

Herbivory Network Meeting 2019

We are planning a Herbivory Network meeting in Yamal next Fall 2019 (tentative dates 18-20 September, 2019). The meeting will consist of parallel workshops on projects initiated within the Herbivory Network, including the development of standardized protocols and work on data from experimental sites in Yamal. The meeting will include a public lecture on herbivory in tundra ecosystems, open to the public, and a one-day field visit to sites in Labytnangi.

The Herbivory Network (HN) is a collaborative research initiative (<http://herbivory.lbhi.is>). Since its establishment in 2014, the HN has worked towards addressing the role of herbivory in Arctic and alpine ecosystems and developing new approaches to harmonise research efforts. The goal of HN is to foster collaborations within and across disciplines, facilitate multi-site comparisons, and work towards understanding the complexity and variability of responses of tundra ecosystems to herbivory.

Preliminary agenda

The aim of the meeting is to advance (and hopefully finalize) some of the ongoing HN projects. Possible topics for collaboration are the following, but other suggestions are welcome:

- Yamal exclosures MS draft. Svetlana Sokovnina
- Invertebrate herbivory protocol. Isabel C Barrio
- Vegetation in Erkuta after 10 years. Dorothee Ehrich
- Systematic map of herbivore effects in the Arctic (MS draft discussion). Eeva Soininen
- ITEX protocol final version and small MS. Isabel C Barrio

Dates, venue and registration

The meeting will be organized in **Labytnangi, Yamal, 18-20 September 2019** (dates to be confirmed). There is **no registration fee** for the meeting, but please let us know if you are planning to come, because there is limited space. Participants need to confirm their attendance before March 1, 2019, so that visas and travel details can be arranged well in advance.



The meeting will be hosted at the Arctic Research Station of the Institute of Plant and Animal Ecology of the Ural Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences (more info about the station in [English](#) and [Russian](#)). The station is situated in the rapidly developing town of [Labytnangi](#), in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District. There is a hotel in Labytnangi, 10 min walking distance from the station. Labytnangi is just across the Ob' river from Salekhard – the capital city of Yamal. There are several daily flights from Moscow to Salekhard. Organizers will meet participants at the airport upon arrival.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at herbivory.network@gmail.com if you have any questions or comments.