

Beringia Days 2023

Hotel Captain Cook

Anchorage, Alaska

Agenda

Goal: To share the results of the last 10 years of funded projects, to discuss cooperative agreements with collaborators, and to provide a forum for networking.

Monday, 23 October 2023

6:00–8:00pm Meet and Greet Reception (Quarter Deck, Tower 1, 10th Floor)
Check-in, appetizers, cash bar.
Anchorage King Island Dance Group performance.

Tuesday, 24 October 2023

Sessions will be held in the Fore Deck room (Lobby Level)

8:15am Registration & check-in; coffee and continental breakfast available

Beringia Days Opening (Session Chair: Jeanette Koelsch)

9:00–9:10am Welcome Remarks (Helen Wiggins and David Cairns, ARCUS)

9:10–9:15am Land Acknowledgement (Maija Lukin, Alaska Native Tribal Relations Program Manager)

9:15–9:30am NPS Shared Beringian Heritage Program 30 Years of Cooperative Projects (Jeanette Koelsch, Beringia Program, National Park Service)

9:35–9:45am Constructing New Bridges for Beringia (Rudy D'Alessandro, National Park Service)

Theme 1: International Cooperation and Cultural Exchanges (Session Chair: Jeanette Koelsch)

9:45–10:05am: Unangax Family Mosaic: Reconnecting Indigenous Family Histories of the Commander Islands and Alaska (Jenya Anichtchenko, Beringia Program)

10:10–10:30am: Open World Institute: International Collaboration and Exchange (Matthew Tucker, Congressional Office for International Leadership)

10:30–10:45am BREAK

10:45–11:05am International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity
"BATANI": What We Do (Pavel Sulandziga, BATANI; with Jenya Anichtchenko as translator)

11:10–11:30am The Importance of Working with Indigenous Peoples in Russia and Associated Challenges (Rhonda Sparks, Alaska Nanuut Co-Management Council)

11:35am–12:05pm Revitalizing Skin Boat Traditions of the Bering Strait (Mille Porslid, Go North!)

12:05–12:10pm Wrap-up & Reflection of Morning Session

12:10–1:30pm LUNCH (on your own)

Theme 1: International Cooperation and Cultural Exchanges (continued) (Session Chair: Rudy D'Alessandro)

1:30–1:55pm Chukchi Collection of the Vega Expedition of 1878–1880: A Chukchi Interpretation 140 Years Later (Eduard Zdor, U. of Alaska Museum of the North and Liliya Zdor)

2:00–2:20pm Bering Strait Indigenous Family Reunion and Exchange (Luda Kinok, Sighineghmiit Immigrant to Alaska)

2:20–2:50pm Group Discussion

- With no Indigenous cultural exchanges happening between US and Russian communities, what is the best way the Beringia Program can help continue cultural connections?

2:50–3:00pm BREAK

3:00–4:50pm Film Viewing: *Bering, Family Reunion* (Introduction: Jacob Martin)

4:50–5:00pm Wrap-up & Reflections of the Day and Plans for Wednesday

Wednesday, 25 October 2023

Sessions will be held in the Fore Deck room (Lobby Level)

8:30am Coffee and continental breakfast available

9:00–9:10am Opening Remarks/Welcome Back (ARCUS & NPS)

Theme 2: Indigenous Art and Oral Traditions (Session Chair: Jeanette Koelsch)

9:10–9:30am Found Sound: Sound of Beringia: Communicating the Unique Resources and Cultural Traditions (Christopher Marianetti, Found Sound Nation)

9:35–9:55am Sharing Knowledge of Food Life-History and Underground Food Storage Practices in Beringian Communities (Yoko Kugo, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)

Theme 3: Fantastic Flora of Beringia (Session Chair: Nikki Braem)

10:00–10:20am Past, Present, and Future Linkages between the Floras of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands and Alaska (Eric DeChaine, Western Washington U.)

10:25–10:45am Updating the Panarctic Flora: Solving Taxonomic Riddles of Beringia (Stefanie Ickert-Bond, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)

10:45–11:00am BREAK

11:00am–12:00pm Group Discussion

- Currently, US Government employees cannot interact with Russian government employees. If this situation lasts for several years, what role can the Beringia Program play in the Arctic/Beringia region?
- As Shared Beringian collaborators and partners, what challenges and needs did you have working in our local communities? How can the Beringia Program help?

12:00–1:15pm LUNCH (On your own)

Theme 4: Natural and Cultural Resource Studies (Session Chair: Jenya Anichtichenko)

1:20–1:40pm Investigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Beringia (Donald Anderson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

1:45–2:05pm Beringia Seabird Youth Network Bi-Lateral Student and Biologist Exchanges (Ann Harding, Seabird Youth Network)

2:10–2:30pm Promoting Coastal Resilience through a Shared Understanding of Subsistence Fisheries in the Chukotka and Alaska Arctic (Martin Robards, Wildlife Conservation Society)

2:30–2:40pm BREAK

2:40–3:00pm Tracing the Ice Age Beringian Standstill Hypothesis (Yongsong Huang, Brown University)

3:05–3:25pm The Bering Land Bridge and the Ice Age Peopling of the Americas (Ted Goebel, University of Kansas)

3:30–3:50pm Ice Age Stories Preserved in the Dry Lake of New Mexico: Fossil Footprints from White Sands National Park (David Bustos, White Sands National Park)

3:55–4:40pm Group Discussion

- What do you see as the most pressing issues or emphasis areas in the Arctic/Beringia region? How would the Beringia Program play a role?

4:40–4:45pm Wrap-up, Reflections, and Next Steps (NPS)

4:45pm Beringia Days 2023 Adjourns