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**Emerald biogeographical Seminar
for bird species for Belarus, Republic of Moldova, the
Russian Federation and Ukraine**

24-25 November 2015

Conference – hall of the hotel “Orbita”
39 Pushkin Avenue
Minsk
Belarus

**INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO GET THE HOTEL AND
THE MEETING PLACE**

1. OPENING

The Emerald biogeographical Seminar for bird species for Belarus, Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine will take place from Tuesday, 24 November to Wednesday, 25 November 2015 in Minsk, capital of Belarus.

The meeting will start at 09:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 November at the venue.

2. VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

Conference-hall of the hotel “Orbita”

39 Pushkina Avenue

Minsk

<http://www.orbita-hotel.com/eng/>

3. WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will be held in English and Russian (with translation).

4. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO THE HOTEL AND THE MEETING PLACE

From Minsk National Airport (<http://airport.by/en>) :

- By taxi – the average price is 20 euros. The taxi can be ordered at the desk in the arrival hall of the airport or directly upon the exit of the terminal.
- By bus – special buses go to the bus station “Centralny” (city center) every hour from the bus stop situated 200 metres from the arrival hall of the airport. If you take a bus, you need to use the downtown subway to reach the subway station “Pushkinskaya”. Hotel “Orbita” is located 100 meters from the exit of this subway station.

From the Central Railways Station (<http://www.rw.by/>) : take the train from the subway station “Ploschad Lenina” (located just nearby the entrance to the Central Railways Station) to the station “Oktyabrskaya”; go to the station “Kupalovskaya” (2nd line of the Minsk subway called “Avtozavodskaya”) and take the train to the station “Pushkinskaya”.

From the bus station “Centralny” (<http://www.minsktrans.by/en/>) : take the train from the subway station “Ploschad Lenina” (located 200 metres from the entrance to the bus station “Centralny”) to the station “Oktyabrskaya”; go to the station “Kupalovskaya” (2nd line of the Minsk subway called “Avtozavodskaya”) and take the train to the station “Pushkinskaya”.

5. VISA INFORMATION

To enter Belarus a foreign citizen must submit a valid passport, and a visa, if no other order of entry into Belarus is established by an international agreement. The citizens of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine don't need a visa to visit Belarus. More detailed info about the procedure can be found at the following link:

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/>

To request an invitation for visa processing, please, contact Tania Braulio (Tania.Braulio@coe.int) or Yuri Solovjev (ecoin@tut.by).

6. HOTEL INFORMATION

Single standard rooms at the hotel "Orbita", where the workshop will be held, are booked for all foreign participants to the workshop at the price of 45 Euro per night. Meals for participants (coffee – breaks, lunches) will be organized in the cafe of the hotel "Orbita".