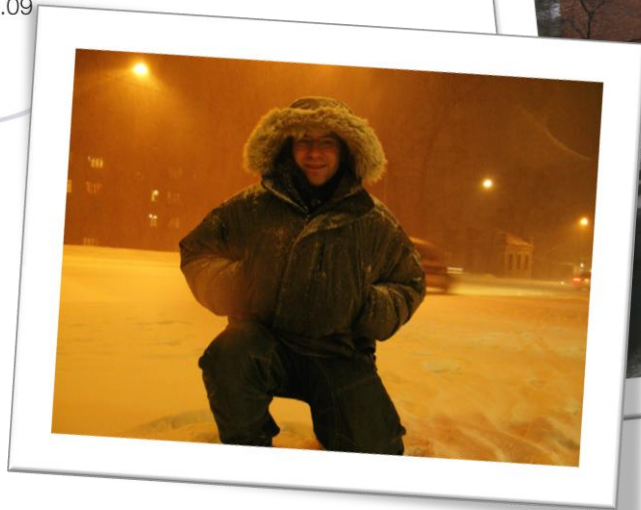


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Dear colleagues from the IHAEFE,

It is with great pleasure that I heard of the 50th anniversary of the Institute! And I hope these are the first 50 of many more!

I have so many good memories of my stays in Vladivostok in 2003, 2004 and 2005, whether working at the laboratory in the Institute, or taking part to excavations around Primorye, so I'm sharing just a few photos. I cannot believe it has been almost 20 years, because it still feels like it was yesterday! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Institute and its researchers for the warm welcome during my Ph.D. research. And of course, a special thanks to the colleagues and friends from the laboratory of Primitive archaeology: thank you Nina, Nikolay, Irina, Igor, Alla, Yura, and all the others! I have fantastic memories, thanks to all of you for all the great times spent in the Russian Far East!

All the best to the Institute. And like Gagarin said: Поехали!

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