



Siberia Integrated Regional Study megaproject: challenges, approaches and first results

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Siberia Integrated Regional Study (SIRS,<http://sirs.scert.ru/en/>)

NEESPI megaproject coordinating national and international activity in the region aimed at investigation of environmental changes in Siberia in their interrelations with Global Change.

Approach adopted

Clusterization of national and international projects (knowledge and data sharing)

Development of information-computational infrastructure to support multidisciplinary investigations of the region

YS Training&Education

Organizationally SIRS is supervised by the Russian National Committee for IGBP and managed by its Siberian Branch

Major challenges:

- **Permafrost fate, especially its border shift (serious threats to infrastructure and significant potential carbon source);**
- **Desert - steppe- forest-tundra ecosystems borders shifts (change of region carbon cycle and serious socio-economical consequences for local population; and**
- **Temperature/precipitation/hydrology regime change (increase risks of forest and peat fires leading to enormous carbon release from the region.**

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Few years ago IGBP suggested to develop in selected regions integrated regional studies of environment, which would represent a complex approach to reconstruct the Earth System dynamics from its components. It considered as a complementary effort to the thematic project approach employed so far in the international global change programs. Nowadays Integrated Regional Study (IRS) approach is developed by the Earth System Science Partnership (<http://www.essp.org/>), joining four major Programs on global change research. IGBP initiative aimed at development of IRS in the most important regions of the planet puts a set of prerequisites for such studies:

- The concept should be developed in the context of the Earth System as a whole;
- Scientific findings should support sustainable development of the region;
- Qualitative and quantitative understanding of global-regional interconnections and the consequences of changes in these interconnections should be achieved.

The regional (region here is a large geographical area, which functions as a biophysical, biogeochemical and socio-economical entity) aspect of science for sustainability and of international global change research is becoming ever more important nowadays. Modern technologies in land use, industrial and economical development lead to rapid changes both at regional social-economical system and the Earth System. Consequences of these changes are very important on a regional and global scale. Regional approach to the study is also important with respect to the point of view of Earth sciences. Regional compounds of the Earth System may manifest significantly different Earth System dynamics and changes in regional biophysical, biogeochemical and anthropogenic components may produce considerably different consequences for the Earth System at the global scale. Regions are "open systems" and the interconnection between regional and global processes plays a key role. Some regions may function as choke or switch points (in both biophysical and socio-economic senses) and small changes in regional systems may lead to profound changes in the ways in which the Earth System operates.

News

30.03.2010 | RNC IGBP open meeting

Open Meeting of Russian National Committee for IGBP: Development of Siberia Integrated Regional Study will take place on 10 July in Tomsk during ENVIROMIS 2010 Conference.

18.12.2009 | Workshop on Siberia Integrated Regional Study 2009

Workshop on Siberia Integrated Regional Study (SIRS) took place in the framework of International Conference on Computational Information Technologies for Environmental Sciences: "CITES-2009", July 5-15, 2009, Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Workshop

Siberia Integrated Regional Study: multidisciplinary investigations of the dynamic relationship between the Siberian environment and global climate change

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This is an editorial overview of the Siberia Integrated Regional Study (SIRS), which is a large-scale investigation of ongoing and future environmental change in Siberia and its relationship to global processes, approaches, existing challenges and future direction.

Introduction

The SIRS is a mega-project within the Northern Eurasia Earth Science Partnership Initiative (NEESPI), which coordinates interdisciplinary, national and international activities in Northern Eurasia that follow the Earth

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Input into environmental educational/capacity building (<http://scert.ru/en/conferences/>)

Earth Sciences specifics:

Multidisciplinarity;

Necessity to use information-computational technologies;

Results should be delivered to regional decision makers.

It requires special education/training program.

Threefold approach:

ENVIROMIS – biannual Multidisciplinary Conference with elements of YSS
(Invited lectures embedded as well as thematic Workshops);

CITES (Computational and Information Technologies for Environmental Sciences) biannual YSS and Conference (Lecture courses, Training sessions as well as Invited lectures)

70-80 NIS YS / year are selected/supported and trained

Thematic Web portals with embedded tools for distant professional education/training

**International School and
Conference on Computational
Information Technologies for
Environmental Sciences
(CITES), Krasnoyarsk, July 5-15
2009**

**Major theme: Statistical Methods for
Environmental Problems**

Basic Sessions:

**Data, metadata and ontologies;
Basic and applied information-
computational systems;
Physics of climate system, and
Urban and regional atmosphere (modeling, monitoring and risk
estimation)**

**Northern Eurasia Earth System
Science Partnership Workshop
(Session on SIRS is included)**

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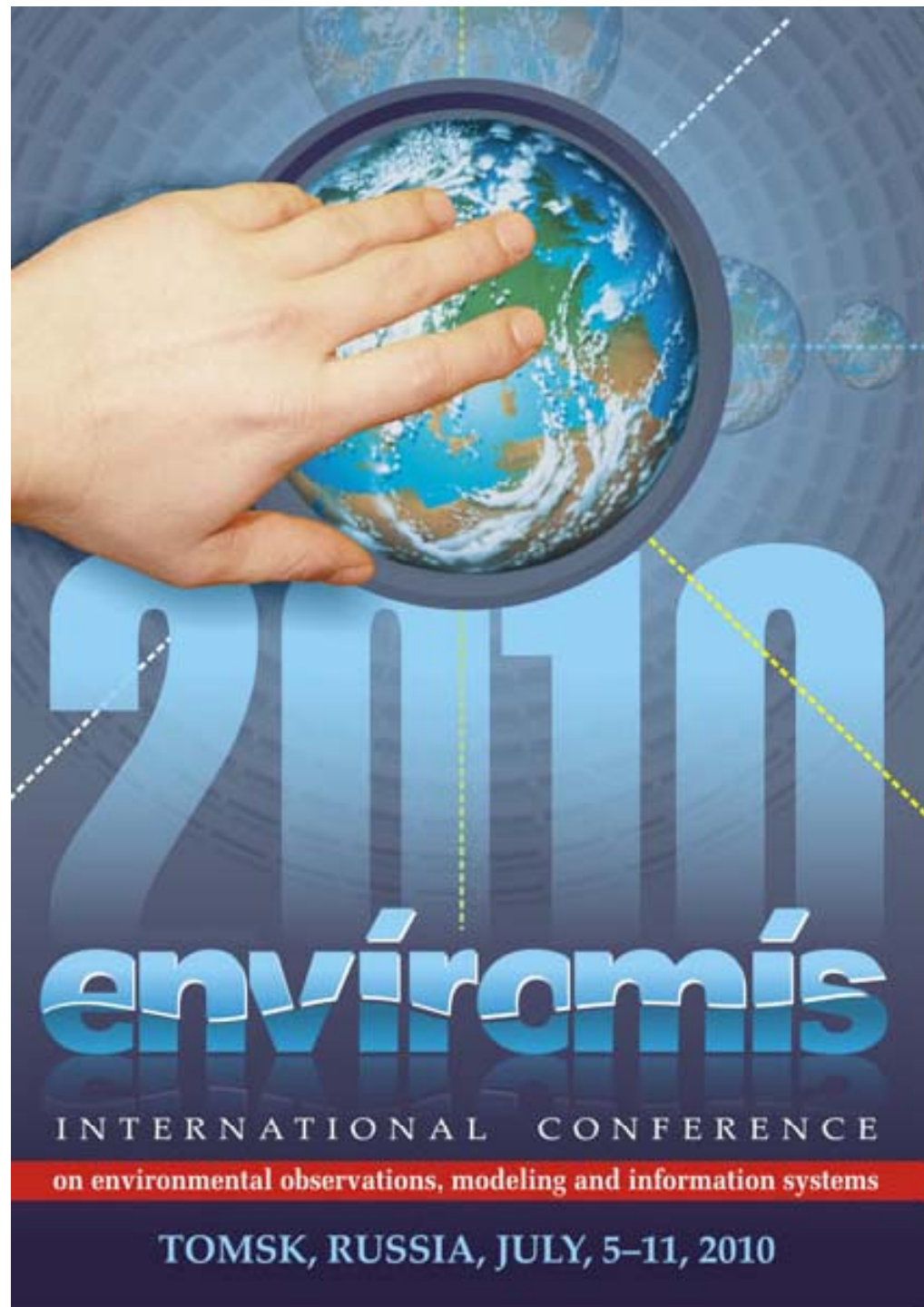


**International Conference with
elements of Young scientist
school “Environmental
Observations, Modeling and
Information Systems”
(ENVIROMIS-2010) and**

NEESPI Workshop,

July 2010, Tomsk, Russia

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Next year event!

**International YS School
and Conference on
Computational Information
Technologies for
Environmental Sciences
(CITES), Tomsk, July, 2011**

**Major theme: Regional
climate modeling**

Cooperation is welcome!



IC infrastructure developing in cooperation with European and American partners is aimed at support of multidisciplinary and “distributed” teams of specialists performing cooperative work with tools for exchange and sharing of data, models and knowledge optimizing the usage of information-computational resources, services and applications.

Key elements:

Web portals with thematic web sites providing an interactive access to data, models and tools:

- **ATMOS** (<http://atmos.iao.ru/> and <http://atmos.scert.ru/>)
- **RISKS** (<http://climate.risks.scert.ru/>)
- **ENVIROMIS** (<http://enviromis.scert.ru/en/>)
- New web-GIS portal under development

More details presented at the
poster

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