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Dear Keith,  
it is very nice to hear from you.

We live and work in the old way. Stepan has been updated his woody vegetation descriptions in the Polar Urals to reconstruct dynamics of forest structure near upper timberline for the last century.

Because of some reasons (sometimes without any reasons) the work on constructing Yamal chronology is going not very well. Duration of chronology is now 7315 years (7314 BC - AD 2000). The last valuable field work has been realized in 2000, when we have collected 370 subfossil samples. Half of them have been dated. Now I successfully collect money for field work (for helicopter rent). I hope this field season will be fruitful. Meantime we have analyzed frost- and light-ring frequency in Yamal tree rings for the last 2100 years to reconstruct extreme events. The later half of this reconstruction, I hope, will be published this year in Palaeo3. Now I contracted (together with Stepan) to write by June something like textbook on tree-ring dating for archeologists (in Russian). Then I'm going to return to work on Yamal chronology. It would be pleasure to keep on our joint work.

Best regards

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Monday, February 2, 2004, 1:57:37 PM, you wrote:

KB> Dear Rashit

KB> thanks for this - these people ask many questions as they try constantly to  
KB> attack the global warming proponents . I answer sometimes , but it usually  
KB> means they come back with many more questions. All part of science I suppose.  
KB> How are you , and Stepan? I have a student working on trying to refine the  
KB> RCS approach , to allow less trees and reduce bias that comes from using  
KB> only recent data . Hope to get him to test new methods on your and  
KB> Vaganov's data if that is OK with you . I wish to work towards a new  
KB> EuroSiberian series for several millennia at least. Are you still adding  
KB> new data? How are you all?  
KB> Keith