



**NECLIME Annual Conference 2024, Almaty, Kazakhstan  
September 8-15**

**Second Circular**

Dear colleagues and NECLIME members,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the **24th Annual NECLIME Conference**, which will be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from **September 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. We are looking forward to your registrations and to seeing you in Almaty!

**The Venue**

The conference will be held at the Institute of Geological Science, 69 Kabanbay batyr str., Almaty, Kazakhstan  
Institute of Geological Sciences named after K.I. Satpayev, Laboratory of Mesozoic and Cenozoic Geology.

**Conference fee**

The conference fee of **150 EUR** includes a welcome party, coffee breaks, lunches, an abstract volume, conference excursions, and other conference facilities, and is payable on site.

**Conference excursions:**

- Main Botanical garden
- One day (about 7 hours) city tour excursion including visit to the mountain Chimbulak (Medeo)

**Important information:**

The deadline for final registration and abstract submission for the Annual Neclime Meeting in Almaty 2024 is postponed until June 30.

Please, distribute this information to interested colleagues who for some reason were not included in the mailing list.

**Travel and accommodation**

There are several hotels within a walking distance of the conference venue.

However, we suggest making a group booking for *Hotel Ambassador*, which offers some discount for us. <https://www.booking.com/hotel/kz/ambassador.de.html>

Discount prices there are about 44 Euro for a single room, and about 55 Euro for a double room.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please send a letter to Hotel booking center: [info@ambassadorhotel.kz](mailto:info@ambassadorhotel.kz) and add in copy [nigmatova@mail.ru](mailto:nigmatova@mail.ru)

Please, indicate “**24th Annual NECLIME Conference**” in the subject line in the letter and specify your booking period and what kind of room you prefer.

The deadline for ‘Neclime group booking’ until June 30, so that we can make the reservations in a timely manner.

Almaty International Airport is in 16 km distance from the hotel. From the airport, you may take a taxi (approx. 7-10 Euro by Uber service) or request an airport shuttle from the hotel in advance.

### **Post-conference field trip**

On September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> we offer an excursion to the national natural parks of Charyn and Altyn-Emel, located 250 km southeast of Almaty. This area presents Paleogene-Neogene lake and river sediments, which contain the remains of fauna and flora of the Paleogene, Neogene and Quaternary periods. These archives allow to reconstruct the main stages of formation of the arid zone of Eurasia and changes in landscapes from the plain savannahs of the Paleogene to the foothill deserts of the Quaternary period.

The cost of the excursion will be about **200 EUR** at the current exchange rate. The price includes transfer (off-road vehicles), hotel accommodation, meals (including field lunches), and other amenities.

### **Visa**

Kazakhstan has a **visa-free regime** for citizens of 54 countries (including India, China, Iran) for 14 to 30 days. You can check at [https://new.wpk.kz/kaz\\_entry\\_eng](https://new.wpk.kz/kaz_entry_eng).

After registration of those who need it, we will send an official invitation to apply for a visa. Please let us know in time if you require an official invitation.

### **Organizing committee**

Saida Nigmatova, Svetlana Popova, Aizhan Zhamangara, Angela Bruch, Torsten Utescher

### **Important dates**

#### **Deadline for registration and abstract submission: June 30, 2024**

Abstracts for oral or poster contribution have to be submitted using the attached abstract form; the size should not exceed approximately 3,000 characters. All submitted abstracts will be published in an abstract volume. The conference will be held offline.

Please register for the conference by sending email to **Saida Nigmatova** <[nigmatova27@gmail.com](mailto:nigmatova27@gmail.com)> , <[nigmatova@mail.ru](mailto:nigmatova@mail.ru)>

### **Preliminary schedule**

*September 8<sup>th</sup>*

Arrival, hotel accommodation

18:00 – registration  
19:00 – welcome dinner

*September 9<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 Registration  
10:00 – 17:00 Scientific Sessions:  
Welcome and Introduction to NECLIME  
Keynote: The geological structure of Kazakhstan in the Cenozoic  
Oral and poster presentations  
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch  
Oral and poster presentations

*September 10<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 – 17:00 Scientific Sessions:  
Keynote: Modern biodiversity of Kazakhstan  
Oral and poster presentations  
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch  
Oral and poster presentations  
Final discussion

17:30 – 20:00 Visit to the Main Botanical Garden

*September 11<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 – 17:00 City tour and visit to the mountain **Chimbulak (Medeo)**

**Post conference field trip<sup>1</sup>**

*September 12<sup>th</sup>*

7:00 – 17:00 - Departure from Almaty and visit to the Charyn Canyons (230 Km) <sup>1</sup>  
17:00 – 19:30 - Transfer to Altyn Emel National Park (150 km)  
Evening: Dinner and accomodation at the hotel in Altyn Emel National Park.



*Castle Valley*



*Ash grove in the valley of the Charyn River*

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<sup>1</sup> The total trek is about 800 kilometers. For the field trip, you should provide trekking shoes, headgear, and long sleeve shirt. The weather in September is +20-25 °, usually without precipitation.

*September 13<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 – 13:00 Visit to the Singing Dune (40 km)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch at 700-year-old Willow tree

14:00 – 18:00 Excursion to Aktau Mountains (key geological section of Cenozoic of South-Eastern Kazakhstan) (80 km)

Evening: Dinner and accomodation at the hotel in Altyn Emel National Park.



*Singing Dunes*



*Singing Dunes*



*Aktau Mountains*

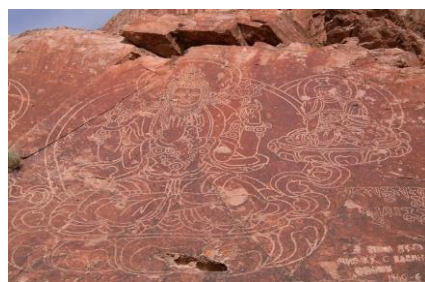


*Aktau Mountains*

*September 14<sup>th</sup>*

9.00 – 18:00 Departure to Almaty city, visit of Tambaly tas Buddhist petroglyphs on the Ili River, Lunch at the restaurant in Konaev city

18:00 Return to Almaty, check-in to hotel



*Tambaly tas - Buddhist petroglyphs on the Ili River*

*September 15<sup>th</sup>*

Departure day