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1. INTRODUCTION

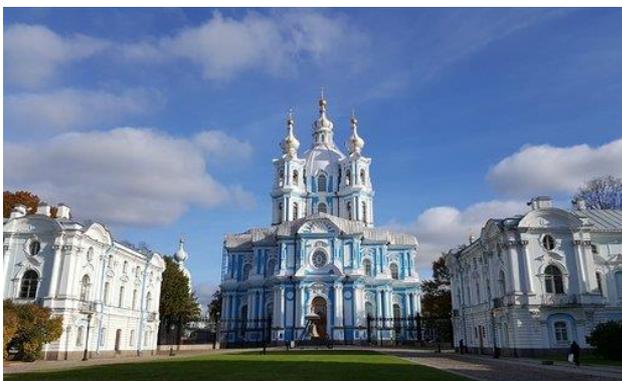
In accordance with the program plan for the Russian Chairmanship of the Arctic Council in 2021-2023, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation is organizing the ASM4 (Russia). Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation organizes the Delegation of Authority from ASM4 (Russia) to ASM5 (Norway). Russian State Hydrometeorological University acts as a co-executor of the event (organizational function of the meeting).

The event is scheduled for April 14-15, 2023 in St. Petersburg. The first day of the event is planned to be held in one of the halls of the Smolny Cathedral building complex. The session of the second day will be held on board the icebreaker "Krasin". We are very pleased to invite you and your colleagues to take part in the ASM4 to ASM5 handover forum.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of Russia, Norway, India, and China, as well as representatives of the Arctic Council observer states, the main working groups of the Arctic Council, organizations and public associations, and heads of organizations of small indigenous peoples of the North. The basis of the program of the meeting will be the transfer of authority from ASM4 (Russia) to ASM5 (Norway), and as part of the event will discuss funding mechanisms for joint research projects by line agencies, and consider the functional relationship between the responsible agencies of the participating countries.

2. MEETING PLACE

1. The Smolny Cathedral is one of St. Petersburg's main architectural landmarks, a unique monument of Russian baroque, protected by UNESCO. It is located on the left bank of the Neva, near Smolny Yard, in the place where resin was brewed to make ships. The temple is a part of an architectural ensemble of Smolny Monastery. It is built in baroque style. The Government of St. Petersburg and the Governor of St. Petersburg are located in the Smolny. The meeting is planned in one of the historic halls of the Smolny.



Address and ways to the Smolny in St. Petersburg

Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, Rastrelli sq., 1 or Smolny proezd, 1, lit. B.

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Nearest metro: "Ploschad Lenina", "Ploschad Vosstaniya".

2. Museum icebreaker Krasin

The icebreaker Krasin, an Arctic icebreaker of the Russian and Soviet fleets, has been a museum ship built at the W. G. Shipyard since the 1980s. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co. Ltd. in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England in 1916-1917. Since Feb. 20, 1992 the ship is a historical monument of national importance. In May 16, the ship was registered in the All-Russian Register of Museums. The meeting is planned in the conference room aboard the icebreaker.



Address and ways to the icebraker

Address: 199106, St. Petersburg, 23 Lieutenant Schmidt Embankment.

Nearest metro: "Vasileostrovskaya", "Primorskaya".

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3. LIVING

Hotel reservations and payments are to be made by delegates at their own discretion.

There is a wide variety of accommodation options in St. Petersburg, which can be found on the Internet. Online hotel booking services in Russia:

- www.booking.com;
- www.airbnb.ru.

We recommend the following hotels:

3.2. Petro Palace Hotel 5*

Malaya Morskaya str., 14, Admiralteisky District, St. Petersburg, Russia

Website Link: <https://www.petropalacehotel.com/>



The building of the Petro Palace Hotel in St. Petersburg

The rooms of the hotel "Petro Palace" are decorated in a classical style. The hotel is located in the historical center of St. Petersburg, a 5-minute walk from St. Isaac's Cathedral, Palace Square and Nevsky ave. From the hotel to the metro station "Admiralteyskaya" over 200 meters. The distance to Pulkovo International Airport is 19 km.

The trip to the Smolny or the Icebreaker "Krasin" takes about 50 minutes on foot, 20-25 minutes by car or cab. A trip to Pulkovo Airport will take about 40 minutes by cab. Approximate price per person per night (including taxes): about \$99 - \$143, depending on the room type, including breakfast.

Room type Petro Palace Hotel 5*	Room rate (per night/including breakfast)
Standard	6 900 RUB. / 99,71 USD
Executive Suite	7 900 RUB. / 114,16 USD
Semi Suite	9 900 RUB. / 143,07 USD

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3.3. Astoria Rocco Forte 5*

Bolshaya Morskaya Str. 39, Admiralteysky District, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Website Link: <http://www.astoriaspb.ru/>



The building of the Astoria Hotel in St. Petersburg

Astoria Hotel is located in the very center of the city - on Bolshaya Morskaya Street, near Isaakievskiy Square, the Mariinsky Palace, Malaya Morskaya Street, the Moika River embankment and the Neva River. The hotel offers rooms of "Court", "Classic", "Superior" and "Executive" categories. They differ in area and interior.

The trip to the Smolny or the Icebreaker "Krasin" takes about 50 minutes on foot, 25 minutes by car/taxi. A trip to Pulkovo airport takes about 35 minutes by cab.

Approximate price per person per night (including taxes): about \$300 - \$1,000, depending on the type of room and view, including breakfast.

Room type Astoria Rocco Forte 5*	Room rate (per night/including breakfast)
Classic	21 00 RUB. / 301,88 USD
Semi Suite	34 800 RUB. / 500,25USD
Suite	69 000 RUB. / 991,88USD

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3.4. Petr Hotel 4*

Admiralteysky Prospekt 8, Admiralteysky District, St. Petersburg, Russia

Website Link: <https://petr-hotel.com/ru/>

The building of the Petr Hotel in St. Petersburg

Peter Hotel is located in an old, reconstructed in 2014 building directly in the heart of St. Petersburg, within walking distance to the main sights of St. Petersburg: the Admiralty, the Winter Palace and Palace Square, St. Isaac's Cathedral.

The trip to the Smolny or the Icebreaker "Krasin" takes about 45-60 minutes on foot, 25 minutes by car/taxi. A trip to Pulkovo airport will take about 35-40 minutes by cab.

Approximate price per person per night (including taxes): about \$70 - \$200, depending on the type of room, including breakfast.

Room type «Peter Hotel» 4*	Room rate (per night/including breakfast)
Standard	5 500 RUB. / 71,88USD
Deluxe	7 200 RUB. / 103,50USD
Suite	14 100 RUB. / 202,69USD

For comfortable moving around St. Petersburg we recommend using the following applications:

- Yandex Maps ([Android](#), [iOS](#));
- Yandex Maps Transport ([Android](#) [iOS](#));
- Google Maps ([Android](#), [iOS](#)).

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To call a cab, you can use:

- Yandex Taxi ([Android](#), [iOS](#));
- Uber ([Android](#), [iOS](#));
- Citymobil ([Android](#), [iOS](#)).

4. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language at the ASM4 to ASM5 handover meeting will be English and Russian. Interpreters/simultaneous translation will be provided as needed.

5. INFORMATION PARTICIPANTS OF CONFERENCE**5.1. Visa support**

National delegations are urged to contact the Russian diplomatic missions accredited in their respective countries for specific information on entry/immigration requirements.

5.2. Luggage and items prohibited for carriage

Airlines operating in the Russian Federation strictly regulate luggage size and weight limits. Participants are advised to read the current regulations on the airline website to avoid additional costs. In the check-in area passengers can use the luggage packing service (for extra charge).

To ensure passenger safety, certain items and substances are prohibited on board the ship. The amount of liquid in hand luggage may also be restricted.

5.3. Moving to St. Petersburg

The most convenient way to get to St. Petersburg from abroad is by plane. Pulkovo Airport is the only airport in St. Petersburg serving official flights.

You can arrive at the airport by car, [cab](#) or [public transport](#). There are short- and long-term parking lots for cars. For more information about flights, timetables, etc., please visit the company's official website <https://pulkovoairport.ru>.

Pulkovo Airport address: St. Petersburg, lit. Za, Pulkovskoe sh. 41

Phone numbers: +7(812) 337-38-22; +7(812) 337-34-44.

5.4. Time zone

Moscow Time Zone: Three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3).

5.5. Electricity and water supply

The voltage of the electric network in Russia is 220V, 50 Hz. It is recommended to boil tap water before drinking. It is advisable to drink bottled water, which can be purchased at the hotel or any local store.

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5.6. Smoking

In Russia, smoking is prohibited in public places: bars and restaurants, theaters, museums and other cultural heritage institutions, as well as in educational institutions.

5.7. Additional information

812 – St. Petersburg phone code;

112 – emergency assistance (for subscribers of mobile networks);

101– Fire department (for subscribers of mobile networks);

102 – Police (for subscribers of mobile networks);

103 – ambulance (for subscribers of mobile networks).

Standard cellular operators GSM: MegaFon, MTS, Beeline, Tele2.

5.8. Bank cards, currency and ATMs

The official currency of the Russian Federation is the Russian ruble (₽).

Hotels, restaurants, stores, etc. accept bank cards of the "MIR" payment system.

Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards are not accepted.

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6. PROVISIONAL PLAN OF THE EVENT (Appendix 1)

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8. CULTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST

St. Petersburg has always been the main tourist center of Russia. Dozens of museums with valuable collections, palace and park ensembles from the heyday of classical architectural styles, and the unique atmosphere of a secular ball, await visitors to the city.

What to see and where in St. Petersburg?

1. State Hermitage Museum

Russia's largest museum, which, along with the Spanish Prado, the Louvre in Paris and the Vatican Museums, is included in the list of the world's most outstanding and valuable collections of works of art. The Hermitage exhibitions occupy 6 buildings and contain about 3 million exhibits. The true pride of the museum is the Winter Palace building, which was the residence of the royal family. This magnificent complex was built by Bartolomeo Rastrelli in the "Elizabethan Baroque" style.



Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, Palace Square, 2.

Tel: +7 (812) 571-34-65

Website: hermitagemuseum.org

2. Building of the Main Admiralty

A structure on the banks of the Neva River, which is located on the site of the first shipyard on the Baltic Sea. The building was built in the architectural style of the Russian Empire. The figure of a ship crowning the spire of the Admiralty is one of the symbols of the Northern capital. When Peter I there was a real fortress, protecting the shipyard during the Great Northern War. Since 2012 the Admiralty houses the headquarters of the Russian Navy.

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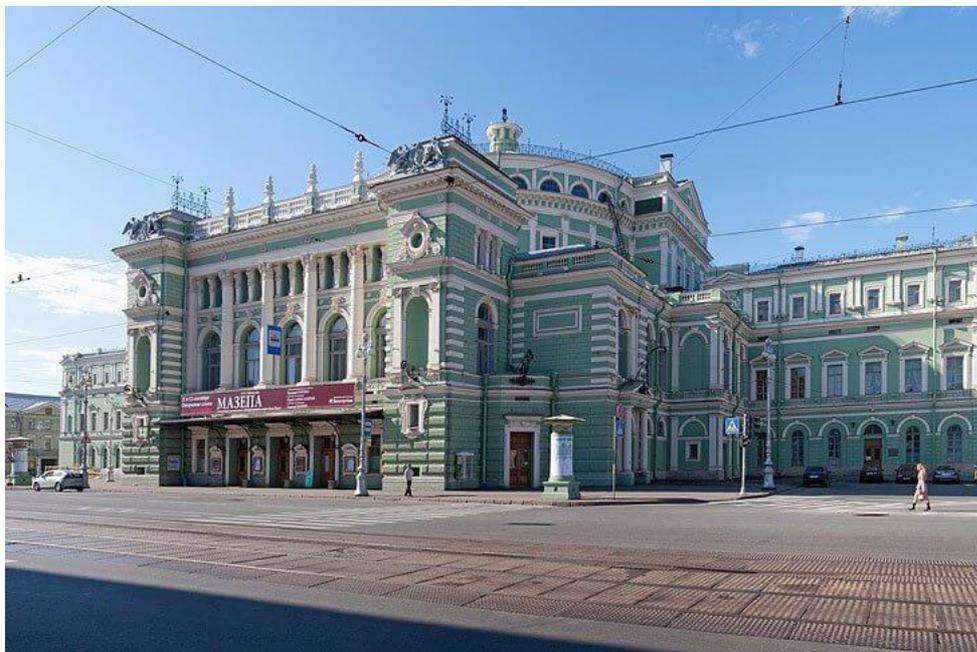
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Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, Admiralteysky Proezd, 1.

3. Mariinsky Theater

St. Petersburg's main opera stage, one of the city's iconic cultural venues. The theater appeared in the middle of the 19th century by order of Alexander II, who wished to name it after his wife Maria Alexandrovna. Master Alberto Cavosa worked on the project. The Mariinka's productions are very popular with foreign tourists, and many come here with pleasure to hear authentic Russian opera.



Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, Teatralnaya Square, 1.

Tel: +7 (812) 326-41-41

Website: mariinsky.ru

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4. Kunstkamera

The museum, created by decree of Peter the Great, where for more than 300 years samples of mutations, deformities, gene disorders, pathologies and man-made "abnormalities" of nature and the human body were collected. In the first years of the museum's existence, it was home to real dwarfs, giants, and other people with "abnormalities." For all three centuries of its existence, interest in the collection has always been very high. To date, more than one million specimens have been collected.



Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, Universitetskaya Naberezhnaya, 3.
Tel: +7 (812) 328-14-12
Website: kunstkamera.ru.

5. Erarta Museum

The first private museum of contemporary art in St. Petersburg, has been welcoming visitors since 2010. The name is derived from the phrase "era of art", i.e. "era of art". Among the 3,000 exhibits there is space for paintings, sculptures, video art, and installations. The collection relies on, but is not limited to, works by local authors. Over 30 exhibitions take place in the Erarthe each year.

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Address: Russia, St. Petersburg, 29th line of Vasilievsky Island, 2.

Tel: +7 (812) 324-08-09

Website: erarta.com