Exploring Russia’s Environmental History and Natural Resources

St Petersburg and Solovetskii Islands, White Sea, Russia

11-20 August 2013

Programme

The Spaso-Preobrazhenskii (Transfiguration) Monastery, Solovetskii Islands (Photo by David Moon)
Sunday 11 August
Arrive in St Petersburg

Monday 12 August (St Petersburg)
5.20 pm Overnight train from Ladozhskii station, St Petersburg, to Kem’, Karelia

Tuesday 13 August (Solovki day 1)
08.59 am Arrive at Kem’
11.00 am Ferry ‘Metel’ to Solovki
1.00 am Arrive on Solovki

Hotel Priut, 11 Primorskaya st., settlement Solovetsky, 164070 Arkhangelsk region
http://my-solovki.ru/en/turism/hotels/203/ (English)
http://www.мои-соловки.рф/turism/hotels/124/ (Russian)

Afternoon: Monastery tour (Guide: Alexei Kraikovskii, European University at St Petersburg)
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=8

6.00 pm Solovetskii Maritime Museum: Seminar

David Moon, York University, ‘Exploring Russia’s Environmental History and Natural Resources: An Introduction’

Alexei Kraikovskii, European University at St Petersburg, ‘Introduction to Solovki’
(Powerpoint presentation)

Wednesday 14 August (Solovki day 2)
All Day: Field trips/Excursions

1. Botanical Garden/Botanicheskii sad
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=27

2. Sekirnaya hill and the Monastery of the Ascension/Gora Sekirnaya. Svyato-Voznesenskii Skit
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=23

3. Lakes and Canals of Solovki/Ozera i kanaly Solovkov (rowing trip)
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=47

After dinner: Project Steering Group Meeting 1
Thursday 15 August (Solovki day 3)

Morning - Field trip/excursion

Great Hare Island/Bol’shoi Zayatskii ostrov: Labyrinths and St Andrew’s Monastery
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=46
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=45

(Guide: Ekaterina Kalemeneva, European University at St Petersburg)

3.00-7.00 pm Solovetskii Maritime Museum

- Tour of Museum with guide
- Workshop

Julia Lajus, Higher School of Economics, ‘The Biological Research Station on Solovki.’

Michael David-Fox, Georgetown University, ‘The role of SLON (Solovetskii lager osobogo naznacheniia) in the genesis of the Gulag.’

Alan Roe, Georgetown University, ‘Russian National Parks.’

Catherine Evtuhov, Georgetown University, ‘Pentti Sammallahti: a Finnish photographer who visited Solovki in 1992.’ (Illustrated talk)

Friday 16 August (Solovki day 4)

Morning - Gulag Museum
http://osaarchivum.org/gulag/txt1.htm

Cycle ride to the Causeway
http://solovki.info/?action=pv&id=44

4.00 pm Ferry to Kem’
6.00 pm arrive at Kem’
8.37 pm Overnight train from Kem’ to St Petersburg

Saturday 17 August (St Petersburg)

12.11 pm Arrive Ladozhskii station, St Petersburg.
6.00 pm Steering Group Meeting 2
Sunday 18 August (St Petersburg)

11.00-7.00 Historic Icebreaker KRASSIN (formerly the Svyatogor): Workshop

Alexey Kraikovskii, Zoya Dmitrieva and Julia Lajus, European University and Higher School of Economics, ‘Monastic Fisheries and their Role in Mastering the Russian North, Sixteenth-Mid-Eighteenth Centuries.’

Nick Breyfogle, Ohio State University, ‘The Fate of Fishing in Tsarist Russia: The Human-Fish Nexus in Lake Baikal.’

Jon Oldfield, Glasgow University, ‘Russian geography and the Commission for the Study of the Natural Productive Forces of Russia (KEPS), 1915-25.’

Mark Sokolsky, Ohio State University, ‘Colonization and Aquatic Environments in Primorye, 1860-1914.’

Abigail Sutton, York University, ‘Northern fisheries.’

Voicu Sucala, Glasgow University, ‘Soviet methods of exploitation the natural resources in Romania between 1946 and 1956 through sovrom companies.’

Jack Sharples, Glasgow University, ‘A critical analysis of Russian state and Gazprom conceptions of natural gas as a strategic resource and Russia’s gas exports to the European Union during the Medvedev presidency (2008-2012)’

Kate Brown, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Looking forward to next year: ‘Chernobyl’.

Monday 19 August (St Petersburg and Kronstadt)

9.00 Trip to Kronstadt and St Petersburg Flood Defence Barrier. (Guide: Alexei Kraikovskii)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8faPGxSZVz4
http://eprints.hrwallingford.co.uk/603/1/HRPP569_The_St_Petersburg_Flood_Protection_Ba rrier_-_Design_and_Construction.pdf

5.20 pm Train to Kem’ and onward travel to Solovki for 3 days (Nicholas Breyfogle)

Tuesday 20 August

Depart for home or 7th Conference of European Society for Environmental History, Munich
http://www.eseh2013.org/
The Group

European University at St Petersburg

1. Alexandra Bekasova
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3. Ekaterina Kalemeneva, Ph.D. candidate (Solovki only)

Higher School of Economics (Vyshkha), St Petersburg

4. Julia Lajus

York University

5. David Moon
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6. Abi Sutton, Ph.D. candidate, Environment Dept

Glasgow University

7. Jack Sharples, Ph.D. candidate
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8. Ion Voicu Sucala, Ph.D. candidate
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Additional members from outside the formal network institutions

15. * Kate Brown, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
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16. Boris Gasparov, Columbia University
   http://www.columbia.edu/cu/slavic/fac-bios/gasparov/faculty.html

17. Gorsha Lajus (Julia’s son)

18. Vasya Bekasov (Alexandra’s son)

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