Dear colleagues!

It is our privilege and pleasure to invite you to a field trip to the Upper Devonian-Carboniferous reef buildups of the Bolshoi Karatau Mountains (South Karatau) to be held on August 15–21 2017

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Registration:
Please fill the registration form (below) and e-mail to musina.63@mail.ru before 1 March 2017.

The registration fee of USD 500 should be sent with the registration form payable to the account below. The fee pays for the guidebook, the excursion program, field lunches and round-trip transport from Turkestan to the excursion site. The return train tickets from Almaty to Turkestan are included in the registration fee.

Bank account:

Bank “CenterCredit” Almaty
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Main destinations of the Kazakhstan Trip

Almaty is the largest and the greenest city in Kazakhstan, with a population over 2 000 000. It used to be the capital of the country, until 1997 when it changed to Astana. Almaty takes pride in being the cultural centre of the republic. It has 270 cultural sites including theatres, concert halls, museums, art galleries, libraries, historical and architectural monuments, and churches of all denominations. The busy international airport receives flights from many destinations.

Turkestan is one of the oldest cities of Kazakhstan. Turkestan is a large industrial, educational and cultural centre, and a popular tourist destination. The sightseeing attractions include the 15th century Khanaka (Mausoleum) of Khodzha Akhmed Yasavi, well-known sufi and poet, the “Azret Sultan” memorial complex; burials of great Kazakh kings Esim-Khan, Ablai-Khan, Abulhir-Khan and others. There is a memorial to Kazybek Bi - one of the authors of the “Zhety Zhargy”, the first set of Kazakh laws, and other important contributors to the Kazakh State. Incidentally, railway station (1905) has the status of an architectural monument.

The famous underground mosque and the baths (“Vostochnye Bani”) (1600-1700s) are located in the center of Turkestan.

The city is also famous for its four oriental vegetable and fruit markets. Camels are commonly used for transportation.

The climate in the city of Turkestan is moderately dry (desert-like) and strongly continental. Summers are very hot, with mean August temperatures of 33-35 °C (day), and 25-27°C (night). In summer, daily temperature fluctuations of 15-20 °C are common.

Important deadlines:

1. Registration 1 March 2017
2. Scan or pdf of travel passport (needed to book railway tickets Almaty to Turkestan) 1 March 2017
3. Second circular 1 April 2017
REGISTRATION
A FIELD TRIP TO THE UPPER DEVONIAN-CARBONIFEROUS REEF BUILDUPS OF THE BOLSHOI KARATAU MOUNTAINS (SOUTH KARATAU)
August 15–21 2017
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Hotels
Price list for hotel registration in Almaty, in USD (breakfast not included)

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