern Arctic Federal University of Archangelsk (NArFU) and University of Eastern Finland (UEF). There were participants from the organizing universities as well as the Universities of Tromsø (UiT), Norway and the St. Petersburg State University. The presentations were focused on the fields of tourism, economics, biology and conservation, history and the geography of the Green Belt.

The main outcome of the workshop was the common understanding that the former accepted idea of a linear, narrow Green Belt zone running from the Arctic Ocean towards the Mediterranean and Black Sea is outdated and needs to be modified. The workshop suggest that the Green Belt concept should incorporate a much wider area, a network of historic, ecologic as well as geographical and geological areas, both protected and unprotected. Our concern that climate change will promote a south—north movement of organisms, both wanted and unwanted, which will be difficult to stop without sufficient east—west barriers. As the present Green Belt initiative is mainly north—south, the creation of an *East—West Conservation Belt* is of the utmost importance to increase the ecological resilience of the European north.

Program of the workshop:

Opening of the Meeting: Konstantin Zaikov, Director of Arctic Center for Strategic Studies, NArFU

Welcome speech of NArFU: Boris Fillipov, Vice-Rector for Research

Keynote speech: Maria Lähteenmäki, Professor of Arctic Regions and Finnish History, UEF; *National Parks and Ecotourism as a future of the border regions?*

Session I: *Environment*. Chair Konstantin Zaikov

Dmitry Sevastianov, St. Petersburg State University, L. F. Chitova, *On the «Green Belt» from «Lake Ladoga to the White Sea» Project*

Jukka Nyysönen, UiT, *Conceptualizing forests in Upper-Lapland (and in Russian northwest) — thoughts on discursive approaches to forests and preliminary thoughts on future research*

Natalia Byzova, NArFU, *Natural and environmental frame of the European North*

Session II: *Land*. Chair Alfred Colpaert
Alfred Colpaert, UEF: *European Green Belt and Land use*
Irina Amosova, NArFU, *Analysis of the system of protection of rare and endangered species in the Green Belt of Fennoscandia*
Tatyana Parinova, NArFU, *The role of intrazonal plant communities in maintaining biodiversity*

Session III: *Tourism and Nature Reserve areas*. Chair Maria Lähteenmäki
Nikolay Kondratov, NArFU, *Comparative geographical analysis of environmental management in the Russian part of the Green Belt of Fennoscandia and Western sector of the Russian Arctic*
Uliana Yakusheva, NArFU, *Protected areas of the Green Belt area*
Yulia Verina, NArFU, *Transferring experience in Green Belt Tourism to the Fennoscandia*

Excursion to Antonievo-Siysky Monastery on June 1, 2016

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