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*First Announcement*

**Dear colleagues!**

Caspian Sea is the world's largest inland body of water, often described as the world's largest drainless lake. It located between Europe and Asia on the border of five coastal countries: Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan. In addition to these countries with access to the Caspian Sea, the sea basin includes a colossal catchment area of more than 3 million km<sup>2</sup>. This region stands out for its unique diversity of amphibians and reptiles under significant anthropogenic impact. Considering the ongoing interest of herpetologists in this region, with pleasure we announce first international conference on the herpetology of Caspian basin.

A.M. Nikolsky Herpetological Society,  
Zoological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences  
Daghestan State University,  
Institute of Zoology, Republic of Kazakhstan and  
West Kazakhstan State University  
will organize  
the International Conference:

«HERPETOLOGICAL STUDIES IN CASPIAN BASIN»

**Location and Dates:** 1st to 5th November 2023, Kaspiysk, Daghestan, Russia.

**Scientific Program and Sections:**

1. Ecology and distribution.
2. Systematics, phylogeny and speciation.
3. Morphology and evolution.
4. Molecular, genetic and GIS-methods in herpetology.
5. History of herpetology.
6. Anthropogenic impact and problems of conservation.
7. Captive and breeding.

Excursions to historical and natural sights of Daghestan are planned within the framework of the conference.

Contributions to the conference will be published in a special issue of *Current Studies in Herpetology*, after normal peer-reviewing process. Please follow the guidelines to authors at the journal's website: <https://sg.sgu.ru/en/content/general-information>

No Registration Fee.

Conference languages: Russian and English.

**DEADLINES:**

15 April 2023 – last day for registration

15 June 2023 – last day for submitting paper for publication for *Current Studies in Herpetology*

Registration form, please send to: [darevskia@yandex.ru](mailto:darevskia@yandex.ru)

All conference papers will be available at: <https://www.zin.ru/conferences/>

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Please note: due to possible anti-epidemiological constraints or a low number of applications for in-person presentations, the format of the sessions may be changed by decision of the organizing committee of the conference. In this case, remote participation and broadcasts will be available for the speakers. We count on your understanding!

*With the hope of meeting in Kaspiysk,  
Organizing Committee.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please, complete this form and email it to the Conference organizers,  
at: *darevskia@yandex.ru*

Author's Name and Surname	
Co-authors' names	
Date of birth	
Academic degree	
Institution, Department, etc	
Position	
Address & postal code	
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Presentation Name	
Oral presentation / Poster presentation / Zoom	
Special wishes	

RULES FOR AUTHORS, PUBLISHING PAPER IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF *CURRENT STUDIES IN  
HERPETOLOGY*

The volume of manuscripts (including a list of references) should not exceed 6 pages prepared in accordance with style file and contains no more 1 Figure and 2 Tables. Tables should not occupy more than 30% of the total volume of the paper.

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Please send manuscripts marked "Conference-Caspian" by June 15, 2023 to the address of the executive secretary of the journal *Current Studies in Herpetology*:  
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