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INFORMATION LETTER

DEAR COLLEAGUES!

We are glad to invite you to take part in the International Scientific Conference **“1941. Northern Border. On the 80th anniversary of the beginning of the Great Patriotic War”**, which will be held on June 16–17, 2021 in Sankt-Petersburg (Russian Federation).

Attack of Hitlerite Germany and its satellites on the Soviet Union, the events of the first days and months of the Great Patriotic War is one of the most exciting issues of concern to public consciousness and one of the key topics for modern historiography. From the very beginning of the war, the northern theater of operations was one of the most important for the opposing forces. The conquest of the Soviet northern and northwestern sea water area and coast would largely mean the success of the “blitzkrieg” for the Third Reich and its allies, since it opened the way to Leningrad (with its largest in the country enterprises of military-industrial complex), Arkhangelsk, Murmansk and the Taimyr Peninsula (with its huge natural resources). At the cost of colossal efforts and losses, Soviet troops and civilians managed to delay the enemy’s advance, and then defend the northern borders of our country.

The International Scientific Conference “1941. Northern Border” is expected to discuss a wide range of problems related to the history of the war in the northern and northwestern directions. The focus of the conference will be the functioning of the bodies of higher state power, the public mood in the first months of the war, the work of the defense industry in Leningrad, Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Norilsk, the evacuation of military-industrial complex enterprises, the activities of the Baltic and Northern fleets, military operations in the northern and northwestern directions, agitation and propaganda. Among the important issues will also be the organization of medical care in the initial period of the Great Patriotic War, the activities of medical workers at the front and in the rear, the development of medical science during the Great Patriotic War.

The conference is supported by Norilsk Nickel (“Nornickel”).

As the part of the conference, exhibitions will be opened in
- Military Medical Museum, St Petersburg: “Northern border medicine”.
- The Russian State Archive of Socio-Political History, Moscow: “To defend the North”.

The following thematic panels are proposed at the conference:

1. From Vyborg to Taimyr: summer – autumn 1941 at the front and in the rear.
2. Medicine of the northern borders: extreme everyday life, science and practice.
3. The war for the sea – the northern vector: defeats and victories.
4. Northern outpost of defense and Victory: operating enterprises and evacuation, creation of the industrial giants in the Arctic.
5. Everyday life in wartime in the North – in ego-documents and oral history evidence.
6. Memorialization and musealisation of events in the northern theater of military operations 1941.

Please direct the applications to the email address: northern.border1941@gmail.com. The application must contain the subject of the report, its brief description (up to 200 words) and personal data of the participant: full name, academic degree, country, city, position and main place of work, email address, contact phone number. Application deadline: May 8, 2021.

The expected duration of the report is 20 minutes.
The working language of the conference is Russian.
Travel costs defrayed by the sending organization.

Texts of reports of the conference will be published in one of the leading publishers in Russia – “ROSSPEN”. Collection of articles will be indexed DOI and in RSCI.