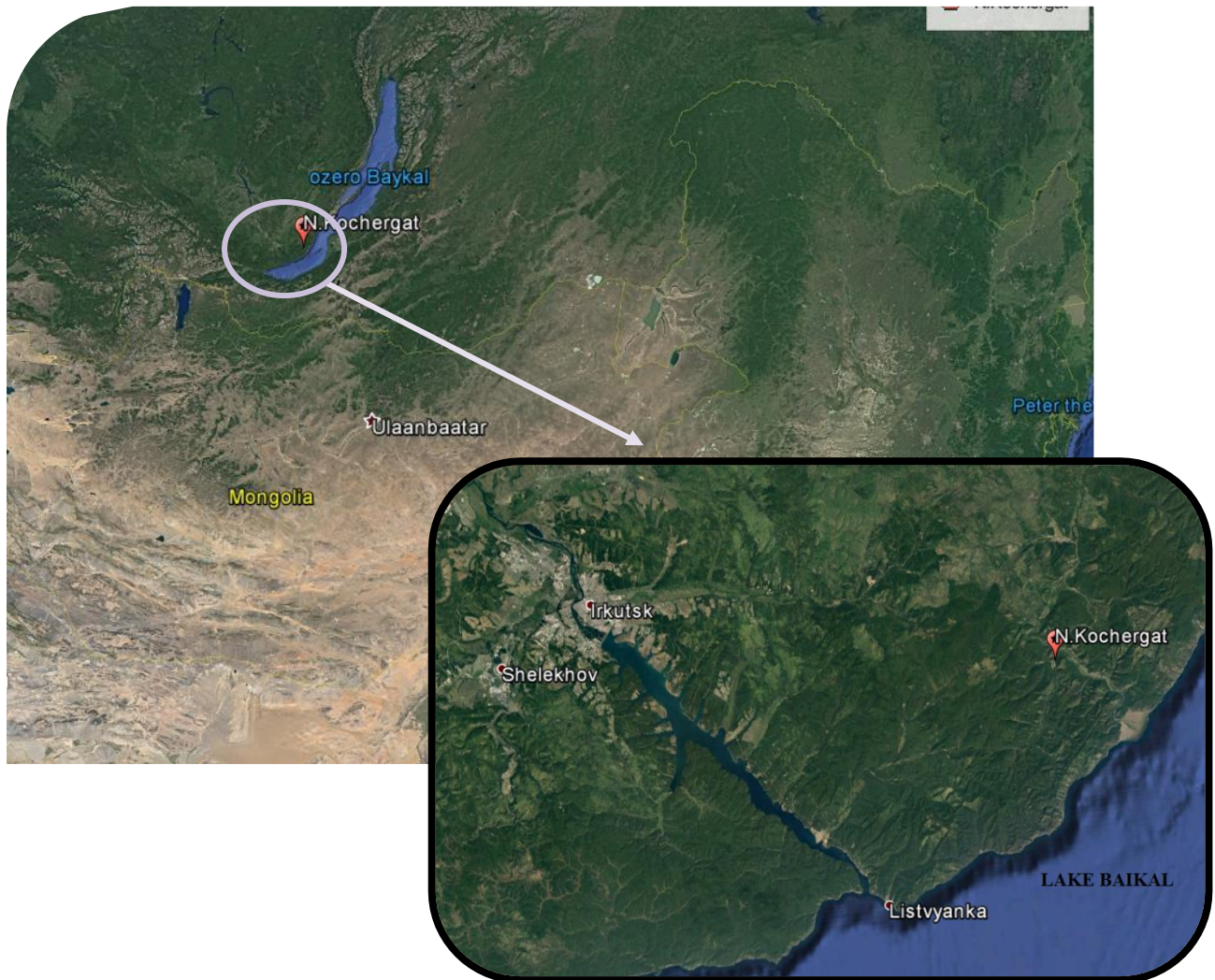


Summer School
"Siberian taiga – ecology, life and usage"
(Russia, Irkutsk–Nizhniy Kochergat/Molty villages –Lake Baikal)



The training base location

South - eastern Siberia, Baikal region, is rich in reserves of pure water and forests. Irkutsk region is one of the most forested regions in the World. The forest cover of Irkutsk region is 82.6% (for comparison: the average forest cover of Russian Federation is 45.3%, and of the whole planet is about 28%). About 12% of the wood reserves of the ripe forests of the Russian Federation are concentrated in the region, total timber stock of Irkutsk region is 8.8 billion m³. The forest for the region is an important ecological, economic and social resource.



Irkutsk State Agrarian University is considered the largest University in Russia for the wildlife biologists. The Faculty of Hunting Studies (Institute of natural resources management) has more than half a century educational experience associated with the

rational use of forest and hunting resources. The practical preparation is one of the main advantages in the training of wildlife biologists at the faculty.



The School goal is to provide students with the best practical experience and knowledge in the field of forest management, as well as a platform for multinational communication and acquaintance with traditions and culture of Russia in general and Siberia in particular. The motto of the School educational program is “learning by doing”.



During school hours, the following information will be provided to the students: forests are the wealth of Siberia; the hunting resources of Siberia; the protection of animals in Russia; the possibilities of hunting in Siberia; forest succession and dynamics. You will gain in-depth knowledge of the forest resources of Baikal region, the specifics of their ecology, usage and role as cultural heritage. Also there will be a lot of information about taiga forest ecosystem and ecological problems of Baikal region.

During the practical part the students will study ecology of taiga in natural landscapes. The practice takes place under the direction of a qualified teacher-wildlife biologist in a camp located in the taiga forest more than 100 km from Irkutsk city and 20 km from the coast of Lake Baikal. The nearest settlement is 15 km away. The training base is equipped with everything necessary (heated rooms, classrooms, dining room, kitchen) for a comfortable stay and giving classes in expeditionary conditions. There is always an interpreter and is a threefold organized hot food on the base. At the place of practice there is no telephone connection, no internet. There is the possibility to use traditional banya. You have to have a sleeping bag with you. You need warm clothes for a temperature of 0 °C.

During the cultural program of the School a walk along the historical part of Irkutsk city and a trip to Lake Baikal (Tal'tsy Museum of Wooden Architecture (with expositions representing the life, culture and traditions of the indigenous peoples of the Baikal region (Tofs, Evenks, Buryats) and life of Russian settlers in Siberia in 17-20th century), the Baikal Museum in Listvyanka village (with a tour of the unique lake and its inhabitants)) will be provided.





The number of participants is 10-11 persons from the German side and the same number from Russia (with teachers, cook and interpreter).

The successful implementation of the Summer School program will enable closer cooperation between Irkutsk State Agrarian University, DAAD and German universities. We believe that through further important steps of cooperation the development of bilateral scientific educational programs in the field of natural use is possible.

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17.08.2022 – 30.08.2022

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
17.08	Arrival. Check-in at dormitory. Russian language courses.	15.00-17.00
18.08	Lectures: "Hunting in Siberia: rules, possibilities and techniques". Visiting the Museum of Hunting Russian language courses.	09.00-12.00 12.00-13.00 14.00-17.00
19.08	Transfer to the forest camp. Check-in dormitory. Campfire.	15.00 18.00 20.00
20.08	Excursion to burnt areas. Coastal forests (Lake Baikal coast).	09.00-17.00 18.00
21.08	Lecture: "Plants' societies of Siberia". Practice: Meadow and steppe plants on the border of the different zones.	10.00-13.00 13.00-18.00
22.08	Training: "Taiga – ecology, live and usage" (trip to the forest base "Molty"). Russian language courses Banya	10.00-15.00 16.00-19.00 19.00
23.08	Training: "Birds in taiga forest". Russian language courses.	10.00-15.00 16.00-19.00
24.08	Training: "Forests' plants" Returning to Kochergat. Banya.	10.00-15.00 16.00-19.00 19.00
25.08	Excursion to B.Goloustnoe village (Sukhoe Lake) Lecture: Buryats – the aboriginals of Baikal region: culture and traditions.	10.00-12.00 16.00-19.00
26.08	Excursion to the „Okhotnichya“ cave.	10.00-18.00
27.08	Excursion to "Peschanaya" bay. Lecture: «The recreation potential of the Lake Baikal	10.00-14.00 14.00-19.00

	and recreation influence to the Baikal ecosystem“	
28.08	Excursion to Lake Baikal (Baikal Museum, Listvyanka settlement)	10.00-19.00
29.08	The reserve day, self-selected city walk.	09.00-17.00
30.08	Free time. Departure	

The preliminary **program** is available on the website

<http://irsau.ru/structure/divisions/mo/files/programm.pdf>

Curriculum: 6 ECTS points for the preliminary program and 20 hours of Russian language course (Certificate of the Irkutsk State Agrarian University named after A.A. Ezhevsky).

Date: 17.08.2022 – 30.08.2022

Cost: 950,00 Euro

The costs cover all expenses in Russia (transportation, accommodation, meals, courses and excursion costs). Additional costs: travel, visa, registration, personal expenses.

Working languages: Russian and German (lectures are translated, knowledge of Russian is not absolutely necessary). During the internship, a Russian language course for beginners is also offered.

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Application form

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until 30.05.2022 by e-mail. A copy of the passport is required for the invitation. Send a copy of your passport (pages with personal data and address) by 22.05.2022. Specify the city where you want to apply for the Russian student's visa.

After registration you will receive further information. The number of participants is limited. The selection is made according to qualification and order of registration.

Students from German universities can apply for a scholarship at the DAAD after registering and confirming their registration, as the forestry internship takes place as a summer school in the Go East program.

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