**Francisk Skorina Gomel State University (Belarus)**

**SummerSchool– 2019**

**"NATURAL AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES OF THE BELARUSIAN POLESIЕ" (GeoSchool)**

***19-24 August 2019***

We invite you to become a member of the Summer GeoSchool at Francisk Skorina Gomel State University (Belarus)

**Our school offers you the following:**

– excursions to the unique natural landscapes of Polesie - oak, pine, black alder forests, swamps;

– see the flora and fauna of natural and anthropogenic landscapes;

– study urban and agricultural landscapes of Polesie and their peculiarities;

– visit the historical and cultural landscapes of the Belarussian Polesie, the center of the Old Believers' culture, the museums of Gomel and Vetka.

– study and apply afield the methods of landscape research and assessment of anthropogenic impact, methods for studying radioactive contamination.

We invite students, undergraduates, as well as all people interested in geography, ecology and history of landscapes.

The GeoSchools Program includes

- lectures and seminars;

- excursions to the unique natural, archeological, historic and cultural and anthropogenic objects and museums;

- field training;

- obtaining a certificate of participation.

Disciplines:physical and human geography

**Working languages - English, Russian**

Participation Cost: **199 €**

Travel, accommodation, insurance, meals and personal daily expenses should be paid separately.

Application Deadline: **1 June 2019**

If you have any questions, please contact geoschoolgomel@gmail.com

**Location:** Francisk Skorina Gomel State University, Gomel, Sovetskaya str, 104, Belarus.

The GeoSchool Program (6 days)

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| Time | Type of work | Subjects |
| **1st day** |
| 10 00 – 10 30 | Plenary session | The opening of the school. Organizational Meeting |
| 10 30 – 12 00 | Lecture | Belarusian Polesie: history, landscapes and economic development |
| 14 00 – 16 00 | Seminar | Methods of landscape research (the study of flora and fauna, soil, relief, geology) |
| **2st day** |
| 9 00 – 13 00 | Lecture &Excursion | The history of the formation of the urban landscape on the example of Gomel: 2000 years - from the hillfort to the city |
| **3st day** |
| 9 00 – 15 00 | Excursion& Field training | Natural landscapes of Polesie: deciduous and pine forests, swamps and meadows, flora and fauna of forest landscapes |
| **4stday** |
| 9 00 – 14 00 | Lecture &Excursion | Historical, cultural and ethnographic landscape of the Old Believers, Vetka Museum of Old Believers and Belarusian traditions, agricultural, historical and cultural landscapes (on the example of the village of Khalch) |
| **5st day** |
| 9 00 – 14 00 | Lecture & Field training | Radiation situation in landscapes of Polesie. The consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Methods for measuring radioactive radiation.Radiation control of agricultural and forest products. |
| **6st day** |
| 9-00 – 11 00 | Round table | Summing up the work. Presentation of certificates to participants. |
| Departure of the participants |