General Information Note

On May 24-26 of 2006 Federal agency for tourism of the Russian Federation together with the Administration of Khanty-Mansiysk region within the Russian chairmanship in the Arctic Council will organize the international conference “Tourism in northern regions. Promotion and development”.

The Conference is designed for officials of national tourism administrations of states-members of the Arctic Council, travel, hotel and other businesses, representatives of tourism and hotel associations and companies, educational institutions, banks.

1. **Venue:** The Conference will take place at the Hotel “Yugorskaya Dolina****”, 4, Tobolsky trakt, Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.

2. **Participation applications:** The Registration Form (attached) should be completed and returned before 10 May 2006 on 2 addresses:

   1. tel.: +7(495)207 78 77, 207 73 65; Fax:+7(495) 207 32 17;
      e-mail: mintasova@ropnet.ru
      Address: 47, Myasnitskaya str., 103084 Moscow, Federal agency for tourism;
      contact person: Ms. Ksenia Barkova, Ms. Ekaterina Smornova

   2. tel.: +7(34671) 5-10-17, 5-10-73, 6-67-89; fax:+7 (34671) 5-15-12;
      e-mail: bron@ugra-service.com
      Address: 4, Tobolsky trakt, 628011, Khanty-Mansiysk region, Khanty-Mansiysk city, travel company “Yugra-Service Co”
      contact person: Ms. Natalya Lisitskaya, Ms. Ludmla Yandukina
3. **Visa Formalities:** Nationals of countries who are required to obtain an entry visa for the Russian Federation are advised to contact the local Conference Coordinator as soon as possible.

4. **Accommodation for Participants:** Rooms in the Hotel “Yugorskaya Dolina****” (Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia) are be booked for the conference participants for preference rates.

5. **Conference programme:** A provisional programme of the Conference is attached

6. **Working languages:** The working languages of the Conference are English and Russian, with the simultaneous interpretation.