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ANNOUNCEMENT



On October 22-23, 2012 in Saint-Petersburg XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential for Innovation will be held. Permanent Forum Organizers: State Duma of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Finance of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Economic Development of the Russian Federation, Ministry for Regional Development of the Russian Federation, Saint-Petersburg City Administration, ICSEER Leontief Centre. Registration of the participants is open on the web site <http://www.forumstrategov.ru>

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Conservation and Use of Cultural Heritage in Russia

The project of the Ministry for Culture with support of the World Bank

Leontief Centre experts take part in procedures of the second stage of competitive selection of cultural heritage objects in project regions-participants (Leningrad Region, Novgorod Region, Pskov Region). During April-June 2012, the consultants have provided assistance to regions in preparing project proposals. In May 2012, Leontief Centre experts traveled in regions for methodical assistance in conducting focus groups to assess the impact of the proposed sub-projects in the applications of "big window" on the social development of territories, took part in meetings with representatives of the evaluation mission, the World Bank and other Project participants (representatives of executive authorities and cultural institutions) on the preparation of applications for participation in regional projects, a comprehensive restoration and future use of federal historic and cultural monuments (the "big window" projects). Together with the mission of the World Bank Leontief Centre specialists - Project experts also traveled to Pskov, Novgorod and Leningrad regions to visit the sites on which regions are preparing applications. Competitive bids were presented to the Inter-Ministerial State Commission of the Ministry for Culture of Russia on June 15, 2012.



Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena

Customer – Nordic Council of Ministries Office in St Petersburg

The purpose of the umbrella project NORDIC-RUSSIAN GREEN GROWTH ARENA is to implement green growth development principles in the North-west (NW) Russian regions and municipalities based on Nordic experience.

To achieve the stated above purpose, Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena project identifies three priority areas (sub-projects) under its umbrella: Green Planning Instruments and Strategies; Nordic-Russian

Green Routes; Sustainable Business Hubs and Clean Tech Clusters

On April 17-20, 2012 in Malmö was held Launching Conference of the Project NORDIC-RUSSIAN GREEN GROWTH ARENA. In the Launchin Conference participated 56 representatives from St Petersburg, Leningrad Region, Pskov Region, Republic of Karelia, Kaliningrad, Murmansk Region, Arkhangelsk Region, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Poland. In the Conference participated Katarina Pelin, Director of Environment, City of Malmö, Mats Ekenger, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers, Mats Jonsson, Senior Adviser, Sustainable Business Hub (SBHUB), Malmö. Venue of the Launching Conference was not chosen by chance - the city of Malmö has unique experience in economic development to meet modern requirements for energy efficiency and conservation.

Conference organizers: Municipality of Malmö, Sustainable Business Hub (SBHUB), Information Office of the Nordic Council of Ministers in St. Petersburg, ICSEER Leontief Centre.

More information: <http://www.arena.leontief-centre.ru>



Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border Via Hanseatica Tourism Route on basis of Local Resources (Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme within European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument 2007-2013)

Via Hanseatica (VH) is a tourism route connecting St Petersburg, Narva/Ivangorod, Tartu, Valga/Valka, Valmiera and Sigulda in the Programme territory. In addition to the abovementioned towns the route passes through areas rich in nature and cultural heritage. As VH is a tourism route passing Russia, Estonia and Latvia, and its potential is based on the diversity of these countries, the most efficient and beneficial way to promote VH is doing it via cross-border cooperation. Leontief Centre coordinates the activities of the Russian partners in the implementation of all project tasks and activities of partners from all countries to meet targets for the development of infrastructure and prepare the necessary project and technical documentation. The project implementation period is from January 2012 till December 2014. The project lead partner is the Vidzeme Planning Region (Latvia). The total number of partners is 18. The total budget of the project is 1 803 966 Euro; 90% of this amount are financed by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.

On April 11-13, 2012 in Valmiera (Latvia), Elena Belova, Secretary General of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in the first meeting of Via Hanseatica Project implementation. During next years the main ambition is to gain recognition of the „Via Hanseatica” as a tourism destination and secure source of income in the partner regions.

On May 22-23, 2012 Trofee, Jõgeva county, Estonia, Elena Belova, Secretary General of ICSE Leontief Centre participated in coordination meeting on activity packages 2 and 3 of the Project of Estonia-Latvia-Russia Cross-border Cooperation Programme - Advancing Remote Areas by Development of Cross-Border Via Hanseatica Tourism Route on Basis of Local Resources.



The Analysis of Trade and Industrial Relations between the Border Regions of Russia and Kazakhstan: Impact of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space

Customer - The Eurasian Development Bank (EDB)

The goal of the study - an analysis of the influence of the Customs Union on economic cooperation and industrial cooperation of border regions of Russia and Kazakhstan.

Preparation of Development Programme for Innovative Clusters in the Arkhangelsk Region

Jointly with the Northern Arctic Federal University named after Mikhail Lomonosov

In the framework of the project, Leontief Centre experts organized a series of meetings in Arkhangelsk Region and gave an interview to the Arctic Vector Newspaper - <http://narfu.ru/av/detail.php?ID=38183>

The Problems and Needs of Exporters in St Petersburg

Customer - St Petersburg Foundation for SME Development

The purpose of research - identifying problems and needs of export-oriented small and medium enterprises of St Petersburg, associated with the onset and maintenance of external economic activity and use of government support programs. The project conducted a survey of 135 exporting enterprises.

Assessment of draft Methodology of Regional Evaluating of Activities Efficiency of the Executive Authorities of the Arkhangelsk Region on Common Indicators

Customer - Ministry of Economic Development and Competition Policy of the Arkhangelsk Region

Leontief Centre provides assessment of draft methodology, which was developed for improvement of management system in executive powers of Arkhangelsk Region, increase motivation and accountability of executive bodies in the achievement of goals and objectives.

Features of the Socio-Economic Development of St Petersburg in 2000-2010

Customer - Institute of Geography of RAS

In the framework of the project the progress, challenges and main results of the city development over the past 20 years is studied. This period is contained in itself so important multifaceted of the events that can be put on a par with the most important milestones in the history of the city. The study identified seven stages in St Petersburg development. At each stage its characteristics and the most relevant results will be presented.

In the framework of **University Project of the Association of Independent Centers for Economic Analysis (ARETT)**, Moscow, in Leontief Centre, on competitive basis the training of students of St Petersburg higher educational institutions was organized. 8 students of several universities, selected through competition, participate in Leontief Centre current projects.

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

Implementation of the research included in the plan in 2012:

Analysis of Spatial Development Factors of the Russian metropolitan commuter belt (on example of Saint-Petersburg metropolitan area)

The project is implemented jointly with the Laboratory of Urban Researches HSE - St Petersburg. The purpose of research - to determine the characteristics of the spatial development of the suburban area of the Russian metropolis and the determinants of these features.

The Economic Repositioning of Post-Socialist Cities - Institutional Settings, Local Strategies and Urban Economic Growth

Joint project with the Institute of Economic Research (Halle, Germany). This work includes the study of characteristics of urban economic development in Russia and East Germany, the institutional framework of the municipal government and other institutions of influence on local development.

On May 14-19, 2012 Dr. Albrecht Kauffmann, senior researcher at the Institute for Economic Research in Halle (IWH, Germany) visited Leontief Centre. The purpose of the visit - joint work on the project Analysis of the Economic Situation of Cities in Post-Soviet period (RePoCit Project). In particular, the requirements to the basic econometric model, the sources and composition data have been clarified, organized the work of data collection and necessary for the analysis databases development.

EU Regional Policy. Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region

Interdivisional research group of Leontief Centre has started publishing of monthly relevant EU websites review. The main objective of the reviews - tracking key events and decisions of the EU regional policy. The first review covered the period March - May 2012.

Current review is prepared on the basis of the 4 web sites:

- Committee of the Regions - <http://www.cor.europa.eu/>
- The European Commission (Regional Policy) - http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy
- Assembly of European Regions - <http://www.aer.eu/>
- The Association of European Border Regions - <http://www.aebr.eu/en/index.php>

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Leontief Centre Interfaculty Base Department in the St Petersburg Branch of National Research University "Higher School of Economics"

During January - April 2012 in the Leontief centre two students (Andreeva Varvara and Fursova Margarita) of economic faculty of HSE (St Petersburg) were **practical training** (scientific adviser – Leonid Limonov). The purpose of the practice was to write degree works and attendance at Leontief Centre events. Also, two students (Ryabich Eugeny and Sultimova Tsybegmit) of Economic Faculty of St Petersburg State University were practical training (scientific adviser – Boris Zhikharevich). They participated in the collection of information on

strategic planning at the regional level, and the study of socio-economic development of cities in North-West Federal District.

In April series of **research seminars** for the Masters 1 and 2 courses were completed.

Topics of the seminars:

- Methodological approaches to the analysis, forecasting and planning for socio-economic development of regions and municipalities (Artur Batchaev)
- The role and value of investments for socio-economic development of regions and municipalities (Artur Batchaev)
- The main methods for evaluating the investment attractiveness of regions (Artur Batchaev)
- Russian and international experience of the cultural building for sustainable development of the area (Darya Tabachnikova)
- Social assessment in the state and municipal government (Tatyana Vlasova)

On May 12, 2012 the **Day of Masters Programs of Higher School of Economics** jointly with ICSE Leontief Centre Base Department in Higher School of Economics will be held.

The website of the Base Chair of Leontief Centre is now based within domain zone of the Higher School of Economics: <http://www.hse.ru/org/spb/mfk/bklc/>

Laboratory of Urban Researches

In cooperation with the St. Petersburg branch of National Research University – Higher School of Economics, Leontief Centre takes part in scientific and educational project **Analysis of Institutional Factors of Urban Agglomerations Spatial Development** (leader - Leonid Limonov).

During April - June, 2012 3 educational and scientific seminars of Laboratory of Urban Researches were held. In the framework of seminars the goal and objectives of the work, sources and methods of collection, types of work allocated to researchers were discussed.

On June 13, 2012 in the framework of the Joint Interdisciplinary seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research the seminar of Urban Studies Laboratories HSE in St Petersburg, **Methods for the Analysis of the Territory Development Potential in Strategic Planning** was held.

On June 15, 2012 in the Conference Hall of Leontief Centre the in the framework of the Joint Interdisciplinary seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research the **master-class Terraphilia** was held (for example, working with focus groups in the planning of socio-economic development of territories to the local identity).

On June 18, 2012 the **Joint Seminar** of students of Laboratory of Urban Researches of HSE St Petersburg and lecturers and students of the Master's program Urban Studies and Planning of Maryland University (USA) was held.

On June 28, 2012 Steering Committee of the Programme for Basic Research HSE considered the interim report of Laboratory of Urban Researches in the first half 2012 and results of the project appraisal 2012. Steering Committee decided to continue project with funding in the second half.

Detailed information: www.lui.hse.spb.ru

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Meeting of the **Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar «Economy and Society»**, established by Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute RAS, Higher School of Economics National Research University and Saint Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics, RAS:

- April 2, 2012 **New Structural Economics: Rethinking Development and Policy**, speaker - **Justin Yifu Lin**, World Bank Chief Economist and Senior Vice President.

- April 17, 2012 **Lessons from the Financial Crisis in Central and Eastern Europe**, speaker — winner of the International Leontief Medal 2007, Professor **Anders Aslund**, senior researcher of Peterson Institute (USA)
- June 2, 2012 **Society and Government after the Elections: the Balance of Forces at the beginning of the Political Cycle**, prepared by experts of the Center for Strategic Research for Civil Initiatives Committee was presented. Speaker: **Mikhail Dmitriev**, President of the Center for Strategic Research.
- June 13, 2012 jointly with Laboratory of Urban Researches of Higher School of Economics in St Petersburg the seminar **Methods for the Analysis of the Territory Development Potential in Strategic Planning** was organized. Speakers and reports:
 - Territorial Identity and Regional Development Planning: The IDENTERRA Model*
Zoran Roca, Director of the Research Center for Territory, Culture and Development, Dean of the Geography Faculty of Lyuzófona University (Lisbon, Portugal)
 - Development Identity in Road Mapping of Regional Development in Russia*
Demyan Belyaev, Senior Research Fellow of the Research Center for Territory, Culture and Development of the Lyuzófona University (Lisbon, Portugal), visiting fellow at the Institute for Regional Development of Granada University (Spain)
 - Demographic Sustainability in Regional Development Planning*
Maria de Nazaré Amorim de Oliveira Roca, Director of e-GEO Centre of Geography and Regional Planning of NOVA University (Lisbon, Portugal)
- June 15, 2012 the **master-class Terraphilia** (for example, working with focus groups in the planning of socio-economic development of territories to the local identity). Master class was conducted by **Zoran Roca**, Director of the Research Center for Territory, Culture and Development and **Demyan Belyaev**, Senior Research Fellow of TERCUD.
- June 21, 2012 the **Award Ceremony of Andrey Shleyfer**, Laureate of International Leontief Medal 2011. Andrey Shleifer, Professor of Economics of Harvard University participated in the Ceremony with traditional lecture of the Laureate on the theme The Quality of Government.

More information: <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/content34>

On April 3-5, 2012 Leontief centre experts – Irina Karelina, Director General, Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator on Research Programmes, Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Territorial Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre, Tatyana Vlasova, Deputy Director-Coordinator on Research Programmes, Darya Tabachnikova, researcher participated in the **XIII HSE April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development**. Conference organizers: National Research University – High School of Economics with support of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Program Committee chairman – Scientific Director of National Research University – High School of Economics Evgeny Yasin.

Leonid Limonov became chairman of the session "Agglomeration" and co-chair of the round table "Contemporary Issues of Metropolitan Governance and the Sintering Process", and also made report Peculiarities and Factors of Metropolitan Areas Postsoviet Spatial Development: St Petersburg case on the session "Development of the Largest Cities and Metropolitan Agglomerations".

Boris Zhikharevich made report "New Data Sources for Urban Agglomeration Modeling " on the session "Agglomeration".

Tatyana Vlasova made report "Dacha Amnesty in the Urban Agglomeration on the session "Urban Real Estate".

On April 4, 2012 in the Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation the **regular Organizing Committee Meeting of the XI All-Russian Forum Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia: Potential of Integration** (22-23 October 2012) was held. Chairman of the meeting: Alexander Viktorov, the Deputy Minister for Regional Development of the Russian Federation. From Leontief Centre participated Boris Zhikharevich, Forum Scientific Director, Irina Karelina, Member of Organizing Committee / Head of Working Group and Elena Belova.

On April 20, 2012 Boris Zhikharevich, Director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre participated in Panel discussion "New Frontiers: Prospects for the City Expansion" at the **Business Forum in Kazan "City Future"**.

Details: <http://www.казань.будущеегорода.рф/budushchee-goroda-novy-format-megapolis>

On May 17-19, 2012 in St Petersburg **the 16th Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)** was held.

Conference organizers: St Petersburg State University (Faculty of Economics), St Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, ICSEER Leontief Centre.

The conference was opened by honorary guests and participants:

- **Alexey Kudrin**, Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences of St Petersburg State University
- **Nikolay Skvortsov**, Deputy Rector for Research of St Petersburg State University
- **Irina Ganus**, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Science and Higher Education
- **Harald Hagemann**, President of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET)

Honorary speakers:

- **Geoffrey Hodgson**, Professor at the University of Hertfordshire, Editor of the Journal of Institutional Economics
- **Viktor Polterovich**, Academician of RAS, Professor of the Moscow School of Economics, Pro-rector of Russian Economic School.

The conference brought together 212 participants from 29 countries, held 60 programme sessions.

For more information and conference materials please visit official conference website: <http://eshet2012.ru>

On June 14, 2012 Leonid Limonov addressed students and lecturers of Master's program Urban Studies and Planning of Maryland University (USA) with **lecture Features of the Economic and Spatial Development of St Petersburg**.

On June 26, 2012 in the Ministry of Regional Development of the Russian Federation, the **Organizing Committee Meeting of XI All-Russian Forum**, which will be held on 22-23 October 2012 in St Petersburg, was held. The Organizing Committee meeting was chaired by Alexander Viktorov, Deputy Minister of Regional Development of the Russian Federation with participation of Anatoliy Mescheryakov, State Secretary - Vice-President of JSC Russian Railways, Maxim Perov, vice-president of the Russian Architectural Union, Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre, Igor Babichev, State Duma of the Russian Federation and other representatives of Ministry of Regional Development of Russia, State Duma and St Petersburg Government.

FORUM GOALS 2012: to show the potential of technology integration for the development of internal competitive advantages in regions and municipalities; to identify strategic opportunities and challenges for the Russian regions, caused by the changes in the external environment - the reinforcement of cooperation and collaboration in the field of cross border and transnational cooperation programs and networks.

The core International Forum events:

- **NORDIC GREEN DAY** promoting POTENTIAL FOR GREEN INTEGRATION and Norden as a leading region in green growth development, bringing together Nordic and Russian partners of the strategic umbrella project Nordic-Russian Green Growth Arena.
- **VASAB ROUND TABLE** focused on priorities of the Russian Chairmanship in the VASAB Committee 2012-2013
- **V INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE ON EUROPEAN COOPERATION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT** devoted to the to EU regional policy and Cohesion program, CEMAT and OECD Agenda in Russia

The two-day Forum program will generate 25-30 events, where these and other topics will have comprehensive coverage. The organizers of the events are federal ministries, International organizations, the leading world and Russian consulting and expert organizations. For more information about Forum Programme, registration and accommodation options please visit official Forum web site www.forumstrategov.ru.

On June 28, 2012 Boris Zhikharevich participated in the **meeting of the Strategic Council of Samara City** and spoke with an expert opinion on the Strategy for brief version of the Strategy of Integrated Development of Samara City.

On June 29-30, 2012 Leontief Centre experts (Nina Oding, Lev Savulkin and Denis Kadochnikov) participated in **International Scientific Conference Economic Culture of Modern Capitalism»**.

Organizers: Center for Study of Economic Culture of the Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg State University.

The task of the conference is to promote the integration of issues of economic culture into modern social sciences and the humanities, and to designate strategies and an agenda of the theoretical and applied research. The conference will become a site for discussion among adherents of various views and approaches, including mathematical economics, history, sociology, philosophy, religious studies, political science, humanities, natural sciences etc. During the Conference experts made reports Culture, Institutions and Economic Behavior in Russia and Economic Theory and Cultural Values Genesis.

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On April 2, 2012 in Moscow, Irina Karelina, General Director of the Leontief Center, participated in the meeting of the **Association of Russian Economic Think Tanks Board**.

More information on the web site www.aret.ru

On April 6, 2012 in the Conference Hall of Leontief Centre the presentation of Fellowship Program in Economics and Public Policy was held. Eugenia Pletneva, manager for educational programmes of Civil Society, Education and Media Development Centre (IREX) presented the **Yegor Gaidar Fellowship Program**.

Boris Zhikharevich, Director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre included in the **experts group** of evaluating Pilot Development Programmes for Innovative Regional Clusters in the framework of the contest, organized by Ministry of Economic Development of Russia. Expert Rating Voting will run from April 27 to May 15.

On April 12, 2012 Irina Karelina, Director General of the Leontief Centre participated in the **press conference of Leonid Kudrin**, Former Finance Minister, the Head of the Committee of Civil Initiatives, organized by the agency Interfax North-West. In the press conference also participated following Committee members: S.A.Tsyplyaev, president of the Respublica Fund; Dmitry Travin, economist, professor, chief editor of Zvezda magazine.

In May 2012 the **Quarterly newsletter of Association of Russian Economic Think Tanks (ARETT)** with information about Association activities as well as announcements and links to external publications was issued. The pilot newsletter issue covers the first quarter 2012 and contains the announcements before 2013.

On May 10, 2012 in the Grand Conference Hall of Leontief Centre, the working meeting of Leontief Centre experts with **Jacques-Francois Thisse**, Head of the Laboratory of the theory of markets and spatial economics of the National Research University Higher School of Economics was held.

On May 14, 2012 in Leontief Centre the meeting with **Anne P. Carter** American economist and professor of economics at the University Brandeis (city of Waltham, ea. Massachusetts) was held. At the meeting, Anne Carter shared his memories of the founder of the Leontief Centre – Wassily Leontief, which was known for many years. One of her works The Future of the World Economy, 1977, Oxford University Press was written in collaboration with Wassily Leontief and P. Petry.

On June 7, 2012 **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development representatives** visited ICSE Leontief Centre: **Sumila Gulyani**, Head of Urban Sector, Water Supply and Sanitation and Disaster Risk Management for Europe and Central Asia (Washington) and **Tatiana Shadrinova**, expert on urban development, project manager (Moscow) . Leontief Centre was represented by Leonid Limonov and Nina Oding, Chief of

Research Department. Following questions were discussed during the meeting: Issues of economic development of St Petersburg, results of World Bank project Economic Development of St Petersburg and cooperation prospects.

The **members of the Joint Programming Committee** came for the second meeting in Riga on the 13th of June 2012. Irina Karelina, Director General of ICSEER Leontief Centre participated in the meeting as observer. Representatives of all eleven countries including Russia and Belarus are part of the Committee.

On June 20-21, 2012 in Potsdam (Germany) the **VASAB Committee Meeting** was held. Elena Belova, Secretary General of ICSEER Leontief Centre took part in the Meeting.

On June 26, 2012 Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator for Research Programmes of ICSEER Leontief Centre participated in the **meeting of the Scientific Council of the Center for Integration Research of the Eurasian Development Bank**. At the meeting, which held as Moscow-Astana videoconference, the report Risks to the Public Finances of the CIS in Current Global Instability was discussed. Also at the meeting the draft Framework for IIC 2013 was considered.

AWARDS

On April 17, 2012 at 18:00 in the conference hall of the Leontief Centre in the framework of Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and the Economic and Financial Research held the **Awarding Ceremony of Anders Aslund**, winner of the International Leontief Medal 2007 was held. Professor Anders Aslund, senior researcher of Peterson Institute (USA), made winner lecture Lessons from the financial crisis in Central and Eastern Europe.

On May 10, 2012 Leontief Centre received **Gratitude from IT Institute** for high quality training of state and municipal employees on the program Strategic and Program Planning of Socio-Economic Development of the Russian Regions. Trainer: Boris Zhikharevich, Professor, director of the Resource Center for Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre. Customer: Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District Government.

Leontief Centre received **Gratitude from Justin Yifu Lin**, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank for organizing the workshop on New Structural Economics and hospitality during the visit in St Petersburg in April 2012.

On May 23, 2012 in Saint-Petersburg (House of Scientists) **XII Award Ceremony of Professor Boris Ovsievich for fundamental economic and mathematical studies, made in Russia** was held.

Organizers: St Petersburg Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences, Alferov Foundation for Education and Science Support and ICSEER Leontief Centre.

Award Ceremony was established under St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences, for education and science support and is awarded for fundamental economic and mathematic research. Alfred Koch, Ph.D., pupil of Boris Ovsievich has become the initiator of the Award Ceremony and philanthropist. The Ceremony was opened by Eduard Tropp, Chief Scientific Secretary of Presidium of the St Petersburg Scientific Center RAS, Irina Ganus, First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Science and the Graduate School, Leonid Rukhovets, Director of the St Petersburg Mathematical Institute RAS.

Laureates 2011:

I Award - **Alexander Libman**, Institute of Economics RAS - for work series Econometric Studies of Formal and Informal Institutions in Russian Regions

II Award - **Genrikh Penikas**, National Research University Higher School of Economics - for work Copula Models in the Market Risk Management of Russian Banks

III Award - **Mikhail Vashchenko**, Computing Center of Dorodnitsyn - for the paper Mathematical Models of Investment in Terms of Crisis Sense

Honorable Award:

Nikita Lukashevich, St. Petersburg State Politechnical University – for the paper Economic and Mathematical Models for Assessing Borrowers Credit Ratings based on Fuzzy-Neural Networks and Multiple Approaches

Elena Popova, National Research University Higher School of Economics - for the work Oligopolistic Models of Mixed Markets.

ESHET Conference organizers ICSEER Leontief Centre, Faculty of Economics of St Petersburg State University, St Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance received **gratitude from Harald Hageman**, former president of the European Society of History of Economic Thought (ESHET)

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WEB SITES

Leontief Centre web sites platform Leontief.net includes 21 web site in Russian and English languages, which are supported and updated on regular basis.

A new site for NCM and LC project Green Growth Arena www.arena.leontief-centre.ru was created.

Efficient updating of following sections of Leontief Centre web-sites was held:

- ICSEER Leontief Centre (www.leontief.ru)
- Wassily Leontief (www.wassily.leontief.net)
- Strategic Planning in the Regions and Cities of Russia (<http://www.city-strategy.ru>)
- All-Russian Forum of Strategic Planning (www.forumstrategov.ru)
- Internet portal of business centre Partnerstvo (www.bc-partnerstvo.ru)
- XVI Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) (www.eshet2012.ru)

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg, №116 (March-April) 2012 and № 117 (May-June) 2012

This analytical overview is a bi-monthly edition brought to you by the Leontief Centre in Russian and in English since 1992.

Each issue (25-30 pages in length) contains summary of statistical data and information materials (including unpublished ones) on the city's industry, infrastructure, budget, privatization, investment projects as well as on employment and living standards of St. Petersburg residents.

For more information you can go to Leontief Centre web-site <http://www.obzor.leontief.ru/>



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