Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to a pre-conference meeting on medical geography and human ecology, that is organized under the guidance of the IGU Commission on Health and Environment. The Meeting is a preliminary session of the annual IGU regional conference “Geography, Culture and Society for Our Future Earth”, which will be held in Moscow 17 - 21 August, 2015.

The pre-conference Meeting will take place in Vladimir (about 200 km east of Moscow) 13 - 16 August, 2015.

The Meeting is organized by the Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University, and the Chair of biology and ecology of Vladimir State University.

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Session topics:

1. Geography of Infectious Diseases
2. Urban Health
3. Health Systems and Access to Care  
4. Global Health and Health Geography  
5. Education in Health Geography and Human Ecology


The Meeting schedule:
- August 13 - Arrival to Vladimir, registration, icebreaker reception
- August 14 - Pre-Conference Meeting scientific program (concurrent poster & paper sessions)
- August 15 - All day field excursion
- August 16 – Departure

Registration fee for the Meeting is USD 250. Graduate and post-graduate students may get a 50% discount upon submission of a copy of their student identification card. The terms of payment will be posted on the Meeting website on March 1, 2015.

The registration fee covers handout materials, coffee breaks, social event (dinner) and one-day field excursion, transfer from Moscow to Vladimir and back.

All the additional information will be posted on the Meeting website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please forward this letter to your colleagues who might be interested in this information.

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