



“REFLECTIONS OF THE UNIVERSE”

June 15 - 18, 2017, Yaroslavl

THE 2ND INFORMATION LETTER

Dear friends, colleagues and partners!

The Organizing Committee of the PLANETARIUMS WEEK Festival held by the Cultural and Educational Center named after Valentina V. Tereshkova and dedicated to the anniversary of the first flight by female cosmonaut and Hero of the Soviet Union – Valentina V. Tereshkova, informs that

May 31, 2017 is the deadline for receiving applications from the Festival participants
If you haven't submit your application yet, make sure to fill in the form below (Appendix 1)
Application forms for screenings and presentations are not accepted anymore.

We express our gratitude to those who have submitted their application forms and draw their attention to the following conditions:

1. If your fulldome show or film has been included into the Festival program, please contact us with the name of at least one author or their representative to reserve seats in the dome throughout the duration of the Festival (without paying registration fee).
2. The Festival participants should pay registration fee in the sum of 1000 RUB upon arrival.
3. The Organizing Committee provides an opportunity for participants and submitters to showcase their promotional products in the Center lobby during the Festival.
4. The Festival participants will be provided with all the printed materials. The Organizing Committee bears all the expenses for coffee breaks, sightseeing tours, producing awards and holding the stand-up party.
5. During the Festival all the participants can use services of the Center café on a paid basis. They will be provided with a special menu.
6. Hard disk drives with the corresponding fulldome content will be sent to their authors by post at the expense of the Organizing Committee.
7. If there are no posters on the hard disk drives you sent, please send them as soon as possible to the following email: en_tihomirova@mail.ru (the Organizing Committee plans to print these posters on A3 paper; .tiff, .pdf, .png, .cdr files are accepted). The Organizing Committee plans to issue the Festival catalogue. Those participants who have not sent us the summaries of their fulldome content and accompanying images should do it as soon as possible. All the materials (.tiff, .pdf, .png – for images) are to be sent to the following email: en_tihomirova@mail.ru.
8. All the Festival screenings can be attended by third-party viewers on a paid basis if there are any vacant spots left in the dome of the Cultural and Educational Center.
9. During all the screenings viewers are asked to fill in a special form. After all the votes are counted the Festival Organizing Committee will grant a People's Choice award.
10. The Organizing Committee grants all the participants a right to find suitable accommodations. We recommend the following hotels in Yaroslavl:
 - Yubileynaya Hotel, +7(4852)72-65-65, +7(4852)30-73-63, 8-800-301-03-05, <http://www.yubilyar.com>
 - Kotorosl Hotel, +7(4852)21-15-81, www.kotorosl.yaroslavl.ru, booking@kotorosl.biz
 - Ibis Hotel, +7(4852)59-29-29, +7(4852)59-29-07, www.ibishotel.com
 - Kristyle Mini Hotel, +7(4852)72-72-94, <http://mini-hotel.kriadent-yar.ru>
 - SK Royal Hotel, <http://hotelskroyal.ru/>, 8(4852) 67-29-21, reservation@sk-royal-hotel.ru

Host Venue:

Cultural and Educational Center named after Valentina V. Tereshkova,
Tchaikovsky Street 3, Yaroslavl, 150000, Russia.

Conference dates:

June 16 – 18, 2017

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ANOUNCEMENTS of the fulldome shows and films planned on the Festival:

The Festival program includes fulldome shows and films produced by planetariums from Kazan, Kaluga, Nizhny Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Ufa, Yaroslavl, as well as the Commonwealth of Independent States, Poland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Argentina, Thailand, India, the USA, and Japan.

The program will offer more than fifty shows, shortcuts, clips and films.

This year “Planetarium live presentations with real-time fulldome visualization” are also planned.

* During the Festival a Russian fulldome film about telescopes will be shown for the first time. Those who decide to sign a license agreement during the Festival days will get 30% discount.

** Free fulldome film. The film will be shown in the Russian language. The Festival guests and participants will get the Russian translation upon preliminary request.

Festival Guests:

- **Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova** – the first female cosmonaut and Hero of the Soviet Union

- **Yury Valentinovich Lonchakov** – pilot-cosmonaut of the Russian Federation, Hero of the Russian Federation, Head of the Yuri A. Gagarin State Scientific Research-and-Testing Cosmonaut Training Center

- **Thomas Kraupe** – Director of Planetarium Hamburg

- **Dr. Martin Wichmann** – Vice President of Carl Zeiss, Senior Director Planetarium Division.

Festival Jury Operation

While watching a fulldome show or film each Jury member should evaluate the content in accordance with the following criteria:

- Scientific credibility
- Compliance with fulldome criteria (original fulldome shows get more scores than the ones initially made for flat screens)
- Video quality
- Sound quality
- Presentation logic (the extent to which a show supports unmosaic thinking)
- Content novelty and originality
- Grammatical correctness (voice over and comments)

The above mentioned criteria are of different importance.

The Organizing Committee and the Festival Jury can expand the list of criteria. While evaluating each film, the Jury members mark it from 1 to 10 scores. The given scores are summed up in accordance with the importance of the above mentioned criteria. The importance of these criteria can vary in each category.

Besides awards in all the categories, the Festival Jury can also grant special prizes.

On the last session the Festival Jury discusses all the shows and votes which show should be granted an award or special prize in each category. The main (but not the only one) criterion for granting an award is an average score given by the Jury members.

All the Jury members take part in evaluating fulldome shows and granting awards in each category, except for:

- authors whose fulldome shows or films have been included into the Festival program
- representatives of the companies which sent their fulldome shows or films to the Festival.

The Jury members who don't take part in evaluating the fulldome content and further voting have a right to join the discussion.

A People's Choice award will be given to the fulldome show or film that gets a higher average score after the viewers' questionnaires are proceeded. The viewers who are also authors of the fulldome content or are representatives of the corresponding companies cannot evaluate their own works. The Festival Jury cannot fill in the forms handed to viewers.

Veto power. Each Jury member has a right to impose a veto over granting an award to some show or film (including a People's Choice award). The decision to impose a veto should be explained (for instance, a Jury member thinks that the film is based on anti-scientific facts or promotes anti-science, etc.).

Awarding Ceremony

All the winners are awarded during the Festival closing ceremony.

The Festival Organizing Committee defines the nature of awards and the procedure of their distribution.

PROGRAM*
of the III International Fulldome Festival
“Reflections of the Universe”
dedicated to the anniversary of the first flight by female cosmonaut and
Hero of the Soviet Union – Valentina V. Tereshkova

June 16, 2017 (Friday)

<i>Timetable</i>	<i>Event listings</i>
09.00 – 12.00	Registration of the Festival participants (near the dome entrance) Excursion around the Cultural and Educational Centre named after V. V. Tereshkova
12.00 – 13.00	Festival Opening (<i>the Festival Opening venue can be changed depending on the number of participants and submitters – the changes are to be made till June 5, 2017</i>)
13.00 – 16.00	Screenings
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 19.00	Screenings
19.00 – 20.00	Dinner
20.00 – 21.00	Sightseeing tour

June 17, 2017 (Saturday)

<i>Timetable</i>	<i>Event listings</i>
10.00 – 13.00	Screenings
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Screenings
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break
16.30 – 19.30	Screenings
19.30 – 21.00	Dinner

June 18, 2017 (Sunday)

<i>Timetable</i>	<i>Event listings</i>
10.00 – 13.00	Screenings
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Screenings
15.00 – 16.30	Coffee break. Jury operation and counting votes. The Festival participants' interaction
16.30 – 17.30	Festival Closing. Awarding ceremony
17.30 – 19.30	Stand-up party

* This is a draft program. The final version will be posted and sent to participants on June 5, 2017.



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Festival Participant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Surname:

Name:

Patronymic name (if any):

Institution:

Job position:

E-mail:

Phone:

Postal address:

Do you need accommodation services?

Polling Form:

What do you expect from the Festival?

What topics would you like to discuss during the Festival?

Your questions to the Festival Organizing Committee

Do you need a letter of invitation from the Organizing Committee?

If yes, please write the name of the person who needs a letter of invitation (full name and job position)