III International Belomorskiy



Students Forum

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER Dear partners,



The Northern Arctic Federal University (NArFU, Arkhangelsk, Russia) is pleased to announce that on **November 23-24, 2015** the Northern Arctic Federal University is hosting the **III Belomorskiy Students Forum** that is held annually and unites the students from all over Russia. This year the event will be organized as a part of a big cultural event Barents Bird Festival and will be dedicated to the issues of enhancing international cooperation of young people with a special focus on the Barents Euro-Arctic Region, disseminating its success stories of the Barents youth cooperation and planning future joint initiatives. The event is financially supported and co-organized by the Russian Ministry of Education and Science, Arkhangelsk Region Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Norwegian Barents Secretariat, BEAC Joint Working Group on Education and Research and Joint Working Group on Youth.

The Forum will unite the young leaders and students from universities and colleges of all over Russia and Barents area, representatives from students associations and societies, invited key-speakers and trainers, public authorities, businesses, mass media and other organizations (totally over 300 people).

The diversified two days programme of the Forum offers a great variety of discussion arenas, workshops, master-classes, cultural events that the young people can participate in, namely:

November, 23:

- Opening of the III International Belomorskiy Students Forum. Plenary Session "International Cooperation: the Role of the Youth"
- Discussion Panel "Youth Cooperation in the Barents Region"

Invited speakers from:

- RF Government with the upcoming Barents Euro-Arctic Council Chairmanship Programme and its opportunities for expanding youth cooperation
- Barents Regional Youth Council
- BEAC Joint Working Group on Education and Research
- BEAC Joint Working Group on Youth
- Norwegian Barents Secretariat
- Barents universities.
- Special presentation: by Scott Toe, Norwegian artist
- Educational Exhibition "Barents Edu" offering a venue for the Barents universities and colleges to promote their educational services in Russia









November, 24-25: Workshops/Sessions

- Workshop "How Can I Participate in Exchange Programmes Abroad?"
- Promo-Session "Meet the Barents universities"
- Workshop "Exchanging Practices of Students Self-Governance"
- Workshop 'Barents Projects Lab: presentation of project ideas and meeting partners"
- The Russian language demo-class
- Open lectures
- A Night of Norwegian Movie
- Master-classes
- Cultural and sports programme

On behalf of the Northern Arctic Federal University we are happy to invite the students from your universities and colleges (up to 7 representatives from each organization) to participate in the III International Belomorskiy Students Forum.

Registration: the registration is open until **October 15, 2015** at NArFU International Office (contact person – Olga Aldaeva, <u>o.aldaeva@narfu.ru</u>). Please, find the Registration Form attached. We would appreciate your early registration and a notice from your organization about the intention to take part in the event and an estimated number of representatives.

Costs: The participation in all the Forum events and sessions including the educational exhibition is free of charge. Non-Russian students are also provided with accommodation, meals, airport, in-city transfers, cultural programme for free. Travel costs to/from Russia are at the expense of home institutions.

Exhibition: based on your interest to present your university at the exhibition place we will provide you with further information and practical details.

Visa Issues: If you need Invitation for the Russian visa, please, indicate this in Registration form for further guidance on the issue.

Looking forward to seeing you in Arkhangelsk in November to join our celebrations and discussions of Barents youth cooperation!







