

**Military Historical Center  
of the North-West Federal District of the Russian Federation  
The branch of the World Ocean Museum in St. Petersburg –  
"Icebreaker *Krassin*"  
Association "Maritime Heritage"  
Festival of Icebreakers - 2017**

**Fifth international conference  
"Polar Readings - 2017"  
Museums in the Arctic  
And the Arctic in the  
Museums**

**April 29 - May 1, 2017**

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**St. Petersburg – 2017**

“Polar Readings – 2017” will be dedicated to the preservation and study of historical, cultural and natural heritage of the Arctic in the museums, archives and libraries in Russia and abroad.

“Polar Readings – 2017” will take place within the Festival of Icebreakers on the Neva River, which in 2017 is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the icebreaker *Sviatogor / Krassin*.

The conference will be held in St. Petersburg on April 29 – May 1, 2017 on a coastal zone of the Festival of Icebreakers.

To participate in the conference are invited historians, archives staff, museums, libraries, undergraduate and graduate students of various educational institutions, restorers, archaeologists and collectors.

**The main topics of the conference:**

1. “Arctic collections” in museums, archives and libraries: conservation experience, ways of gathering and studying.
2. Questions of presentation and promotion of cultural and natural heritage of the Arctic: new museum projects and exhibition activities.
3. Co-operation between institutions for the preservation of cultural and natural heritage of the Arctic, projects of inter-museum cooperation.
4. Museums in the Arctic: ways of development.
5. International cooperation and museums experience in Arctic promotion.

It is planned to publish the materials of the conference.

The application for participation in the conference, please include the name of the report, your location (place of work, position, academic degree and title, phone, fax and email). Texts of the reports up to 15 pages in Word, font Times New Roman, size 12. Black-and-white photographs, drawings, charts in JPEG format (minimum 300 dpi), no more than 5 fig.; one must have the signatures under the fig.; within the text should be indicated by reference to the fig., eg. (photo 1). Links and references under pages.

The organizing committee reserves the right to select articles for publication.

**Deadline for registration and abstracts (500 words) – up to December 1, 2016**

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