



Institute of Zoology

Science Committee of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of
Kazakhstan

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL CONFERENCE

“BIRD MIGRATION IN ASIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY: RESULTS, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS”

Dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Shakpak Ornithological Station 

9-12 September 2026

FIRST INFORMATION LETTER

Dear colleagues,

The Institute of Zoology invites you to take part in the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Bird Migration in Asia in the 21st Century: Results, Challenges and Prospects”, dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Shakpak (Chokpak) Ornithological Station.

The conference aims to comprehensively summarize research results on bird migration and to develop coordinated scientific and methodological approaches for further studies of migration processes in Asia.

The conference welcomes researchers, biodiversity specialists, lecturers and students in biology and ecology, as well as representatives of conservation organizations and government agencies interested in bird migration research and the conservation of migratory species.

Conference organizer: Institute of Zoology of the Science Committee of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Information partners: “Veter stranstvii” publication, ACBK (Kazakhstan Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity), Working Group on Eurasian Cranes

Dates: 9-12 September 2026

Location: Shakpak Ornithological Station, Zhualy District, Zhambyl Region, Kazakhstan

Format: Hybrid (on-site at the ringing station and online participation)

Organizational fee: Online participation is free of charge, on-site participation requires an organizational fee

Technical details: The technical platform, schedule, and connection link will be sent to registered participants

Working languages: Kazakh, English, Russian

Participation formats

- plenary presentation (up to 20 minutes);
- section oral presentation (up to 10 minutes);
- online participation with publication of materials.

Main conference themes

- summarizing the results of bird migration research in the 21st century and sharing monitoring data;
- identifying priority challenges and directions for research and conservation of migratory birds;
- discussing current issues in bird migration studies in Asia.

Registration

Deadline for submitting the registration form: **30 April 2026**

To participate, please complete the online registration form: <https://clck.ru/3S5Hqu>



If you are unable to complete the online form, you may also register by email. Please fill in the table and send it to birdring@zool.kz. In the email subject line, please write: **Shakpak-60 / Full Name**

Participant registration details	Information
Full name	
Affiliation, city, country	
Position, academic degree, academic title	
Presentation title	
E-mail	
Phone	
Participation format (on-site / online)	
Need accommodation in the station camp (yes / no)	

Submission of materials and publication

Deadline for submitting presentation materials: **30 June 2026**

Formatting requirements will be sent to registered participants in the second information letter. Publication of papers based on conference materials is planned in the proceedings “Trudy instituta zoologii”.

Key dates

By 30 April 2026	Registration deadline
By 30 June 2026	Submission of materials

Additional information for on-site participation

Organizational fee (*payment is made during on-site registration at the conference venue*):

15,000 KZT (\approx 30 USD) – for students (Bachelor’s and Master’s);

25,000 KZT (\approx 50 USD) – for other participants.

The fee includes:

- meals and coffee breaks during the conference days;
- publication of materials in the proceedings “Transactions of the Institute of Zoology”;
- a scientific and practical block at Shakpak Station (demonstration of field methods);
- free accommodation in the field camp on the territory of Shakpak Station; we recommend submitting your request in advance, as the number of places is limited.

Alternatively: guesthouses and hotels in nearby settlements – booking and payment are arranged by participants independently (approx. 5,000–10,000 KZT per night).

Conference program

- 9 September – arrival of participants, registration, opening of the conference;
- 10 September – plenary and section sessions;
- 11 September – field program (excursion of choice);
- 12 September – closing of the conference, departure of participants.

Travel and transfer

Travel to the conference venue is covered by participants.

Information on a possible transfer (from the nearest transport hubs to Chokpak Station), as well as arrival and departure details, will be provided in the second information letter.

Cultural / birdwatching program (11 September – excursions of choice)

- Aksu-Zhabagly Nature Reserve, Aksu Canyon (approx. 9,000 KZT (18 USD) per person);
- Ters-Ashchybulak Reservoir (approx. 5,000 KZT (10 USD) per person).

Contacts

Organizing Committee contacts:

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We would appreciate your support in sharing information about the conference!

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee of the “Chokpak-60” Conference

Information partners

