Goal: To share the results of the last 10 years of funded projects, to discuss cooperative agreements with collaborators, and to provide a forum for networking.

**Monday, 23 October 2023**

6:00–8:00pm  
Meet and Greet Reception (Quarter Deck, Tower 1, 10th Floor)  
Check-in, appetizers, cash bar.  
Anchorage King Island Dance Group performance

**Tuesday, 24 October 2023**

Sessions will be held in the Fore Deck room (Lobby Level)

8:15am  
Registration & check-in; coffee and continental breakfast available

**Beringia Days Opening (Session Chair: Jacob Martin)**

9:00–9:10am  
Welcome Remarks (Helen Wiggins and David Cairns, ARCUS)

9:10–9:15am  
Land Acknowledgement (Maija Lukin, Alaska Native Tribal Relations Program Manager)

9:15–9:30am  
NPS Shared Beringian Heritage Program 30 Years of Cooperative Projects (Jeanette Koelsch and Jacob Martin, Beringia Program, National Park Service)

9:35–9:45am  
Constructing New Bridges for Beringia (Rudy D’Alessandro, National Park Service)

**Theme 1: International Cooperation and Cultural Exchanges (Session Chair: Jeanette Koelsch)**

9:45–10:05am:  
Unangax Family Mosaic: Reconnecting Indigenous Family Histories of the Commander Islands and Alaska (Evguenia Anichtchenko, Beringia Program)

10:10–10:30am:  
Revitalizing Skin Boat Traditions of the Bering Strait (Mille Porslid, Go North!)
10:30–10:45am  BREAK

10:45–11:05am  Open World Institute: International Collaboration and Exchange (Matthew Tucker, The Congressional Office for International Leadership)

11:10–11:30am  The Importance of Working with Indigenous Peoples in Russia and Associated Challenges (Rhonda Sparks, Alaska Nanuut Co-Management Council)

11:35am–12:05pm  International Indigenous Fund for Development and Solidarity "BATANI": What We Do (Pavel Sulandziga, BATANI; with Eduard Zdor as translator)

12:05–12:10pm  Wrap-up & Reflection of Morning Session

12:10–1:30pm  LUNCH (on your own)

**Theme 1: International Cooperation and Cultural Exchanges (continued) (Session Chair: Rudy D’Alessandro)**

1:30–1:55pm  Chukchi Collection of the Vega Expedition of 1878–1880: A Chukchi Interpretation 140 Years Later (Eduard Zdor, U. of Alaska Museum of the North and Liliya Zdor)

2:00–2:20pm  Bering Strait Indigenous Family Reunion and Exchange (Luda Kinok, Sighineghmiit Immigrant to Alaska)

2:20–2:50pm  Group Discussion
  •  With no Indigenous cultural exchanges happening between US and Russian communities, what is the best way the Beringia Program can help continue cultural connections?

2:50–3:00pm  BREAK

3:00–4:50pm  Film Viewing: *Bering, Family Reunion* (Introduction: Jacob Martin)

4:50–5:00pm  Wrap-up & Reflections of the Day and Plans for Wednesday
Wednesday, 25 October 2023
Sessions will be held in the Fore Deck room (Lobby Level)

8:30am Coffee and continental breakfast available

9:00–9:10am Opening Remarks/Welcome Back (NPS & ARCUS)

**Theme 2: Indigenous Art and Oral Traditions (Session Chair: Jacob Martin)**

9:10–9:30am Found Sound: Sound of Beringia: Communicating the Unique Resources and Cultural Traditions (Christopher Marianetti, Found Sound Nation)

9:35–9:55am Sharing Knowledge of Food Life-History and Underground Food Storage Practices in Beringian Communities (Yoko Kugo, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)

**Theme 3: Fantastic Flora of Beringia (Session Chair: Nikki Braem)**

10:00–10:20am Past, Present, and Future Linkages between the Floras of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands and Alaska (Eric DeChaine, Western Washington U.)

10:25–10:45am Updating the Panarctic Flora: Solving Taxonomic Riddles of Beringia (Stefanie Ickert-Bond, U. of Alaska Fairbanks)

10:50–11:00 BREAK

11:00am–12:00pm Group Discussion
- Currently, US Government employees cannot interact with Russian government employees. If this situation lasts for several years, what role can the Beringia Program play in the Arctic/Beringia region?

- As Shared Beringian collaborators and partners, what challenges and needs did you have working in our local communities? How can the Beringia Program help?

12:00–1:15pm LUNCH (On your own)
Theme 4: Natural and Cultural Resource Studies (Session Chair: Jenya Anichtichenko)

1:20–1:40pm Investigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Beringia (Donald Anderson, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

1:45–2:05pm Beringia Seabird Youth Network Bi-Lateral Student and Biologist Exchanges (Ann Harding, Seabird Youth Network)

2:10–2:30pm Promoting Coastal Resilience through a Shared Understanding of Subsistence Fisheries in the Chukotka and Alaska Arctic (Martin Robards, Wildlife Conservation Society)

2:30–2:40pm BREAK

2:40–3:00pm Tracing the Ice Age Beringian Standstill Hypothesis (Yongsong Huang, Brown University)

3:05–3:25pm The Bering Land Bridge and the Ice Age Peopling of the Americas (Ted Goebel, University of Kansas)

3:30–3:50pm Ice Age Stories Preserved in the Dry Lake of New Mexico: Fossil Footprints from White Sands National Park (David Bustos, NPS White Sands National Park)

3:55–4:40pm Group Discussion

• What do you see as the most pressing issues or emphasis areas in the Arctic/Beringia region? How would the Beringia Program play a role?

4:40–4:45pm Wrap-up, Reflections, and Next Steps (NPS)

4:45pm Beringia Days 2023 Adjourns