



**Dear colleagues,**

We are pleased to inform you that despite the current conditions prevailing in the world relating to the spread of COVID-19, the decision has been made to hold the **XVI International Forum-contest of students and young scientists "Topical Issues of Rational Use of Natural Resources"**.

The Forum will be held on **June 17-19, 2020** in a fundamentally new video conference format using the **Cisco WebEx**.

The platform allows up to 3000 participants from anywhere in the world to make a live presentation, listeners – to ask both live questions and in text message format.

The participants will need a minimum set of equipment: a computer (laptop) with a camera and a microphone and Internet access. All participants will be provided with the necessary technical support and links to the videoconference.

The Forum-contest covers 10 research areas (Appendix). Annually, the Forum-contest is attended by more than 400 participants from the universities and companies of 30 countries. The jury members are leading scientists and specialists from Russian and foreign universities and companies.

**Graduate students, post-graduate students and young scientists up to 35 years of age without a PhD degree with a level of English proficiency not lower than B1-B2**, whose study area or subjects of research correspond to the list of breakout sessions are invited to participate in the Forum-contest.

To participate in the Forum please register on [myouth.spmi.ru](http://myouth.spmi.ru) and attach 1.5-2 pages abstracts in English **by June 01, 2020**.

More information on the Cisco WebEx Platform and Forum-contest is on [myouth.spmi.ru](http://myouth.spmi.ru)

The winners of the Forum-contest will receive a grant from the International Competence Centre for Mining-Engineering Education under the auspices of UNESCO for a short-term internship at one of the leading universities and companies of the mineral resources complex, as well as the possibility of publishing a full-text article after internal and external review, in a separate collection of CRS Press (Taylor & Francis Group, Netherlands).

*Kind regards*

Organizing Committee

XVI International Forum- Contest of Students and Young Scientists

"Topical issues of subsoil use" under the auspices of UNESCO

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