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Workshop Proposal

UK-Russia side event at the International Scientific Conference “Marine Research and Education-2018”: Interdisciplinary marine research in the Arctic and Northern Atlantic Oceans

BACKGROUND:

Here we propose a UK-Russia joint session for early career researchers at the [Marine Research and Education \(MARESEDU\) conference](#), in Moscow (**21-22 November 2018**). This session will bring together a targeted group of UK and Russian scientists with a diverse background in marine research and an interest in joint interdisciplinary projects to explore how Pertsov White Sea Biological Station (**WSBS**) might facilitate those interests. The main outcome is the preparation of a draft proposal for a UK-Russian Arctic research project/ scientific event that the WSBS would be able to host in 2019. The session is supported by [the UK Polar Network](#) (UKPN), the [Marine Research Centre](#) at Lomonosov Moscow State University (LMSU), the UK Science and Innovation Network in Russia (SIN Russia) and [the NERC Arctic Office](#).

[Pertsov White Sea Biological Station](#) (**WSBS**) of Lomonosov Moscow State University is a unique research platform in the Russian Arctic with a wide range of equipment to facilitate research in Marine Biology, Geology and Ocean Science. The station is celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2018 and MARESEDU is hosting a special session during the conference dedicated to the WSBS anniversary themed as “Interdisciplinary Research at Marine Stations”.

DRAFT AGENDA

(Approximately 5 participants from the UK side, 6-10 participants from the Russian side, venue: the Shirshov Institute of Oceanography in Moscow; moderated by the organising team formed by members of UKPN, UK-Russia Arctic Early Career Group and LMSU Marine Research Centre)

Day 1. November 21

- A short introduction to WSBS: its mission, facilities, experience in facilitating international research on the station and examples of projects with international participation supported in the past (20 mins)
- 10 mins presentations from each early career participant to give an overview of their research and interests in the Russian Arctic (Followed by
- Q&A/scientific discussion). We request each participant to dedicate the



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final slide of their presentation to ideas of potential joint research projects/workshops at WSBS.

- Initial discussion on potential event/s (conference/school/workshop) and potential joint research projects to be held at the WSBS and funding opportunities available
- Networking discussions

Day 2. November 22.

- Next steps to develop joint research collaborations
- Drafting proposal/proposals for an interdisciplinary project at the White Sea Station