

# Biodiversity data in montane and arid Eurasia



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**November 18–19, 2024**

**Almaty, Kazakhstan**

**Organizers:**

**Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)**

**Institute of Zoology of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan**

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**Dear colleagues!**

The symposium “**Biodiversity data in montane and arid Eurasia**” will take place on **November 18–19, 2024** in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**Venue: Institute of Zoology of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, III floor, main assembly hall**



**Registration** of participants will start on **November 18 at 9:00**. The registration area will be signposted starting from the main entrance to the institute.

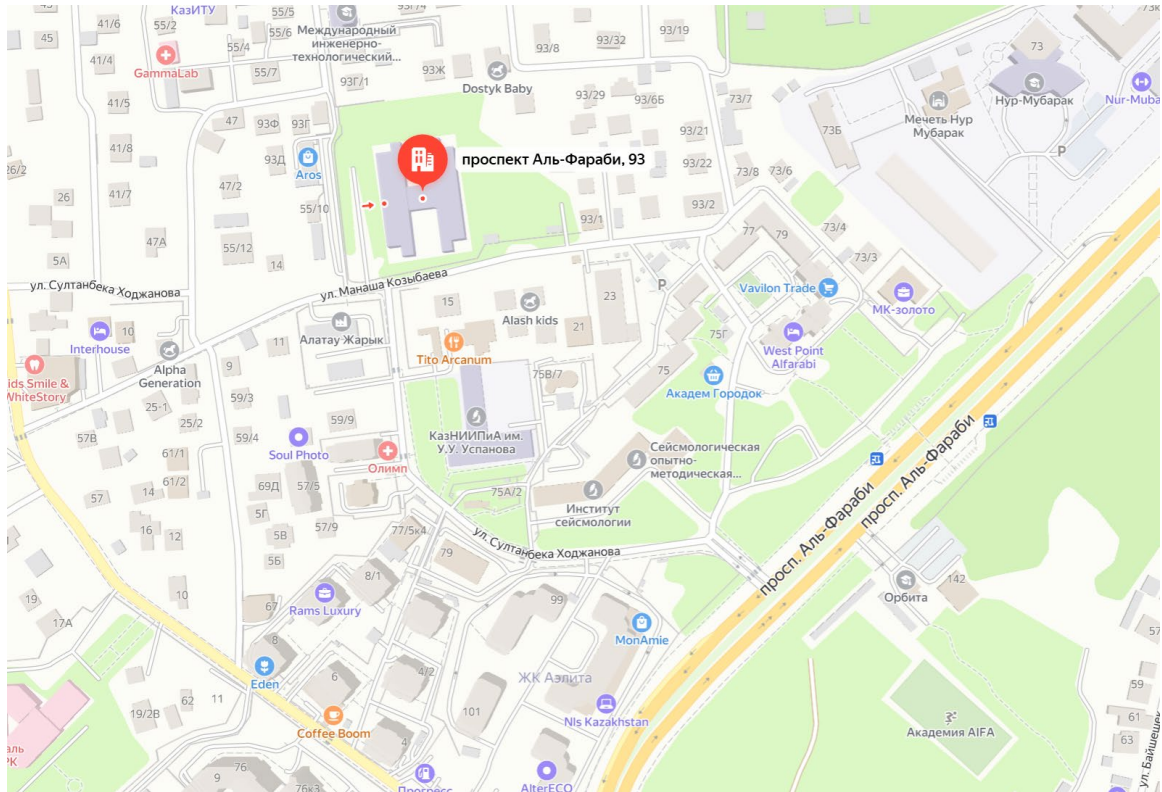
**The symposium will start at 10.00**

**The symposium program** is available for download at <https://bit.ly/4hIXg6q> and via QR code:



## HOW TO FIND THE INSTITUTE OF ZOOLOGY

**Address:** Almaty, Al-Farabi avenue, 93



Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/N1DDvcjAXVT7KEuz5>

Yandex maps: <https://yandex.eu/maps/-/CDtVml~G>



Main entrance to the Institute



Parking in front of the institute

## HOW TO GET TO THE INSTITUTE

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

To find your way, please use the **2GIS** application on your phone or online maps (Google maps or Yandex maps).

You can reach the Institute by public transport:

- along the Al-Farabi Avenue, stop Akademgorodok stop, buses: **38, 63, 86, 127**
- along Zharokova street, stop Khodzhanova street, buses: **19, 56**

**Payment for travel** through special Onay cards, through the Onay app, or in cash to the driver. Single ticket by card or app is 150 tenge, in cash – 200 tenge.

### TAXI

In many cases, the fastest and relatively inexpensive way to get around the city is by taxi. Download the «**Yandex Go**» or «**UBER**», applications to your phone in advance; when installing the applications, do not forget to select the correct payment method (card or cash).

### OWN VEHICLE

If you plan to arrive by car, please let organizers know the brand and the license plate of the car. This information will be made available to security and will allow the car to enter the institute's parking lot. You can get to the institute from al-Farabi Avenue or from Zharokova Street (see 2GIS or online maps).

### IMPORTANT:

When planning your travel time, please note that there are often traffic jams in Almaty, especially in the morning and evening hours.

**Plan your travel time generously!**

## ROUTE FROM THE ALPEN VILLE HOTEL

Symposium participants staying at the Alpen Ville hotel are recommended to take the following route from the hotel to the Institute of Zoology (15 minutes on foot).



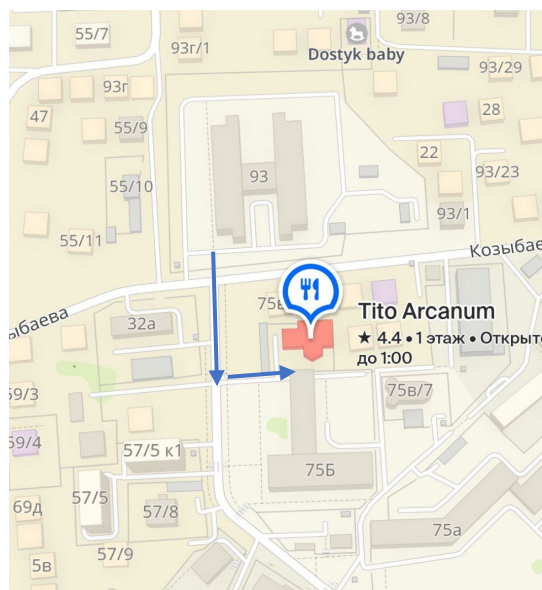
## MEALS

**Coffee breaks** are provided by the symposium organizers.

**Lunches** are paid for by the participants themselves. Payment is made on the first day of registration for the event. The cost of one lunch is 3,500 tenge, and the payment for two lunches, respectively, is 7,000 tenge.

**IMPORTANT:** We strongly recommend that foreign participants withdraw some tenge in case (the equivalent of 20 EUR or 20 USD) in advance, before the start of the symposium, in order to be able to pay for lunch.

Lunches will be organized at the Tito Arcanum restaurant (address: Al-Farabi Avenue 75 B/1). The restaurant is located near the Institute of Zoology (100 meters).



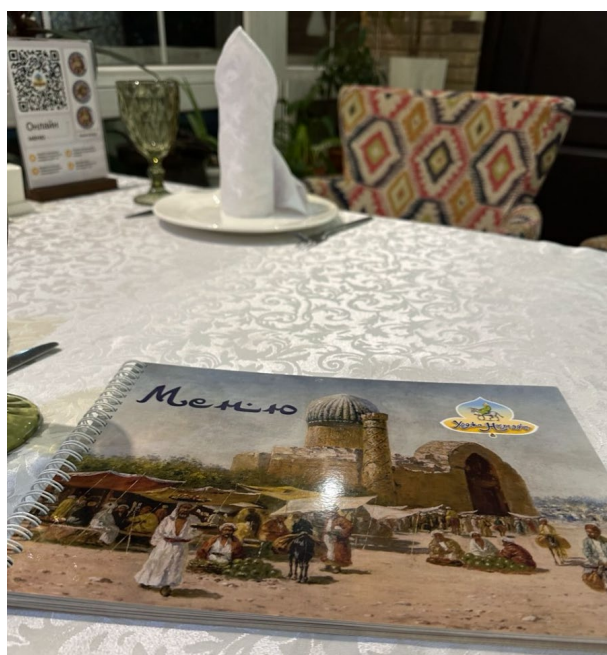
Walking route



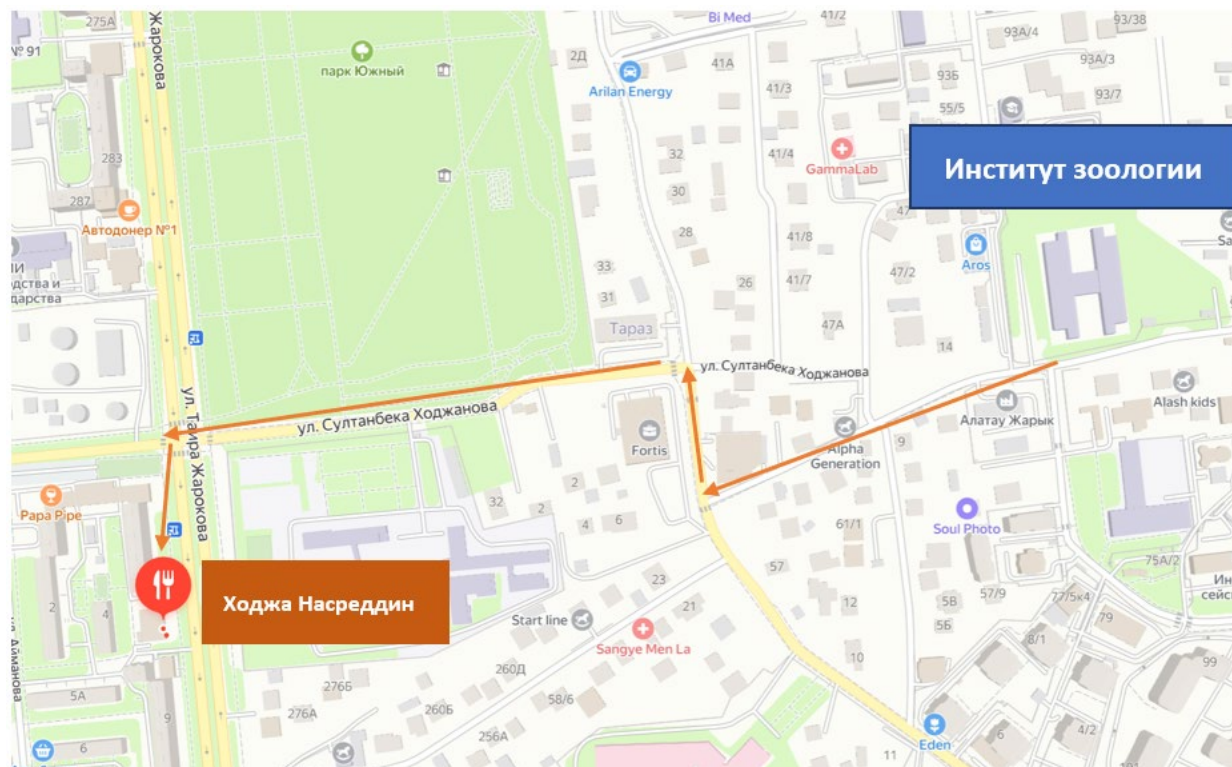
Restaurant hall

## SYMPOSIUM DINNER

A symposium dinner (available only for registered participants of the event) will be organized on **November 18** and will begin at 19.00 at the Khawaja Nasreddin restaurant (Almagul microdistrict 4a, Zharokova St., above Khodzhanova St.).



## Restaurant Khawaja Nasreddin



Directions from the Institute to the Khoja Nasreddin restaurant

### CLOSING EXCURSION

On November 19, following the end of the symposium, we invite you to take part in the excursion to the Main Botanical Garden of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Excursion time is from 14.30 to 16.30.

At 14.30 we gather near the main entrance to the Institute of Zoology to continue our discussions during the excursion through the botanical gardens, by 16.30 we return to the Institute of Zoology.

**LUGGAGE NOTE:** Participants departing on November 19 and those joining the BioDATA training will be able to leave their luggage in a special designated room in the Institute (you have to collect your luggage no later than 18:00).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Before the start of the symposium, you can ask questions to the organizers by email: [central-asia@gbif.org](mailto:central-asia@gbif.org) or [marina.chirikova@zool.kz](mailto:marina.chirikova@zool.kz) Marina Aleksandrovna Chirikova (Deputy General Director for Science, Institute of Zoology, [tel. +7-705-112-15-23](tel:+77051121523)).

Inquiries regarding accommodation and logistics are c/o Ilya Alekseevich Zhuravlev [Iliya.zhuravlev@zool.kz](mailto:Iliya.zhuravlev@zool.kz).

Emergency phone / Whatsapp numbers to organizers will be available through the registration desk on the first day of the symposium.

The main information desk during the event will be at the registration area, which will be open during all breaks until the start of the excursion.

