**INFORMATION LETTER**

Dear friends!

We have the honor to invite you to take part in *The Second International Scientific Conference* ***«The Kailash phenomenon and its role in the human evolution»****.*

**The Conference Organizers:**

• Kailash phenomenon research group (Russia)

• International Center of the Roerichs (Moscow)

**Conference Venue:**

Museum of Nicholas Roerich of International Center of the Roerichs (ICR), «Kropotkinskaya» metro station, 3\5 Maly Znamensky per., Moscow, Russia

**Conference Date:** March, 21 – 22, 2015

**The Objectives of the Conference:**

- systematization of all the accumulated data on the Kailash phenomenon and on the Great Lakes region in Tibet, including the spiritual experience of the pilgrims who have visited these regions, and its introduction into scientific use;

- advancement of the further research of Tibet's sacral regions and dissemination of knowledge about them;

- introduction of the outstanding achievements made during the Tibetan stage of the Roerichs' Central Asian expedition for scientific use and their popularization;

- analysis of the data about ancient monuments collected by recent expeditions on the route taken by the Roerichs in Tibet in the twenties of the twentieth century.

This Conference will focus on a number of interesting research problems that extend, in comparison with The First Conference, the area of consideration of the cultural and natural sites of Tibet, as well as of the historical events, one way or another related to Kailash. Thus, along with the Kailash mountain system, the Conference suggests to focus on the Great Lakes of Tibet, as well as on the ancient pilgrimage routes to the sacred Mount Kailash. In addition, an important and a quite relevant task of the Conference is consideration of a wide range of the problems associated with the Tibetan part of the Roerichs' Central Asian expedition, as well as of the value of the important scientific discoveries made on route by Nicholas and George Roerichs, and of the prospects of further research in this area. An important aspect of this field of work is to review the results of the latest expeditions on the Tibetan route of the Roerichs' Central Asian expedition which still remains one of the most remote and unexplored regions of the planet.

**The Guidelines of the Conference:**

1. Comprehension of the Kailash phenomenon in terms of cosmic evolution of humanity.

2. History of researches of Kailash and the adjacent regions.

3. Tibetan part of the Roerichs' Central Asian expedition and the ancient pilgrimage route to Kailash:

- Nicholas and George Roerichs’ cultural and historical studies on the region;

- latest expeditions and their results; problems and prospects for future research.

4. Great Lakes of Tibet, including Manasarovar: their sacred significance and prospects of research.

5. Artifacts of the Kailash region: problems of their studying and interpreting.

6. Kailash in the works of Roerich family.

7. Analysis of the modern and ancient written sources on Kailash and Great Lakes of Tibet; the importance of these regions in the context of the Eastern religious systems.

8. Water system in Kailash region and its water properties study.

9. Geology, geomorphology and geophysics of the Mount Kailash, its surroundings and the Great Lakes region of Tibet.

10. The role of a new system of cognition represented by a synthesis of scientific, empirical and meta-scientific (going through man's inner, mental world) modes of cognition in the understanding of the ancient Tibetan culture and the significance of natural sites of the region.

**The Round Table** **«Problems and prospects of studying the natural and cultural sites of Tibet: questions and opinions» will be held after the reports on the second day of the Conference.**

*The online broadcast of the Conference is provided. All the information on the mechanism and the conditions of its implementation will be later posted on the websites*: [www.icr.su](http://www.icr.su/) [www.icr.su/rus/onckm](http://www.icr.su/rus/onckm) [www.mt-kailash.ru](http://www.mt-kailash.ru/)

**Information for Presenters:**

If the area of your interest is in line with the stated topic and you want to make a corresponding report, please send your proceedings no later than 25th January, 2015.

*Abstract requirements:*

- it should accurately reflect the content of the report and its title;

- it should be not less than 3000 and not more than 5000 letters with spaces;

- at the end of the text you must specify your full name and surname, position or academic degree, e-mail address and contact telephone number.

**Speaking time - 20 minutes.**

The selection of papers is held on a competitive basis. You will be informed about the inclusion of your report in the conference program by a special letter no later than February 20, 2015, which will serve also as an invitation to the Conference.

Any electronic data which are supposed to be used to illustrate the reports, must be submitted to the Organizing Committee before March 1, 2015.

Send the abstract of your report to: conference@mt-kailash.ru

If possible to provide additional financial assistance for the organization of the Conference, please report it to the Organizing Committee: onckm@icr.su

*Conference Organizing Committee*