

Dear friends,

First of all we would like to thank all of yours who already answered our first announcement about IAM-03 conference in Chernogolovka, Russia, booked the hotel and supported us abstracts and the information for application for Russian visa.

1. Hotel booking

If you still did not inform us about hotel booking in Moscow and Chernogolovka, please do it ASAP!!!

2. Conference programme

We would like to thank you for all corrections and suggestions!

Please find attached the second draft of the programme.

In the next draft we will define the length of the presentations, the order and the longer presentations (key-note lectures).

Some additional contributions from the colleagues from nearby (Moscow, Chernogolovka) will also be added.

3. Presentation form

You can use the overhead projector and the multimedia projector for the PowerPoint presentations. For posters the 1m x 1m wooden plates are offered. The top edge of the plate is about 2 m from the floor. It means, that you poster can hang down from the 1m x 1m plate, and could be about 2 m high(long).

4. Publications

As it was mentioned in the first announcement, we plan to publish the contributions in the journal "Interface Science".

For the authors guide-lines you can refer the journal web-page in Kluwer Publishers.

Concerning the length of the paper, I delivered the tentative programme to Prof. D. Seidman, and the he will inform me soon about the allowable length.

The working language of the IAM conference is English.

Nevertheless, if somebody would like to write the paper in Russian, we could submit it to the journal "Materialovedenie" ("Materials science")

We suppose that you deliver the paper(s) as hard-copy(ies) and in electronic form at the conference desk together with registration.

5. Russian visas

After some internal bureaucratic changes in Russia, the application procedure for visas is now stabilised.

We would like to thank all of yours who provided us the information for visa application. We will apply today for those participants, and you will get from us per mail in about 3 weeks the official invitation prepared in Russian ministry of internal affairs. It will be the invitation for tourist visa for two weeks from 22.05 till 04.06 valid for Moscow and Chernogolovka. With this invitation you have to ask for visa in a Russian consulate. Normally, you need the original invitation for that. As long as we are informed, the Russian consulates in USA and Germany accept also faxed or scanned copies of the invitations.

To be sure, before sending you the invitation by mail, we will scan it and send you by e-mail.

Please inform me urgently if you need other dates of places for stay in Russia!!!

If you still did not send me the information for visa,
I would like to ask you friendly to provide me ASAP the following
information for visa application:

- the copy of the passport page with your photo (please sent it by e-mail in scanned form or by fax);
- your affiliation, position, date of birth, number and issue date and expiration date of passport, home and office address, also for accompanying persons (possibly by e-mail);
- the city where you expect to receive a visa in Russian consulate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have some questions or suggestions!

When you will have the information about your arrival and departure,
please let me know immediately!

We are looking forward to hear from you soon and to meet you in Moscow and Chernogolovka!

With my best and warm regards

Yours very sincerely

Boris Straumal
Conference chairman