



6th International
El'gygytgyn Lake Workshop
(Publications and Future Analytical Planning)
May 15 - 18, 2011
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Dear El'gygytgyn Drilling Party,

With all of the drill cores from Lake El'gygytgyn open and subsampling for initial analysis nearly complete, it is now time to jointly review our findings, compare and contrast results, and plan next analytical steps. The 6th International El'gygytgyn Lake Workshop is now planned for May 15-18 2011, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in the Connecticut Valley of central New England. This workshop marks the continuation of a legacy of successful workshops held in Amherst, 2001; Leipzig, March 2004; Cologne, Nov. 2007; Potsdam, August 2008 and Cologne, 2010.

Included in this letter is important information concerning the motivation and logistics of this upcoming meeting. As before, this workshop will focus on the sediment and permafrost record from the basin; research into the impact aspects of the Lake E science will only be reported on briefly.

Workshop Rationale

The PIs have agreed to submit 2 overview papers to Science (or Nature) by the end of April. These submissions are then to be followed by the submission of papers from the science team to a special journal issue (Paleo3 or Quaternary International) so that initial detailed results are all in one place, including new work on the older cores representing the last 320ka. **We propose the following:**

1. All final papers for the journal issue must be submitted to Amherst by May 5th 2011.
2. Before the Workshop, Julie, Pavel and Martin will jointly review all manuscripts and look for conflicts and synergies in the results.
3. The conflicts and synergies will then form the basis for the first full day of the workshop (May 16) so that we can resolve all issues with respect to initial interpretations and conclusions.
4. Day 2 of the workshop (May 17) will be used to plan future manuscripts and analytical work on the cores. The moratorium period for the core material will come to an end in September 2012.

Workshop Participants

Like the Cologne meeting in 2010, the UMass workshop will not be an open meeting.

Rather, participation will be restricted to the Scientific Team Members and the LEAP (funding agency representatives). To achieve our goal for review of the papers and defense of interpretations, it is very important that researchers knowledgeable of the submitted papers attend. If you cannot attend personally, please send a substitute or co-author.

Funding for your participation should be covered by your own grant support. Support for airfares and lodging for our Russian participants is being provided via a grant to NEISRI and UMass from the CRDF. We would be grateful if you confirm your attendance as soon as possible to Julie Brigham-Grette (email: juliebg@geo.umass.edu).

Workshop Program – overview

The workshop will start with an icebreaker party the evening of Sunday, May 15. Sessions will be held all day Monday and Tuesday, May 16-17 ending with a dinner on Tuesday night. Departures are expected May 18 unless you have made arrangements to stay in Amherst for longer discussions.

Travel and Accommodation

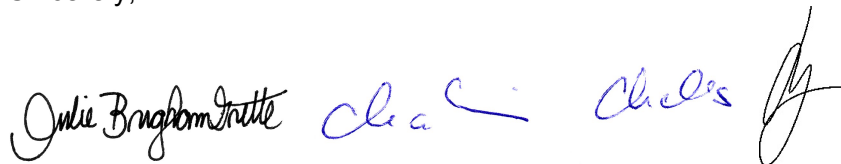
The University of Massachusetts-Amherst is located 2 hours by car west of Boston. Flights are best booked to either Boston (BOS) or Hartford-Springfield (BDL: one hour to the south). Please let us know the details of your itinerary, so we can arrange appropriate shuttle service.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms for everyone at the UMass Hotel at the Campus Center with check in on May 15 and departure on May 18. The room rate is \$105 USD plus 11.7% in taxes for a standard room (single or double occupancy). So sharing a room is most cost effective.

You must make your own reservations. Go to <http://www.umasshotel.com/> and book using the online form. Our workshop Group/Promo Code is "LEW11C". This block of rooms will only be **secured for us until April 17, 2011, so make your reservations soon.** The hotel is 2 minutes walk from the Department of Geosciences where we will be holding our meeting. A 10-12 minute walk will get you to downtown Amherst to local shops, eateries, and bars.

Additional details will be forthcoming. We look forward to hosting you in Amherst and to learning about everyone's exciting results.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures in blue ink. From left to right: Julie Brigham-Grette, Martin Melles, and Pavel Minyuk.

Julie Brigham-Grette, Martin Melles and Pavel Minyuk.