

**PROGRAM OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
"BIODIVERSITY DATA IN MONTANE AND ARID EURASIA"
NOVEMBER 18–19, 2024, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN**

Monday, November 18, 2024, Institute of Zoology, Assembly Hall (Al-Farabi Ave. 93)		
9:00-10:00	REGISTRATION	
OPENING CEREMONY		
Moderator: Chirikova M.A., Institute of Zoology of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Deputy Director General for Science		
10:05-10:10 (5')	Welcome speech Institute of Zoology of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Roman Jashenko , Director General	
10:10-10:40	Welcome speeches (<i>to be determined</i>)	
10:40-10:45 (5')	Welcome speech Global Biodiversity Information Facility Christoph Häuser , GBIF, Vice Chair of Governing Board	
10:45-10:50 (5')	The purpose and objectives of the international seminar Dmitry Schigel , Global Biodiversity Information Facility	
10:50-11:00 (5')	Organizational issues and general photo Marina Chirikova , organizing committee	
11:00-11:30 (30')	Coffee Break	
SESSION 1: GBIF global relevance		
Moderator: Roman Jashenko , Institute of Zoology of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Director General		
11:30-12:15 (45')	GBIF overview: global significance and history - benefits of participation, and role for policy	Christoph Häuser, GBIF Executive committee
12:15-12:45 (30')	GBIF for science	Dmitry Schigel, GBIF Secretariat
12:45-13:00 (15')	Questions and discussion	
13:00-15:00 (120')	Lunch	
SESSION 2: GBIF in Eurasia I: Participants in the region and potential members		
Moderator: Oleg Borodin, GBIF		
15:00-15:20 (20')	Tajikistan National Report	Samariddin Barotov, GBIF Tajikistan
15:20-15:45 (25')	Uzbekistan National Report: GBIF and new opportunities for large-scale knowledge of plant diversity in Central Asia	Komiljon Tojibaev, GBIF Uzbekistan, Institute of Botany UAS
15:45-16:00 (15')	Kazakhstan: Potential for Participation and Prospects for Membership in GBIF	Roman Jashenko, Institute of Zoology CS MSHE RK
16:00-16:30 (30')	Coffee Break	

16:30-17:00 (30')	Becoming GBIF participant	Dmitry Schigel, GBIF Secretariat
17:00-17:10 (10')	Kyrgyzstan: Potential for Participation and Prospects for Membership in GBIF	<i>To be determined</i>
17:10-17:20 (10')	Mongolia: Potential for Participation and Prospects for Membership in GBIF	Davaakhuu Gantulga, Director of the Biological Institute MAS
17:20-17:30 (10')	China (Xinjiang): Potential for Participation and Prospects for Membership in GBIF	<i>To be determined</i> (Yang Weikang Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography CAS)
17:30-18:00 (30')	Questions and discussion of a road map for increased participation in the region, pathways to establishing GBIF nodes	
18:00-18:10 (10')	Summing up the work of the first day	
19:00	DINNER, Restaurant Hodja Nasreddin (address: Microdistrict Almagul 4a)	
Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Institute of Zoology, Assembly Hall (Al-Farabi Ave. 93)		
09:00-09:30 (30')	Welcome Coffee	
SESSION 3: GBIF for scientific and practical use Moderator: Salza Palpurina		
09:30-10:00 (30')	Publishing to GBIF - the essentials	Salza Palpurina, GBIF
10:00-10:30 (30')	Accessing and using GBIF - the essentials	Oleg Borodin, GBIF
10:30-11:00 (30')	Data citation and GBIF powered literature	Dmitry Schigel, GBIF Secretariat
11:00-11:30 (30')	Coffee Break	
SESSION 4: Approaches and solutions empowering open biodiversity data Moderator: Dmitry Schigel, GBIF,		
11:30-12:00 (30')	Citizen science and its links to biodiversity conservation and global data	Aleksandr Dubynin, Institute of Botany and Phytointroduction MENR RK
12:00-12:30 (30')	Data papers on biodiversity	Penev L., Pensoft
12:30-12:50 (30')	Discussion, questions and answers, summing up	
12:50-13:00 (10')	Closing of the seminar	Roman Jashenko, Institute of Zoology CS MSHE RK
13:00-14:30 (90')	Lunch	
14:30-16:30 (120')	EXCURSION in the botanical garden	
17:00	Transfer to the venue for the training workshop (For the BioDATA workshop participants only)	

