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Khanty-Mansiysk Region

ARCTIC COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
**“Tourism in Northern Regions: Promotion and Development”**  
 24-26 May 2006  
 Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

23.05.2006 Tuesday	<b><u>Arrival:</u> Accommodation in the Hotel “Yugorskaya dolina” ***** Registration</b>
24.05.2006 Wednesday	<b><u>Arrival:</u> Registration</b>  10.00 – 10.30: <b>Opening Ceremony</b> 10.30 – 13.00: <b>Plenary Session</b> 13.00 – 13.30: Press Conference 13.00 – 14.30: Lunch 14.30 – 17.00: City Tour Khanty-Mansiysk <i>You become acquainted to the inimitable architecture of the capital of the autonomous area of Khanty-Mansiysk and its sights, which are truly the proud of the inhabitants: the ski center, the bridge over the river Irtiysh, the Resurrection Cathedral and the unique, natural park «Samarovski Shugaz».</i>  17.00 – 18.30: Dinner 18.30 – 20.00: Recreational Program «Initiation: What it means to be a Siberian» <i>Your acquaintance with the ancient earth will be incomplete if you do not get in touch with the culture and the way of life of northern nations.          Become a participant of various games where you will find out your strengths and weaknesses: the cast of Tiysan Hori, the cast of spears, the shooting at targets, the lightening of fire, tug-of-war and the installation of traditional houses of Siberians.</i>
25.05.2006 Thursday	08.00 – 10.00: Breakfast 10.00 – 13.00:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Round Table: «The Tourism Promotion of Northern Regions in the Arctic Council Member States»</b></li> <li>• <b>Round Table: «Development of the Tourism Infrastructure and the Investment Engagement in the Arctic Council Member States»</b></li> <li>• <b>Round Table: «Human Resources Development in the Tourism Industry in the Arctic Council Member States »</b></li> </ul> <p>13.00 – 13.15: Coffee Break</p> <p>13.15 – 14.30: <b>Plenary Session</b> <b>Rendering Results &amp; Adopting Resolution</b></p> <p>14.30 – 16.00: Lunch</p> <p>16.00 – 17.30: Visit to the Museum of «Nature and Human» <i>The museum possesses a whole variety of exhibits, which can be called unique.</i></p> <p>17.00 – 18.00: Visit to the Art Gallery «Fond Pokoleni»(Generation Resources) <i>The one-of-a-kind collection of canvases of famous Russian artists like O.A. Kiprenski, I.I. Shishkin, I.E. Repin, F.A. Maliavin and the Cathedral icons of the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> century make this assembly the best one in the territory of Western Siberia.</i></p> <p>18.00 – 22.00: Dinner <b>Boat Ride to the Confluence of the Rivers Ob and Irtysh</b> <i>You will enjoy the beauty of the Siberian Taiga and the broad expanse of the rivers.</i> <i>You will visit the place where the two great Siberian rivers – Ob &amp; Irtysh – conflate.</i> <i>This place is considered to be holy for the native nationalities Khanty and Mansy and that is why so many legends are related to it.</i></p>
26.05.2006 Friday	<b>Optional Excursions</b> <b>Departure</b>
27.05.2006 Saturday	<b>Departure of Participants</b> Additional excursions are available