



NOVOSIBIRSK, the third largest city of Russia, is situated in the heart of Russia, in Siberia. The history of Novosibirsk has begun in 1893 when the first railway bridge through river Ob was built up, and it officially became a town in 1903. Until 1925, Novosibirsk was called Novonikolayevsk, after the Tzar Nicholas II of Russia. At present, Novosibirsk is an industrial, cultural and educational centre of Russia. Manufacturing includes mining equipment, turbines, textiles, chemicals, heavy machine tools, metallurgy. It is the home of one of Russia's best universities, a number of research institutions and a scientific research centre. Novosibirsk prides with opera and ballet companies, several theatres, museums, and art galleries, and numerous sports facilities. Novosibirsk is the third city in Russia (after Moscow and St. Petersburg) in which a subway system was established (The Novosibirsk Metro, opened in 1985). South of central part of the city (about 30 km) is Akademgorodok – Novosibirsk Research Center, the main unit of Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Science. It is built on the shore of the Ob Sea, a man-made reservoir on the river Ob, and surrounded with a majestic birch and pine forest. There are Novosibirsk State University, 35 research institutions, Agricultural Academy, Medical Academy, apartment houses and cottages, and a variety of community amenities including stores, hotels, hospitals, restaurants and cafés, cinemas, clubs and libraries located within Akademgorodok.

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## Venue

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The school-conference will be held in a picturesque suburb of Novosibirsk Academgorodok.