

Dear readers!

In front of you the first edition of an electronic scientific magazine “Arctic and North”. Arctic and North: not so many ice and snow words for the title? We considered, that Arctic is the part of the North. Usually, the concept of “the Arctic” is used to refer to both land area and the marine waters of the Arctic Ocean and sea power underlines Russia thalassocracy sea power. The concept of “North” refers to Tellurocracy that is land power.



The Northern Territory – a reliable rear base for the development of Arctic sea space. Synthesis of land and sea, blue (sea, sky) and white (snow, ice, purity) of flowers is reflected in name and in the design of the magazine.



The magazine “Arctic and North” is not by chance began to publish in Arkhangelsk, that leads its chronology from the blessed letter of Novgorodian archbishop Ioann and Luka, who is an abbot of archangels monastery, dated 1388 year. Monastery of Archangel Michael, who gave his name to the city Arkhangelsk, was named in honor of the Archangel Michael – the angel-messenger, the leader of the Lord's army in the fight against the dark forces of evil. We are proud that our city is bright name of one of the most esteemed of heavenly angels.

In the XVI–XVII centuries Arkhangelsk sea port was then the only open window in Europe, a meeting place for West European and Russian civilizations. During his stay in Arkhangelsk in 1693–1694 years, Peter I laid the foundation for native naval shipbuilding. Here has been created the first naval forces, which has been declared itself on the White Sea as an organized fighting force. In the summer of 1694, Peter I went out into the open sea at the head of a fleet of three ships. For the first time in the White Sea to the military courts have raised the white-blue-red flag, which until 1705 was the only naval flag. Only with the introduction of the Russian Navy St. Andrew flag became the flag of special Russian merchant vessels. Thus, the Arkhangelsk is not only home to the domestic naval shipbuilding, but also the cradle of the Russian Navy.

Arkhangelsk belongs to the great role in the development of the Arctic area. Many local expeditions began the way here for Arctic development and northern sea route. M. V. Lomonosov was first put forward in the world of science, and V. J. Chichagov first undertook

an attempt to penetrate into the high latitudes of the central region of the Arctic Ocean. In the year of jubilee of M. V. Lomonosov, we again appeal to his heritage by publishing the answers of our respected authors on issues of the magazine. The link of times, and notes symbolize Captain V. P. Sokolov's unique icebreaking vessel transarctic flight "Somov" in 2010.

Everything in life has its beginning and its end. In the XXI century in a new spiral of evolution in the Archangelsk appeared the North (Arctic) Federal University, who is the founder of our magazine. The editorial office plans constantly work about the theme "Northern (Arctic) Federal University – intellectual ground of Russia in the Arctic".

The magazine focuses on the topic problems of economy and management, social philosophy, sociology, history, international relations, geopolitics, regionologi, geography, biology, natural resources, ecology, environment, including especially the saving of human. We will give constant attention to information-communication technologies, arctic logistics, Northwest and Northeast sea routes – the national transport links Canada and Russia. Human capital: education, medicine and health, culture and tourism, ethno-cultural landscape of modern multi circumpolar civilization – these and other questions will also take their place in the magazine.

Created by editorial office, the concept suggests an active using the space of the whole web site of the NArFU (<http://narfu.ru/aan>) for promoting actual materials, which are published regardless of the order of the magazine. News, books, materials about today's projects, the activity of the SEC "Institute of Arctic" are published here. Thus we are expanding our capabilities and get a powerful resource for the magazine.

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Dear readers, we ask you opinions, suggestions and comments to sent to this addresses: mba@pomorsu.ru; dh4e@atnet.ru; iuppk@pomorsu.ru. Our wishes for the authors we put on the web site: <http://narfu.ru/aan/author.php>.

Regards, Yrii Lukin, chief editor of the
magazine "Arctic and the North".