



# VI World Nomad Games

## Scientific Program

**Date:** August 31 - September 5, 2026

**Venue:** Bishkek and Issyk-Kul Region

The VI World Nomad Games (WNG) in Kyrgyzstan is not just a large-scale sports and cultural event but also a unique platform for a deeper understanding of nomadism among a wide range of scientists from various fields. The program is designed to fill the existing gap in academia for a comprehensive study of nomadology in local and global contexts.

### The WNG Scientific Program Events:

- Participation of international participants in the Official Opening Ceremony of the WNG, Bishkek, **August 31, 2026.**
- International Conference "Nomadic Civilizations: Heritage, Paradigms, and Perspectives", **September 3-5, 2026.**
- Book Exhibition on Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia, **September 3-4, 2026.**
- Publication of the conference proceedings, **June-July 2026.**
- Participation in cultural and sports events of the WNG, **September 1-2, 2026.**
- Excursion to the Kurmanjan Datka Museum of Nomadic Civilization, **September 3, 2026.**

### August 30

#### Bishkek

Time	Type of Event
8:00-20:00	Meeting international participants at "Manas" Airport
	Accreditation of participants. Transfer to the hotel

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**August 31****Bishkek**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>
<b>19:00-21:00</b>	Participation of international participants in the official opening ceremony of the VI WNG

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**September 1****Bishkek - Issyk-Kul**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>
<b>8:00-9:00</b>	Breakfast
<b>9:00-13:00</b>	Transfer of foreign and local participants to Issyk-Kul
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-17:00</b>	Free time
<b>17:00-18:00</b>	Dinner
<b>18:00-21:00</b>	Participation in the Opening ceremony of the "Echo of Nomads" program of the WNG, Cholpon-Ata

**September 2****Issyk-Kul**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>
<b>8:00-9:00</b>	Breakfast
<b>9:00-10:00</b>	Transfer of participants to Kyrchyn to participate in sports and cultural events of the WNG
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	Lunch
<b>13:00-18:00</b>	Free time
<b>18:00-18:30</b>	Transfer to the hotel
<b>18:30-20:30</b>	Dinner

**September 3****Issyk-Kul**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Event</b>
<b>8:00-9:00</b>	Breakfast

Time	Type of Event
9:00-9:30	Transfer of participants to the Center of Nomadic Civilization, Ornok village
9:30-11:00	<p><b>Official Opening Ceremony of the Scientific Program</b></p> <p><i>Welcoming words:</i></p> <p><b>Arslan Kapaevich Koichiev</b>, State Secretary of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p><b>Gulzat Tynybekovna Isamatova</b>, Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p><b>Aktoty Rakhmatullaevna Raimkulova</b>, President of the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation</p> <p><b>Representative of UNESCO</b></p> <p><b>Elchin Safarali oglu Babayev</b>, Rector of Baku State University, PhD in Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Professor</p> <p><b>Zhanseit Kanseitovich Tuimebayev</b>, Rector of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Doctor of Philological Sciences, Professor</p> <p><b>Inom Urishevich Madzhidov</b>, Rector of the National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor</p> <p><b>Svanibor Pettan</b>, Professor, Vice-Chair of the International Council for Traditional Music (Slovenia)</p> <p><b>Dogdurbek Toktosartovich Chontoev</b>, Rector of KNU named after Zhusup Balasagyn, Doctor of Geographical Sciences, Professor</p> <p><b>Nursultan Nurlanovich Adenov</b>, Secretary of the WNG Secretariat</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p><b>Bekbosun Ishenbekovich Borubashov</b>, Chairman of the Higher Attestation Commission under the MHESINR KR</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-12:30	<p><b>Plenary Speeches (15 minutes each):</b></p> <p><b>Asylbek Bazarbaevich Kozhakhmetov</b>, President of AlmaU, Professor, Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan</p> <p><b>Michelle Commercio</b>, Professor of Political Science, University of Vermont, USA</p>

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	<p><b>Natalia Sipovskaya</b>, Director of the Institute for Art Studies, Professor, Doctor of Art History, Russia</p> <p><b>Günasdı Yavuz</b>, Professor, Ataturk University, Turkey</p> <p><b>Kubat Tabaldiev</b>, Professor, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan</p>
<b>12:30-13:00</b>	Discussions
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	Lunch
<b>14:00-17:30</b>	<p><b>Parallel Sessions (10 minutes per presentation)</b></p> <p><b>Section 1: Nomadic Culture in Global Civilization</b>  Nomadic empires in the context of world history  The contribution of nomads to world trade routes and cultural exchange  Ethnosport, traditional knowledge, and military art of nomadic societies</p> <p><b>Section 2: Ecological Heritage and Sustainable Development</b>  The philosophy of harmony between nomads and nature  Traditional land use and adaptation to climate change  Eco-ethics and the potential of the "green" economy of nomads</p> <p><b>Section 3: Nomadic Civilizations in the Digital Age</b>  Nomadic heritage in museums and archives  AI and Big Data in archaeological and ethnographic research  Representation of nomadic culture in the global digital space</p> <p><b>Section 4: Cultural Heritage of Nomadic Peoples of the World</b>  Folklore and traditional musical art: archiving, performing schools, the "ustat-shakirt" (master-apprentice) system  Traditional culture and art: from traditions to creative industries  Problems of museology and restoration of monuments of nomadic culture</p> <p><b>Section 5: Political and Legal Systems of Nomadic Societies</b>  Evolution of nomadic statehood  Customary law (Adat) and mechanisms of social regulation  Traditions of "nomadic democracy" and their relevance to modern law</p> <p><b>Section 6: New Archaeological Discoveries in Kyrgyzstan</b>  Archaeology of Kyrgyzstan: from the periphery to the center of civilization  Impact of climate change on historical settlements  Interdisciplinary research methods in ethnoarchaeology</p>

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	<p><b>Section 7: TURKIC CULTURE AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION:</b> Cultural heritage of the Turkic world as a factor of unity and sustainable development</p> <p><b>UNESCO Section 8:</b> Traditional sports and games Traditional martial arts Holding festivals as a tool for safeguarding cultural heritage: international cooperation and the living ecosystem of nomadic heritage</p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee break
17:30-18:00	Transfer
18:30-20:00	Gala dinner with a concert program

### September 4

#### Issyk-Kul

Time	Type of Event
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:30	Transfer of participants from the hotel to the Center of Nomadic Civilization, Ornok village
9:30-11:00	Report of session moderators
11:00-11:30	Presentation of certificates to participants and a photo session
11:30-12:00	Adoption of the Conference Resolution
12:00-13:00	Excursion to the Kurmanjan Datka Museum of Nomadic Civilization
12:30-13:00	Transfer to hotel
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-18:00	Visiting one of the locations of the WNG cultural program
18:00-18:30	Transfer to hotel
19:00-20:30	Dinner
21:00-24:00	Transfer to Bishkek (as agreed)

### September 5

#### Issyk-Kul - Bishkek

Time	Type of Event
8:00-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-13:00	Departure to Bishkek and transfer of participants to the airport

