

Appendix 3

General guidelines for registering delegates and other representatives from the reindeer herding regions to the 5th Reindeer Herders' Congress

Guidelines are based on the following considerations:

The number of delegates to the 5th World Reindeer Herders Congress in Aoluguya, Genhe, Inner Mongolia, Peoples' Republic of China, July 2013 is set by the Board of WRH, to 77. Other participants at the Congress will be official guests/observers from nation states and regions, invited guest and lecturers from professional institutions and organizations, cultural workers, exhibitors and others.

As the availability of accommodation in Aoluguya is limited, the organizers have had to place certain limitations on the number of official participants of the Congress.

Below follows guidelines for the distribution of delegates and representatives:

1. Registering delegates

- Regions able to register delegates to the World Reindeer Herders' Congress are the 28 reindeer herders regions listed in §-2 of the Statutes of the Association of World Reindeer Herders (see appendix 2). (The regions Taymir and Evenkia, included in the newly established Krasnojarsk krai, are still considered as separate regions in this context).
- As a rule of thumb, the delegates should be reindeer herders, or persons with a direct link to reindeer herding either through family connections or other ways. Reindeer husbandry is represented through the delegates and not through members of public administration. This is due to WRH's construction as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).
- The Statutes also indicate that the distribution of delegates should follow a model securing a representative assembly with concern to the different regions, while at the same time tending to the fact that reindeer herding is a family-based livelihood where both men and women should be represented among the delegates.
- The Statutes do not allow the different regions to be represented by proxy.
- Based on the Statutes, each reindeer herding region has the right to appoint at least 2 – two – delegates. It is urged and presumed that gender distribution is taken into consideration when appointing delegates.
- In addition, major reindeer herding regions (with a number of reindeer above 150 000) may appoint more delegates than the 2 delegates given to all regions.
- For the regions within the Russian Federation, the board of WRH has assigned room for a total of total 60 delegates, of where the 20 reindeer

herding regions start with 2 delegates each, in total 40 delegates, and the remaining 20 delegates are distributed proportionally among the regions of Nenetsky A.O, Yamalo-Nenetsky A.O, Sakha Republic and Chukotka A.O.

- For the regions outside Russia, the board of WRH has assigned room for 30 delegates, of where the 8 regions start with 2 delegates each, totaling 16 delegates, while the remaining 14 delegates are distributed proportionally among the regions of Norway, Sweden and Finland.

2. Registering official guests/observers from the different regions

- Due to capacity considerations the organizers have set a limit on the number of official representatives/observers from the regions (This does not include representatives from central authorities and central institutions, organizations and other bodies). Each region may register 1 – one – official representative/observer in addition to the appointed delegates. In addition the largest regions may register one or two representatives/observers after prior appointment with the organizers.
- The host region for the previous Congress, Sakha (Yakutia) is given an own quota.
- Participants who wish to participate in competitions, exhibitions and other things must clarify this with the organizers prior to the Congress.

3. General requirements for registration and the procedure onwards

- A registration form must be filled out for each person with all the necessary information, cf. Appendix 2. It must be indicated, for each person, if the status is delegate, official representative/observer or other. We strongly urge that the registration forms are send electronically as far as possible.
- When the names of participants are received, each individual will be sent an official invitation from the organizers. This should be used in relation applying for a visa to Norway, for those countries where a visa is required.

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