**WELCOME TO THE 13th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUPERPLASTICITY IN ADVANCED MATERIALS!**

**Venue**
Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota, Moskovskiy prospect 97A, Saint-Petersburg, 196084, Russia.
The hotel is located in a peaceful district in the central part of St. Petersburg.
Details can be found at web-site [http://icsam.bsru.edu.ru/icsam/venue/](http://icsam.bsru.edu.ru/icsam/venue/).

**How to get to the Conference Venue**
- From the Pulkovo International Airport in St. Petersburg to the conference venue (distance is 10 km)
  - by the taxi: charge (one way) - approximately RUR 1150
  - by buses №39, 39Г get out stop Moskovskaya then by metro from Moskovskaya get out Moskovskye Vorota Line 2 (blue)
- From the Moskovskyi railway station to the conference venue by public transport (distance is 5 km)
  - by the taxi: charge (one way) - approximately RUR 1000
  - by bus: 1) take bus №26, 2) get off on the bus stop Ploschad Moskovskye Vorota
  - by metro: make an interchange and get to Moskovskye Vorota metro station. Line 2 (blue)
- From Finlyandsky railway station to the conference venue by public transport (distance is 8 km)
  - by the taxi: charge (one way) - approximately RUR 1400
  - by metro: 1) get to Tekhnologichesky Institut metro station. Line 1 (red); 2) make an interchange and get to Moskovskye Vorota metro station. Line 2 (blue)

**Transfer**
Participants can use the transfer.
Special buses will be delivered to participants at the conference venue according to the schedule:
- From Hotel Ambasador to Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota
  - Every morning from 20 to 22 August:
    - 8:15 am - a meeting at the reception of the Hotel Ambasador;
    - 8:20 am departure of the bus to the venue of the conference (Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota ).
- From Tourist Hotel to Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota
  - Every morning from 20 to 22 August:
    - 8:25 am - a meeting at the reception of the Tourist Hotel;
    - 8:30 am - departure of the bus to the venue of the conference (Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota ).
- Conference dinner
  - 21 August:
    - From Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota to Hotel Ambasador
      - 18:10 - a meeting at the reception of the Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota ;
      - 18:20 - departure of the bus to the venue of the conference dinner (Hotel Ambasador).
    - From Hotel Ambasador to Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota and Tourist Hotel
      - 23:00 - a meeting at the reception of the Hotel Ambasador;
      - 23:10 - departure of the bus to the venue of Hotel Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota and Tourist Hotel.
Metro in St. Petersburg

The cost of a single trip on the subway - 45 RUR. Single ticket for 90 minutes (underground (1 trip) + bus, tram, trolley) is available – cost is 70 RUR. Also daily single ticket (tram, trolley, bus, subway) is available for 1-7 days.

for 1 day – 180 RUR; for 2 days – 255 RUR; for 3 days – 340 RUR; for 4 days – 425 RUR; for 5 days – 510 RUR; for 6 days – 595 RUR; for 7 days – 680 RUR

Taxi

You can use the taxi service (it is relatively cheap in Russia). Importantly, please avoid using private taxis offered at the airport or in the railway station because to unreasonably high price. It is recommended to use official taxi service available through mobile applications including Yandex taxi, Uber taxi and other official services (these are available in Russia).

Oral and Poster Presentation Guidelines

1. Oral Presentations
The presentations should be prepared in PPT, PPTX (Microsoft PowerPoint) or PDF format. Authors are requested to upload and check their presentations before the section starts working. The conference staff will be ready to help you with uploading and checking procedure. The preferred option is to bring your presentation on a USB; CD or DVD media are also accepted. Guidelines for presentation preparation are mainly clearness and good readability from distance. Plan your presentation length to fit the time slot and leave about 5 minutes for discussion, i.e. recommended scheme for invited and standard talk 15+5 minutes and keynote talk 35+5 minutes.

2. Poster Presentation
Maximum Allowable Poster size: A0 size (841 mm wide x 1189 mm high). The local committee provides the poster panel and pins for the display. All the poster presenters should keep the poster on the panel during all day 20 August. The poster remaining after the duration will be discarded. Please be noted that poster cannot be printed at the venue.

Language

The official language of the conference is English.

Photo and video recording devices
Taking photos and/or video recording during all conference sessions is strictly prohibited. The reason is firstly author’s intellectual property rights and secondly possible disturbance of other attendees. If you are interested in presented slides, you are kindly asked to contact the author personally.

Weather
The weather in August is usually warm with temperatures around 20-25 °C (68-77 °F). Showers and thunderstorms are common, so don't forget an umbrella or be ready to dash for cover.

Time Zone
St. Petersburg and Moscow are located in the CET time zone (GMT + 3 hour).

Currency
The official currency of the Russia is the rubles (RUR). Exchange of foreign currency is available at most hotels, banks and exchange offices throughout the city of St. Petersburg. International credit cards are accepted for payments in hotels, restaurants and shops. You can find the official exchange rates on the website of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation http://www.cbr.ru/eng/.

Important Telephone Numbers
101: Fire
102: Police
103: Ambulance
112: General Emergency

For general information regarding ICSAM 2018, CONTACT:
Email: icsam@bsu.edu.ru
Web-site: http://icsam.bsu.edu.ru/