

The SHRIMP Workshop, St Petersburg 2008

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The 2008 SHRIMP Workshop was hosted by the All Russian Geological Research Institute, VSEGEI, in St Petersburg, Russia. This was the fourth workshop to date, following workshops in Canberra, Hiroshima and Rottneest Island (off Perth). The Russian hosts put on an excellent event, combining plenary sessions and technical talks with generous entertainment.

The event allowed users to meet in a social setting, comparing techniques and results on SHRIMPs from around the world. Areas of interest included demonstration of the current state of the SQUID software by Andrew Cross from Geoscience Australia and Ken Ludwig from the Berkley Geochronology Centre, a description of the SHRIMP SI program by Trevor Ireland from RSES, and descriptions of recent work on oxygen by Ian Williams and Ryan Ickert from the ANU.



Attendees of the 2008 SHRIMP Workshop in St Petersburg, photographed on the deck of the cruise ship, which served as a floating conference centre.



One of the attractions of St Petersburg in summer are the 'white nights', when the sun barely sets, and the sky remains bright all night. Here is a picture taken from the deck of the cruise ship as the sun sets at about 1.15am.