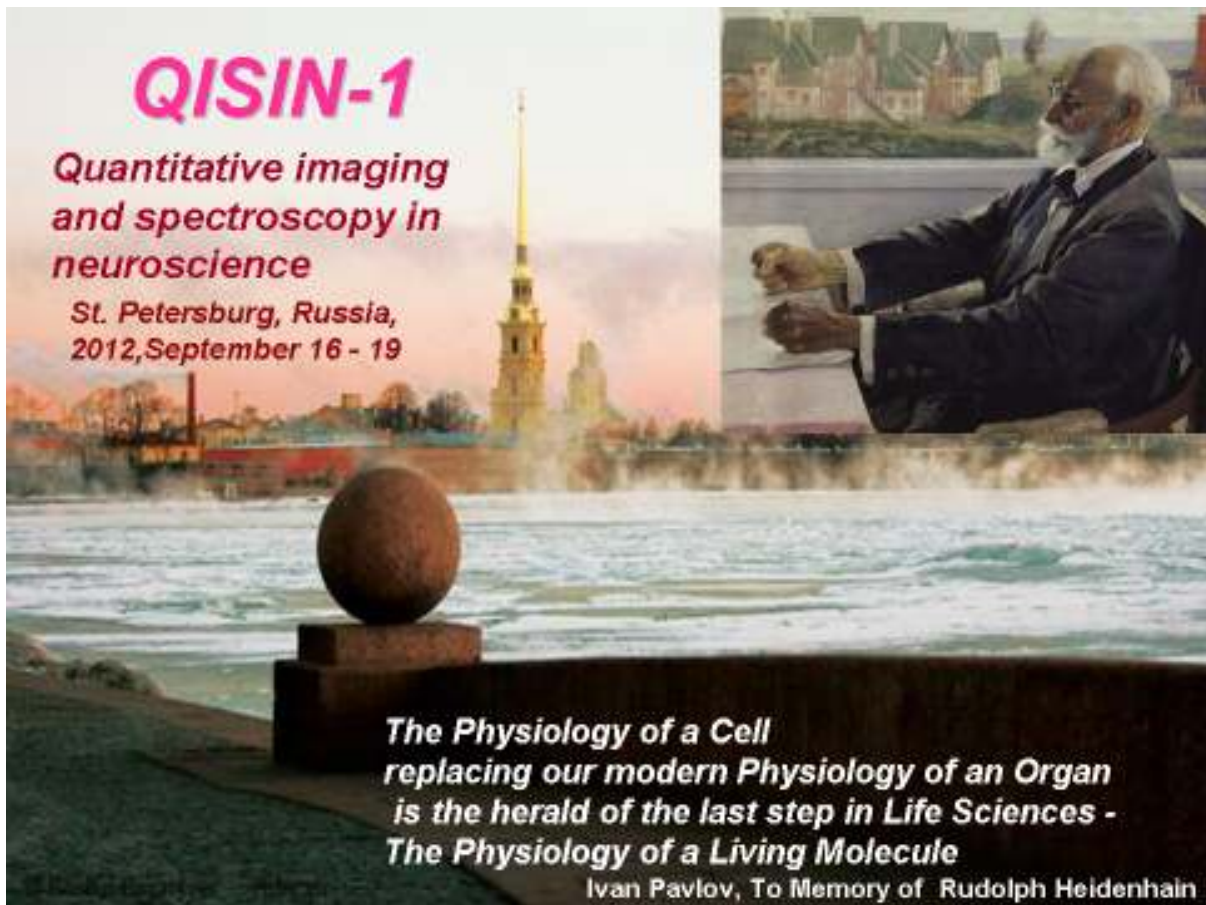


Information letter 1



Therewith we would like to announce the first international conference on “**Quantitative imaging and spectroscopy in neuroscience**” (QISIN), which will take place in Pavlov Institute of Physiology, St. Petersburg, Russia from September 16th to 19th.

The main focus of this interdisciplinary conference is the development, improvement and adequate combination of cutting edge techniques (*e.g.* high-resolution microscopy, *in vivo* imaging, single cell or even single bouton recordings, FRET and molecular spectroscopy), which can be applied for the further progress in our understanding of different neurobiological processes. These topics will be presented by leading Russian and international experts in following sections:

Main topics

1. Cellular Neuroimaging
2. Optical and Neutron Spectroscopy of biomolecules
3. Molecular modeling *in silico*
4. Theoretical and Experimental Models

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Preliminary list of speakers:

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Elena Savvateeva-Popova, *Pavlov Institute of Physiology, St. Petersburg, Russia*

Stephan Sigrist, *Free University Berlin, Germany*

Conference venue

QISIN will take place in Koltushi (eaprtment of Pavlov Institute of Physiology (founded by Ivan Pavlov))



Important dates

15 June 2012 – Registration is opened

31 August 2012 – deadline of application and abstract submission

Deadline for abstract submission was extend until August, 31

16 September, 2012 – Registration and Welcome Party

17 September, 2012 – Conference opening

19 September, 2012 – Conference closing

Registration

To register, please email to the Conference Secretariat at email: QISIN-2012@yandex.ru

The email should include:

Family name:

Given name:

Work place:

Speciality:

Position:

Science degree:

Address for correspondence:

Postal code:

City /Country:

Street, house, apartment:

Phone (code) number:

Fax (code) number:

Cell phone number:

Contact Email:

Presentation type: oral/poster

Visa support required: yes/no

Main topic:

Participant registration fee

100 Euro.

Includes: Admission to all Conference sessions, coffee-breaks, Welcome party, Gala dinner

No registration fee for invited speakers, students and post-graduated students

Travel Grants are possible from Russian Foundation Dynasty

Financial Support and Travel Grants

Program of Short-term visits of foreign scientists

<http://science-visits.mccme.ru/fin.html>

Applications not later than 6 weeks before the date for foreign scientists and 60 days for Russian students, Application forms (In Russian) are on



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Financial support covers travel costs (tickets *APEX* class), accommodation in Hotels of economy class and local costs *per diem*.

Covered costs

Tickets for flights from:
Europe 600 Euro
United States , Japan, etc 1300 Euro

Accommodation

Hotel
3000 Rubles per day in St.
Petersburg
Without a
Hotel 800 Rubles per day

Per diem

2000 Rubles per day

Hotel reservation

At participants' request, the Conference Secretariat will provide hotel reservation and tourist visa support.

Hotel information

All information about hotel is located at hotel website <http://www.ladogahotel.ru/english/>

Visa to Russia

1. All foreign citizens crossing the border of Russia should have a visa.
2. You have to apply for tourist visa.
3. Conference Secretariat can help you in getting your tourist visa support documents.
4. Tourist voucher or business invitation is not a visa.

For getting any invitation one should send a copy of his passport with expiry date exceeding 6 months after the trip to the Conference Secretariat by email: QISIN-2012@yandex.ru

Upon getting from you all necessary documents, the Conference Secretariat will prepare a corresponding invitation (tourist voucher) and send it to you by Email or fax. If the Russian Embassy/Consulate in your city demands an original, mailing costs are on your own expense and are paid additionally.

Tourist visa

This visa is valid for a limited period coinciding with duration of your stay at the hotel, which you have already booked via Conference Secretariat. A tourist visa allows visiting only one Russian city. Conference Secretariat will send you a special voucher and a hotel reservation confirmation, which are necessary to get your tourist visa at the Russian Embassy/Consulate.

Making this paperwork takes 5 working days since receiving all the documents from you.

Tourist visa support issue costs € 30 (should be paid to Conference Secretariat). You will have to pay additionally for visa right at the Russian consulate/embassy.

Important guidelines to proper filling in your tourist visa application:

Reason for visit to Russia (Object of journey): **TOURISM (please do not state any other purpose of visit as you are applying for a Tourist visa)**. Individual trip. Hotel "Ladoga-hotel".

ATTENTION: The deadline for Tourist visa support documents booking via Conference Secretariat is August 15, 2012

In some countries there are special requirements because of the visa agreements with Russia.

Travel

Airports

St. Petersburg is easy to reach via many daily convenient flight connections. There are two airports in St. Petersburg – Pulkovo-1 and Pulkovo-2.

In Pulkovo-1 and Pulkovo-2 shuttle bus K39 stop is opposite to the exit from domestic flights Arrival zone. It goes directly to Ladoga-hotel.

The city bus #39 stop in Pulkovo-1 is opposite the exit from the arrival hall #1, which is on the ground floor of the terminal, going to "Moskovskaya" metro station. The bus runs every 12-20 minutes from 5.30 a.m. till 01.30 a.m. The trip takes 30-35 minutes.

Opposite the central building of Pulkovo2 terminal there is a bus stop for city bus #13. The stop of shuttle buses K3, K39 and K113 is closer to arrivals hall. First bus: 5.40 a.m. on week-days; 6.00 a.m. on week-ends. Last bus: 0.47 a.m..

How to get to the hotel:

Directly from airports Pulkovo 1 and Pulkovo-2 to hotel by shuttle bus K39.

Alternatively, go from the airport terminal to the nearest metro station «Moskovskaya» by city bus or shuttle bus. Then go by metro to the metro station "Vladimirskaaya" and change the line to the metro station "Dostoevskaya". Go to the station "Novocherkasskaya", then to the hotel by electric bus 1 and 22, or by bus 27, or walk for 15-20 minutes.

Ladoga-hotel address: Prospect Shaumyana, 26, St. Petersburg 195213, Tel. 718-6644; 528-5393

website: <http://www.ladogahotel.ru/english/>

Overland transport operates from 6.00 till 24.00

Train

There are 3 main international railway stations in St. Petersburg: Moscovsky, Ladozhsky and Vitebsky railway stations. All the stations are located near to the city center and to metro stations.

On request to Conference Secretariat, the direct transfer from airport to hotel will be provided.

Climate

To put it in just one word, St. Petersburg weather is variable. The city is on the Baltic Sea, which makes winters relatively mild, but summers are not particularly hot either. It is humid all year round. It does not rain all the time, but you never know when it will. The average September temperature can vary +15°C till +25°C.

Emergency

01 — fire

02 — police

03 — ambulance

04 — gas accidents

Can be dialed direct from payphones, with no codes. If you are calling from a mobile phone, add the code +7 812 or 8 812.

The special emergency number for mobile-phone users — 112.