



## Program

The program has been substantially changed, partially in response to our requests; yet it is still a draft

Nr	Time	Event	Location
<b>Wednesday, 22 June</b>			
1	05:00	Official welcome of participants	Airport "Yakutsk"
2		Information meeting of jury-members	Khomus-museum and centre
3		Meeting of IJHS board members	
4	14:00	Opening of exhibition "Khomus of the peoples of the world"	
5	15:00	Excursion to Khangalasskiy Ulus	Village Oktemcy (Lena region)
<b>Thursday, 23 June</b>			
6	09:00–09:45	Press conference	State Theatre for Opera and Ballet, named after D.K. Sivcev-Suorun Omolloona
7	10:00–12:45	Festive opening of 7 <sup>th</sup> IJHF	
8	14:30–17:45	Congress: lectures and presentations Khomus workshops and master classes	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture
9	16:00–18:00	Competition of khomus makers	
10	20:00	Concert "Resounds Khomus of Olonkho"	State Theatre for Opera and Ballet
11	21:00	Competition of virtuoso	
<b>Friday, 24 June</b>			
12	10:00	Concerts of khomus players and ensembles of the world Rehearsal for Guinness record (1.000 p.)	State circus
13	14:00	Opening of Republican exhibition of children's art "Rainbow of silver sound"	National art museum
14	17:00	Final session of IJHS board	Academic theatre of Sakha, named after P.A.Oyunskiy (room Olonkho)
15	20:00	Festive closure Gala concert "Khomus brings together friends"	State Theatre for Opera and Ballet
<b>Saturday, 25 June</b>			
16	09:00	Participation in the national festival "Ysyakh** Tuymaady". Establishing Guinness Word Record	Us Khatyn
17	14:00	Competition "Khomus Kuo" (female players)	
18	16:00	Concert of khomus master-players of the world	
<b>Sunday, 26 June</b>			
19	10:00	Participation in Khomus-Ysyakh Gala-concert of khomus players and ensembles	City of Vilyuisk Stadium "Olensk"
<b>Monday, 27 June</b>			
20	morning	Departure of participants	Airport "Yakutsk"

\* "Khomus" in Yakutian language is "Jew's harp" or "jaw harp" or "trump" in English, "vargan" in Russian, "Maultrommel" in German, "Doromb" in Hungary, "dan moi" in Vietnam, "Koukin" and "Mukkuri" (Ainu) in Japan, "Maranzano" in Sicily, "Munnharpe" in Norway, "Morchang" and "Morsing" in India, and many, many more ...

\*\* Ysyakh (Ысыах). This is the biggest traditional Yakut national festival celebrating (and wishing for) fertility, usually celebrated on the Summer Solstice. The main site for this festival is in the Yakutsk suburb of Us Khatyn (Ус Хатын). The main event of the two-day festival is the blessing ceremony of the harvest by the White Shaman. No less important for the Sakha people are the sacred rites of the second day's sunrise. The festivities are conducted with competitions in traditional Yakut sports, like Yakut archery, stick fighting, "Khapsagai" (Хансарай) wrestling, and also national arts: singing, Khomus playing, reciting of traditional oral epics "Olonkho", and also competitions to make the best national dishes, folk costumes, and others.

## Bulletin 4

Not unsurprisingly, things are now moving very fast and you need to keep an eye on separate emails for more immediate updates. The flight details, for instance, are still to be finalised – participants need to let Elena know soon what their flight details are and the note from Franz below on costs might be impacted by a letter he has sent to the Vice-President. This final rush was inevitable, though is a strain for us all. We are confident, however, that all issues will be resolved and we ask for your patience and support.

### Information

#### Flight Moscow-Yakutsk

We are trying to get this flight for Euro 500 as announced earlier, but this price would have been possible only in case of a full airplane, which is 180 persons. Our group of European and American participants will consist of maximum 50 people. Therefore please be prepared for this possible increase to Euro 690. I am very sorry for that, because I know that for many participants every additional Euro causes a problem. We will have to pay the respective sum in cash, therefore please take sufficient Euro with you.

#### Excursion to Vilyuisk

The internal flight on 25 June from Yakutsk to the city of Vilyuisk, site of the Solstice Festival will be for 48 participants only, which means for the politicians and a few more. The rest will go by a police-accompanied car-convoy, - which takes several hours but in fact is nicer because you will get an impression of the Siberian taiga. This trip is free of charge.

### Accommodation

There will be three types of accommodation (after 70 years of Soviet communism, people love to differentiate☺):

1. About five hotel rooms for some special friends of the Yakutian hosts
2. A hostel with various room categories for the participants in the competitions, board members and lecturers. This will be free of charge
3. A hostel with various room categories for the guests and accompanying friends. The price will be about 1.000 Rubles (=25 Euro) per day for a bed and three times food per day.

There will be shuttle transport between the locations, but I was told that all locations are within walking distance.

### Request from organizers

- All participants: please take with you some video material about your country, showing among others the nature.
- Musicians: please provide information (rider) with regard to the technical equipment needed for your concert.
- Lecturers at the Congress: please keep your presentations short and precise, about 15 minutes maximum without translation.

### Competition of Jew's Harp Makers

In response to our request, foreign Jew's harp makers who are not able to be present in person, will be allowed to participate through a representative. However I was told that present makers will be treated with priority

#### Jury

##### Competition of virtuoso

- Head of jury John Wright
- Deputy Spiridon Shishigin
- Members Ivan E. Alexeyev
- Tran Quang-Hai
- Manfred Russmann
- Valentina Suzukei
- Gerd Conradt
- Robert Zagredtinov
- Kaliman Umetbaeva
- Secretary
- Translator

##### Competition of female players

- Head of jury Albina Degtyareva
- Deputy Werner Kumpl
- Members Aksentiy Beskrovniy
- Emilia Mai
- Representative of Ainu-women
- Roman Gotovcev
- Marjori Balzer
- Secretary
- Translator

##### Competition of jew's harp makers

- Head of jury Franz Kumpl
- Deputy Bursev
- Members Chemchoev
- Leo Tadagawa
- Svein Westad
- Aron Szilagyi
- Deirdre Morgan
- Osipov
- Luca Recupero

## Recommendations from Franz

### Money

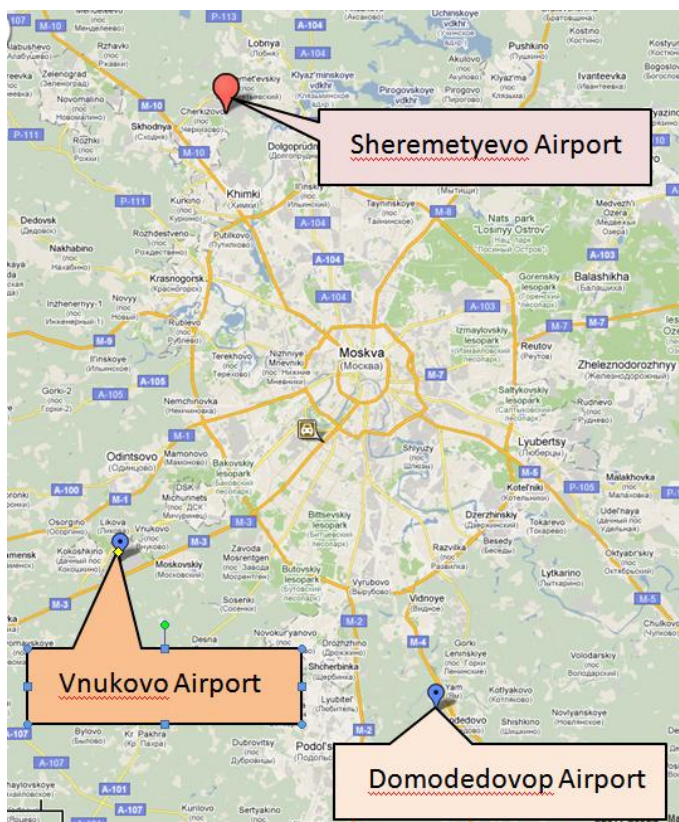
In Russian cities there are many places for money exchange. Best solution is to bring Euro or USD, but not too much in cash! For a one week trip, I usually take up to 300 Euro in cash with me, plus a certain cash amount if needed (in our case the group flight to Yakutsk). Additional money, I get from a cash dispenser (Bankomat), which you find everywhere.

### Mosquitoes

Don't forget to take a good mosquito repellent with you! Sometimes in summer one has luck and the mosquitoes are no problem, but usually it is a problem! The choice of repellent is up to you: mosquito net or incense coil or electric devices at night, loose clothes or sprays or crème during daytime.

### Clothes

It will be quite warm, but can be cool at night. Light summer dress, possibly loose with long sleeves (mosquitoes!) plus a warm sweater should do it.



## Transportation in Moscow

Participants will be arriving on 20 or 21 June either on Sheremetyevo airport or Domodedovo airport and will have to change to Vnukovo airport. Best is to take a taxi in a group of 3-4 people, this should cost about 20 Euro per person. Going by taxi in a group is even cheaper than taking public transport, which additionally is quite complicated: by aeroexpress train (each of the three airports is served by an aeroexpress train) from the airport to a subway station on the ring line, by subway several stations until the subway station where you again may change to an aeroexpress train bringing you to the needed airport. There are signs that the Yakutian friends may organise the transfer between the airports in Moscow. Therefore please communicate your flight details with Elena Pavlova and copy to [franz.kumpl@aon.at](mailto:franz.kumpl@aon.at) and [michael.wright@wiley.com](mailto:michael.wright@wiley.com) with info on day, time and airport of arrival and departure to/from Moscow.

For transport between airports as well as to the city centre see below map.

