

IAVS Meetings Committee

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Forthcoming IAVS Symposia:

2018

Bozeman, Montana (USA)

July 22-27, 2018: The 61th IAVS Symposium

Organized by Dave Roberts, James Moore, and Mark Fulton

Montana State University, Bozeman (<http://www.montana.edu/cs/>)..

Excursions:

Two main options:

1 - Central Northern Rocky Mountains

This would go from Bozeman over Bear Tooth Pass (<http://beartoothhighway.com/>), the largest area of alpine vegetation in the US Rocky Mountains and then to Yellowstone National Park (<http://www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm>) and the Grand Teton National Park (<http://www.nps.gov/grte/index.htm>). The timing in late July would ensure that many alpine and subalpine species will be in flower.

2 - Crown of the Continent

This would go north from Bozeman via Flathead Lake to Glacier National Park (<http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm>) and then cross the border into the Canadian Rockies (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/304>).

Other possibilities:

- A prairie trip east of Bozeman to sites in central and eastern Montana or even South Dakota. There are some sites with large areas of prairie to which bison have been reintroduced.

- A trip via Seattle to the temperate rainforests of the Olympic Peninsula.
- A trip via Portland or Sacramento to the coastal redwood forests of Oregon and Northern California.
- A trip south from Bozeman to desert areas in Utah.
- A trip via Flagstaff, Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon and other sites.

2020

Vladivostok (Russia)

Presented by Pavel Krestov, Botanical Garden-Institute, Vladvostok

I invite the IAVS annual symposium in Vladivostok, Russia, in the last pristine temperate region in the northern hemisphere. Vladivostok is located inside the middle (or cool) temperate zone with temperate deciduous broadleaved and mixed forests, that may be known to international public as Ussuri taiga, after the Oscar winning movie 'Dersu Uzala' by Akira Kurosawa.

<http://www.servustv.com/at/Medien/Terra-Mater-Amur-Folge-1>

<http://www.servustv.com/at/Medien/Terra-Mater-Amur-Folge-2>

The venue will be the Far Eastern Federal University, on Russkii (Russian) Island, connected with the City of Vladivostok with a world biggest cable-stayed bridge over the Stark strait. The university conference facilities can easily accommodate about 1000 participants. The university owns student dormitories, which can be a good alternatives to hotels for budget accommodation.

<http://www.dvfu.ru/en/web/fevu/video/-/video/8214794-FEFU>

Geographic location of the venue and pristine nature of the region suggests the best fit theme of this symposium: 'Vegetation before and after people'.

The region of the Russian Far East is the best to see intact temperate forest ecosystems, vegetation diversity in conditions of continuous permafrost and vegetation in volcanic areas. Therefore we plan **three** major excursions, which briefly can be named as:

1. 'Sikhote-Alin' (intact vegetation gradient from temperate to boreal

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziwKl4wTmRA>),

2. 'Oymyakon, the Pole of Cold' (ultra continental forests on continuous permafrost and refugia of relictual steppes <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWkItxxhNME>) and

3. 'Kamchatka' (vegetation in volcanic areas <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ELCd6Q9lsY>).

Vladivostok (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vladivostok>), established in 1860 as eastern Russian harbor and naval base, remained closed for foreigners until 1991. But it has rich history and its own very special spirit that makes it different from other Russian cities. History of the city is full of facts that may be surprising for potential participants of IAVS symposium: in the beginning of 20 century Vladivostok had a world strongest marine fortifications, it was place of first European business in eastern Russia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunst_and_Albers), it is a birthplace of Yul Brynner (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yul_Brynner), it is a place, where all nations can find the footprints of their culture.

The proposal for Hohhot (China) was presented in Perth, has not been validated and, at the moment, it's not considered for a next future meeting as far as we not resume contacts with Prof. Fank Yonghong Li from Inner Mongolia University.

It is needed to find a venue for 2019, presumably in Europe.