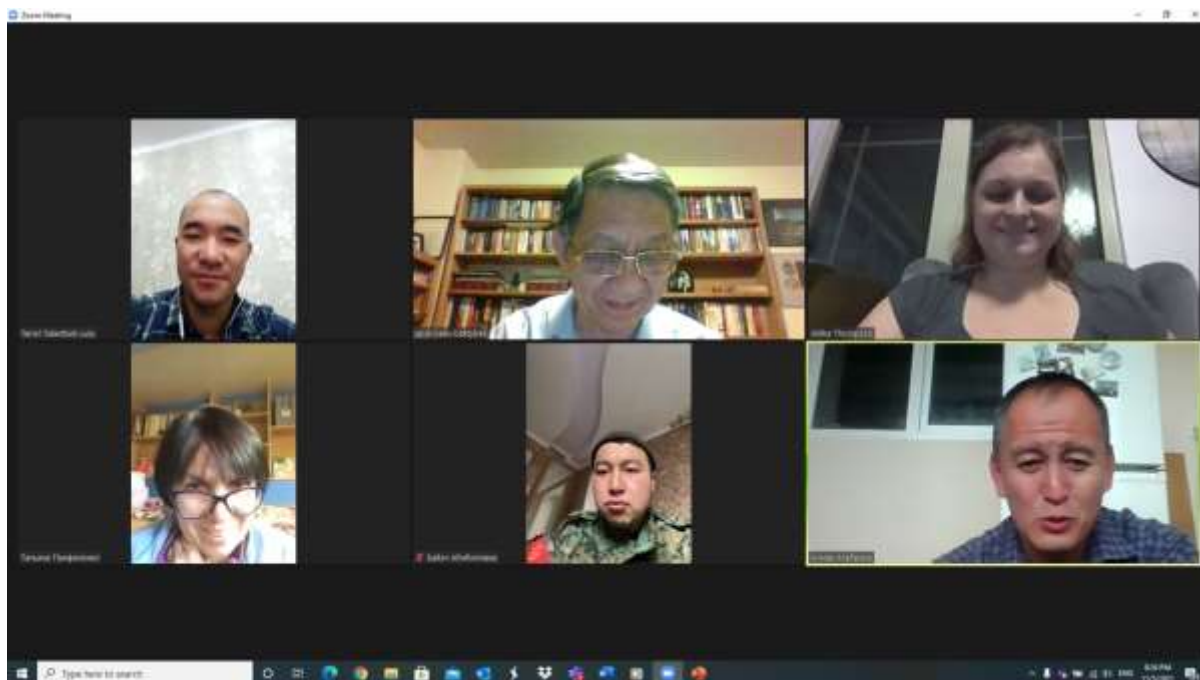


My participation at Third Virtual Meeting between Osh Technological University in Kyrgyzstan and members of the Utah International Mountain Forum



Screenshot of the participants of the meeting

On November 6, 2021, students from Osh Technological University (OSHTU) and Utah Valley University (UVU) had their third virtual meeting.

The main goal of the meeting was joint preparations for the United Nations International Mountain Day (IMD) observation on 1 December 2021. The main theme of IMD for this year is Sustainable Tourism in Mountain Areas. Students from UVU have been represented by members of the university's student clubs group which was named The Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF).

The participants of the meeting from the OshTU included Dr. Almaz Atabekov, Chair of the department of economics and our teachers Tatiana Gayratovna Panfilenko who teaches me geology and Tariel Talantbek uulu who teaches at OshTU computer sciences and economics. We're grateful to Tariel for providing for our group meetings technical support via zoom. I represented the students from OshTU during that meeting.



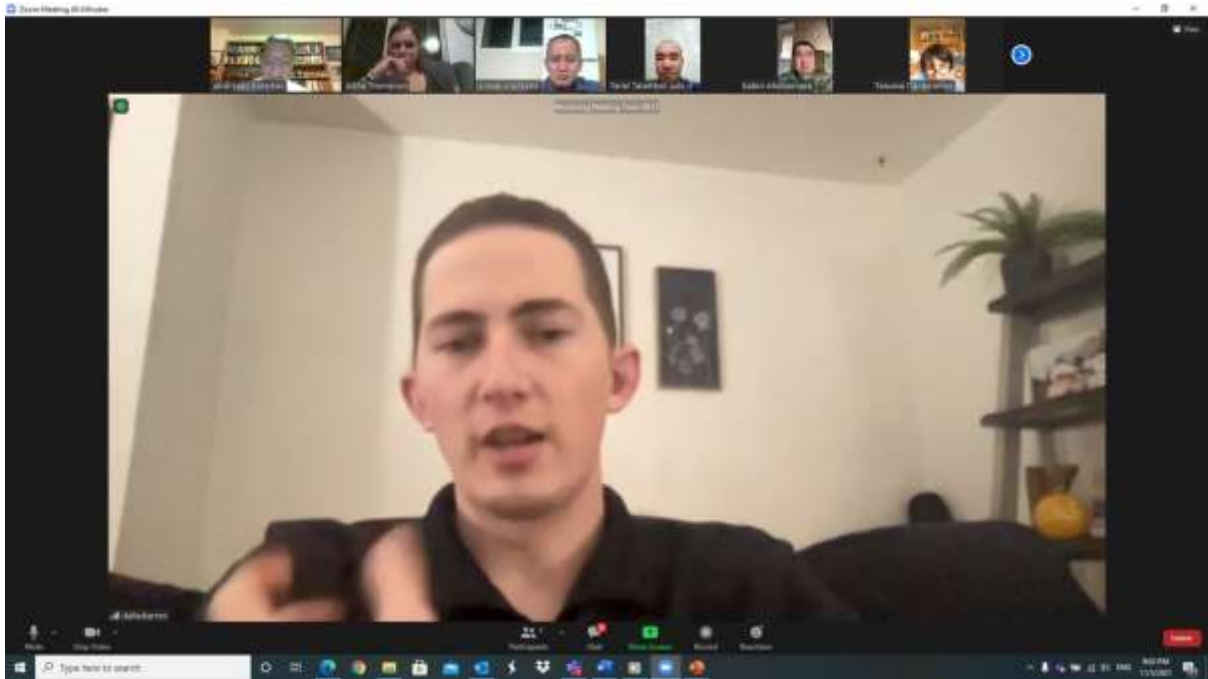
Dr. Almas Atabekov participates at the meeting.

UVU was represented during the meeting by students Alitha Thompson and Dallas Karren who are the leaders of the UIMF and Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev, who advises students.



Alitha Thompson, UIMF Vice-President discusses the preparations for joint observation of the International Mountain Day.

Alitha Thompson was the leader of the meeting. She is a very nice and kind person. I found this out from how she was interested and asked about us, about our country, Kyrgyzstan, its nature and weather.



Dallas Karren, UIMF President speaks to the group about his experience at CSW65 and other relevant info.

During the online meeting we also discussed preparations for the photo contest of International Mountain Day which was announced by the FAO-UN. The deadline for the submission of at least 3 high-resolution photos was 22 November 2021. Our students and faculty are very interested in this contest which would allow us to advertise more through the FAO-UN the beauty of nature and hospitality of people who live in Osh and Fergana Valley.



Baiel Abibillaev speaks during the meeting.

All of us talked about the uniqueness of our mountains, because Kyrgyzstan's territory is covered by mountains. They make up 95% of our country's land. We need to either find photos of these mountains visited by tourists from our archives or take new photos with foreign guests in Osh and Ferghana valley for the upcoming contest. It is difficult to select three photos from the archive in the phone as we have a lot of them, but there are rules that we must comply with and we study these rules. We shared questions and answers with each other. We have such virtual meetings of this type every Saturday at 8:30 pm (GMT+6).

Baiei Abibillaev, OSHTU student majoring in geology and the IMD 2021

participant