

Preface

The 1st International Scientific Seminar "Circumpolar Studies" was held in St. Petersburg on June 6, 2020.

The seminar was organized by the Science and Education Center «Verdandi». The event was supported by the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund.

The purpose of the seminar is to create a platform for the development of free international communication of specialists in the field of Arctic research in a remote format, as well as the formation of a comprehensive interdisciplinary approach to solving problems of the Arctic development.

Within the seminar we suggest the following issues for discussion:

- History of research and development in the Arctic
- International cooperation in the Arctic
- Problems and prospects of economic development in the Arctic
- Development of human capital in the Arctic
- Energy security
- Mineral resources of the Arctic
- Environmental issues in the Arctic
- Sustainable development of Arctic region

The seminar was attended by over 40 experts from Russia, Belarus, Italy and India.