



**August 18 – 19, 2010
Irkutsk, Russia**

**The IV International Forum of Social Workers
of Siberia and the Far East**
“Family of the 21-st century. With hope for the Future”

Invitation

Dear Colleagues,

The Russian Union of Social Workers and Social Pedagogues is glad to inform experts in the social sphere about the Fourth International Forum of Social Workers of Siberia and the Far East “Family of the 21-st century. Hope for the Future”. The Forum will take place on 18 – 19 August 2010. It will be organized in Irkutsk, the capital of East Siberia, in the beautiful area of Lake Baikal.

The Forum is devoted to the problems of families nowadays. The aim is to elaborate efficient social policies in order to cope with these problems. The Forum is supported by Dmitry Mezentsev, the Governor of Irkutsk Oblast, Member of the Board of the Business Council based on the Shanghai Business Network, and Member of the Russian Presidential Committee of Information Development.

The Forum takes place as part of the Baikal Economic Forum. The Forum is also included into the National Information Campaign against the violence towards children. This Campaign is being carried out in 2010.

Participants of the Forum will discuss problems connected with the creation and empowerment of the family, the prevention of social orphans, social support of children and families, including complex protection of their rights, the creation of foster families for orphans and children who are not protected by parents, and the prevention of violence towards children. Participants will analyze progressive experience and innovations that have been used in some European, Asian and Asia-Pacific Regions of Russia.

Leading experts in family policy will make their presentations, including both Russian and foreign specialists. Among the participants there are also members of the Russian Public Chamber, representatives from the Foundation Supporting Children at Risk, and representatives from various ministries and agencies. Members of Russian political party “The Unity of Russia” will present their project “Strong family”. The Forum includes a number of workshops devoted to various problems and innovations in social work. Practical master classes for specialists are also planned.

A lot of interesting materials are being prepared for the participants. You will be given unique literature about social work with families, improvement of existing social services supporting families, mothers and children, preventive services for families at risk. You will also be acquainted with innovative experiences of social work with families.

The Forums for social workers has already become a tradition. In the past four years it has been organized in Tuva Republic, Khanty-Mansiysk District -Yugra, Novosibirsk Oblast, and Altai Republic. Specialists from remote districts of Russia receive a unique opportunity to communicate with the colleagues, to share professional experience and to study innovative forms of work.

The Forum 2009 was attended by David Jones, President of IFSW, Benny Andersen, President of World association of social pedagogues and Jean-Marie Heydt, President of INGO Conference of the Council of Europe, and representatives of social services from UK, Spain, France, Italy, Denmark, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan.

We hope that Baikal Forum will also attract a lot of interest from the international community.

WHO IS INVITED TO TAKE PART?

- Regional departments of the RUSWSP;
- Administration and personnel of social service centres;
- Lecturers of social work faculties;
- Representatives of NGOs;
- Representatives from the government;
- Heads of state ministries and agencies.

SCHEDULE OF THE ACTIVITIES

August, 17 – arrival of the participants

August, 18 – plenary session, workshops

August, 19 – trip to the Baikal Lake

August, 20 – departure of the participants

REGISTRATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

In order to be included into the list of participants, you should fill in the registration form and e-mail it to the Social Development Ministry of Irkutsk Oblast', to organizers of the Forum.

E-mail addresses are the following: svetrom72@mail.ru and kalyachko@list.ru

You should also send the copy of your registration form to the Russian Union of Social Workers and Social Pedagogues (rusunisw@mail.ru).

You may also send the registration form

EITHER

By fax 8(3952)33-33-31

OR

By mail 664073, Russia, Irkutsk, Kandzava St., 2 (Social Development Ministry of Irkutsk Oblast').

As soon as your application is received and analyzed, we will send you a copy of the program and other materials necessary for the participants.

The deadline for registration is 30 June 2010. Unfortunately, applications received after June, 30 will not be accepted because of the huge interest that is already being shown in the Forum.

TEXTS OF PRESENTATIONS

Texts of all presentations will be published and distributed among the participants as part of the methodic materials.

Texts of presentations must correspond to the following standards – under 5 pages of written text, 12 size of the print, photo of the author (not less than 800 Kb, format jpg, or printed photo), first and last names, position and full name of the organization, region. Participants should e-mail texts of their presentations to one of the following addresses:

rusunisw@mail.ru

svetrom72@mail.ru

kalyachko@list.ru

The letter should have a mark “Presentation of the Forum participant”.

Texts of presentations are being accepted until June 30, 2010!

VENUE OF THE FORUM

The Fourth Forum will take place in Irkutsk, the capital of Irkutsk Oblast'. The work of the Forum will be organized in this city. However, participants will also have a very interesting cultural program, including a trip to Lake Baikal. It is a unique opportunity to see the famous Lake. The sacred Lake is the pearl of Siberia. Moreover, it is a pearl of the Earth.

Moreover, you may contact the various tourist agencies of Irkutsk Oblast' in order to look at various tourist programs that can be offered in this Russian region. Some people plan to have holidays after or before the Forum. This region is world-famous for its outstanding beauty.

FACTS ABOUT LAKE BAIKAL

- Lake Baikal is located in the south of Eastern Siberia, in the Buryat Autonomous Republic and the Region of Irkutsk, Russia.
- It covers **31,500 sq. km** and is **636 km. long, an average of 48 km wide**, and **79.4 km** at its widest point.
- Its water basin occupies about **557,000 sq. km.** and contains about **23,000 cu. km.** of water, that is, about **one fifth of the world's reserves** of fresh surface-water and over 80 per cent of the fresh water in the former Soviet Union.
- The average water level in the lake is never higher than **456 m.**
- The Baikal is the **deepest lake** in the world.
- Its average depth is **730 m.** and its maximum depth in the middle - **1,620 m.**

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is 200 Euros. You can pay upon arrival to the staff of the Russian Union of Social Workers. The fees include transfer from and to the airport in Irkutsk, a cultural programme, a reception on 18 of August, and interpretation services.

Visas to Russian Federation.

Booking your trip via touristic company in your country will be an easy way to get your Russian visa. Another alternative is to get visa with the help of the Union of social workers. In this case you will need to send a copy of the documents required by Russian embassy in your country to us 5 weeks in advance so that we could organize your official invitation.

ROUTE TO THE VENUE OF THE FORUM

You can see in the map below the places which have connections with Irkutsk



For neighboring regions:

- 1) Train to Irkutsk

As soon as the participants arrive to Irkutsk, transfer to the hotels will be organized. Detailed information will be sent to you after the registration.

ACCOMODATION IN IRKUTSK

Below one can see the information about hotels in Irkutsk and approximate price of accommodation. So, You can book a room in the hotel You like. If You need any help, You can contact organizers of the Forum in Irkutsk Oblast':

Svetlana Semenova. E-mail: svetrom72@mail.ru

Work phone number: 8(3952)527522

Svetlana Kalyachko. E-mail: kalyachko@list.ru

Hotel	Remoteness from the center of the city	Address, phone, e-mail	Class
Baikal Business Center	10 minutes	Baikalskaya St., 279 Phone: +7(3952)259-120, 259-333, 259-124 fax: (3952)259-124 info@bbc.ru	★★★★
Europe	In the center	Baikalskaya St., 69. Phone: +7 (3952) 29-1515	★★★★
Zvezda (the Star)	5 minutes	Yadrintsev St., 1ж Phone: +7 (3952) 54-0000, 54-5025	★★★★
Solntse (the Sun)	In the center	Baikalskaya st., 295 Б Phone: +7 (3952)255910 Fax: +7 (3952) 255912	★★★★
Angara	In the center	Sukhe-Bator St., , 7 Phone: +7 (3952)255-102	★★★
Business Hotel Delta	In the center	C. Libknecht St., 58 Phone: +7(3952)794-090, 794-020 delta@grandbaikal.ru	★★★
Victoria	In the center	Bogdan Khmel'nitsky St., 1 Phone: +7(3952)550464 booking@baikalvisa.ru	★★★
Gloria	In the center	Sovetskaya st., 58. Phone: +7 (3952) 27-4347, 54-0664, 54-0326	★★★
Irkutsk	In the center	Boulevard of Gagarin, 44 Phone: 3952)250162 Fax: (2951)250-162	★★★

Detailed information about the hotels of Irkutsk can be also found on the website <http://www.hotels.ru/irkutsk.htm>

Attention! It is better to book accommodation and to buy tickets well in advance. As a result of summer holidays, it may be difficult to book accommodation and to buy tickets at the last moment.

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE FOURTH
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First and last names		
Country, region, city:		
Organization:		Position:
Have You ever participated in the RUSWSP forums before? (name these forums, please)		
Post address (with the post code):		
Phone number (including code of the city):	Fax number (including code of the city):	e-mail:
Do You want to make a presentation at the conference?		
The topic of Your presentation (and necessary equipment):		
Way of arrival, transport:	Place, time of arrival (number of the flight, time):	

Your letter must be marked as "Registration of the Forum participant".