



Newsletter N3 **October – December 2005**

In August 2005 the Leontief Centre issued the first **Newsletter** to inform partners about the most relevant events. The Newsletter is to be published quarterly both in Russian and English languages.

Announcements

The preparation to the **Seventh Annual Global Development Conference 'Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of Global Change'** (St. Petersburg, January 18-23, 2006), which is held by the international non-commercial organization Global Development Network in partnership with St. Petersburg Government and ICSEER Leontief Centre is going on. In November-December the Organizing Committee meetings devoted to the Conference preparation and organization were held in St. Petersburg. The meetings worked out the Action Plan on PR Conference Preparation and Organization as well as the list of Conference participants from St. Petersburg and Moscow. Among main Conference speakers following people are expected to participate: A.V. Sharonov, Deputy RF Minister for Economic Development and Trade, M.E. Dmitriev, President of the Centre for Strategic Research, V.I. Matvienko, Governor of St. Petersburg, M.E. Oseevsky, Vice-Governor of St. Petersburg.
Conference web site: http://www.gdnet.org/activities/annual_conferences/seventh_annual_conference/

The prequalification of attendees to the **Urban and City Management Distance Learning Program** created by the World Bank Institute jointly with the Leontief Centre has been finished. The education starts in January 2006. You could find the information about this program on the new web site www.distant.leontief.net

The Leontief Centre **has renewed the design of its web site** www.leontief.ru anticipating the celebration of the Leontief Centre 15th Anniversary in 2006.

The Working Plan for 2006 of the current interdisciplinary seminar **'The Actual Problems of Social Sphere Transformation'** held by the Leontief Center and Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), is posted on the Leontief Centre web site, 'Conferences' section. From November 2005 onward texts and stenographs are available at: http://www.leontief.ru/conferences_eng/

In October-November 2005 the information on the official server of the **Russian National Sub-Committee of the Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B Neighborhood Program** was updated - www.rnsc.leontief.ru

The sixth Annual Conference **Leontief Readings** will be held in the end of September 2006.

The **Fifth Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders** is scheduled for October 2006.

Wassily Leontief Centenary

Partners in Preparation to Celebration of Wassily Leontief's Centenary. A Memorandum of Cooperation and Joint Actions for the Celebration Program of Wassily Leontief's Centenary was signed with the International Input-Output Association. Among joint aims – development of Wassily Leontief web portal and creation of a virtual museum of Wassily Leontief, participation in organization of the Sixth International Leontief Readings Conference, preparation of the series of publications devoted to W. Leontief Centenary.

Input-Output Association expressed their strong interest to join the Organizing Committee on Preparation to Celebration of Wassily Leontief's Centenary.

Representatives of the International Input-Output Association were invited to the Global Development Network Conference (St. Petersburg, January 18-23, 2005). The Conference Program included the plenary session **Evolution of Institutions and Russia's Economy (devoted to Wassily Leontief Centenary)**. By this event the official jubilee cycle of celebratory activities devoted to

Celebration of Wassily Leontief Centenary will be opened. The visit of the Member of the Council of Input-Output Association Mr. Thijs ten Raa to participate in St. Petersburg Conference is scheduled.

Internet-Portal and Wassily Leontief's Virtual Museum. New information resources and slides have been posted on the Wassily Leontief's server. In the 'Biography' section you could find two new rubrics: 'Biographic Sketches' and

'Interviews'. New materials were also posted on the sections 'Scientific Heritage' and 'Publications'. The English version of the web portal has been created and is being regularly updated. Developing work to create a special section devoted to the Wassily Leontief's Centenary and the Celebration Program activities has been started -

<http://www.wassily.leontief.net/eng/indexe.html>

Projects

E-Skills for Russian SMEs. The EuropeAid Project has been implementing since autumn 2004 in cooperation with Leontief Centre. It aims at enhancing the competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the North Western district of Russia by supporting the upgrade of their computer based operations, and by creating local consultancy capacity.

On October 6 – December 22, 2005 the meetings of Project Steering Committee took place. The project progress report was presented and the results of the previous decisions implementation were discussed in the October 6 meeting. Steering Committee members – I.A. Karelina, Leontief Centre President, and I.I. Ulianov, Director on Administration and Financing, participated in the meetings.

You could find detailed information about the Project on the web site <http://www.e-skills.spb.ru>

Support of Kaliningrad Oblast Development - EuropeAid Project is being implemented by a consortium with the Leontief Centre participation. On October 5, 2005 B.S. Zhikharevich, Head of Territorial Strategic Planning Department of the Leontief Centre, participated in the meeting organized by the RF President Administration under the activities of the Expert and Consulting Council of the inter-departmental working group on the issues of Kaliningrad Oblast development. Rectification proposals to the draft law 'Special Economic Zone in Kaliningrad Oblast' approved by the RF State Duma in the first reading were discussed. Summarizing the results the session has formulated an address to the RF President characterizing the draft law compliance to the trends of Russian-European integration, RF trade agreements (including WTO) and strategic prospects of Kaliningrad Oblast Development as a pilot region for Russia-EU cooperation.

On December 14th, 2005 the final Conference of 'Support of Kaliningrad Oblast Development' Project took place in Kaliningrad. Project results were highly estimated and approved during the Conference.

Manual 'How to Invest in St. Petersburg' – under commission of St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade the preparation of the new sixth edition has been started. It is planned to issue 3000 copies in Russian and English languages, 600 copies - in Russian and German languages.

Elaboration of the Action Plan for Implementation of St. Petersburg Social and Economic Development Program for 2005-2008 – under commission of St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade. In the framework of the Project the methodology of elaboration of the Action Plan 2005-2008 on implementation St. Petersburg Government Resolution №474 of 19.04.2005 'About the Program of St. Petersburg Social and Economic Development for 2005-2008' has been prepared. The proposals of St. Petersburg sectoral and territorial executive bodies as well as those of the territorial units of federal authorities located in St. Petersburg were analysed. The Plan containing a detailed list of activities aimed to guarantee living standards in St. Petersburg, to achieve goals and objectives, and to solve the problems of St. Petersburg social and economic development was designed.

Support of Public Administration Reform in the North-West Federal Region of Russia – the joint Project of the World Bank and Department for Economic Development of Arkhangelsk Oblast Administration (financed through the Finland's Trust-Fund). In the framework of the Project on December 2nd, 2005 a round table 'Cooperation on Implementation of Strategic Planning Tools and Monitoring of Arkhangelsk Oblast Administration Activities' was held in Arkhangelsk. L.E. Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs, made a report Elaboration of Target Indicated System for Arkhangelsk Oblast Social and Economic Development. Representatives of key Administration departments, deputies of Oblast Legislative Assembly, representatives of business environment, public organizations, mass media, researches and experts participated in the seminar.

Development of Municipal Strategic Planning Tools in Artyom City – financed by the Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC) in the framework of the Program "U.S.-Russian Far East Partnership Activity". During the Project implementation Leontief Centre representatives N.B. Zhunda and O.V. Rusetskaya carried out a three-day training seminar 'Development of Permanent Strategic Planning Mechanism' in Artyom City, Primorsky Krai.

Neighborhood Program **'Developing EXcellence-DEX. Excellence Centres' Network for Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region'**. This Project is a part of 'East-West Forum: Sustainable Development of the Baltic Sea Region' initiated by the Russian National Sub-Committee of the BSR INTERREG III B Neighborhood Program. On November 30th-December 2nd, 2005 in the framework of this Project the training 'National, Regional and Interregional Programmes for Developing Excellence – Initiatives, Experiences and Good Practices' took place in Jyväskylä (Finland). Lead Project applicant is Jyväskylä Regional Development Company JYKES Ltd. Leontief Centre and Leningrad Oblast Government are lead partners; Municipality of Jyväskylä City is an additional partner.

Comprehensive Analysis of Leningrad Oblast Social and Economic Development. The research activities including the study and estimation of region resource potential and productive powers development, analysis of social and economic policy, economic mechanism of investment attracting and characteristics of public administration system providing sustainable economic growth of the region was completely finished by the end of 2005. The prospects and key challenges for Oblast development were analysed, the medium-term forecast on the base of macroeconomic modelling was made. The research results are published in the collective monograph

Partners and Networks

On October 19th, 2005 the **Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation** between the Leontief Centre and International Input-Output Association was signed (refer to 'Wassily Leontief Centenary' section).

On October 29th, 2005 the annual meeting of the **Russian Economic Think Tanks Association (ARETT)** took place. I.A. Karelina, Leontief Centre President, once again was elected into the ARETT Management Board. Alexander A. Auzan, President of Non-Commercial Partnership 'Institute of National Project Public Contract', was elected as a new President for 2006. You could find the detailed information under following link: <http://www.aret.ru>

On December 7th-9th, 2005 the **BSR INTERREG III B Steering Committee** 11th meeting was held in Lillehammer (Norway). Leontief Centre President I.A. Karelina as Responsible Secretary of the BSR INTERREG III B NP Russian National Sub-Committee represented Russia in the meeting. Main aim of the meeting was to select projects – winners of the 8th application round. 28 applications including 25 with Russian participation were approved. [Details...](#) section 'Programs/ INTERREG III B/ Steering and

Leningrad Oblast Economic Development at the Turn of Ages' (refer to 'Publication' section). The study was implemented in cooperation with the following partners: Ust-Luga Company, Balttrans-Servis, AK TRANS-NEFT, CITFinance Investment Bank.

Improving CSR Knowledge and Capacity of Regional Stakeholders - financially supported by the British Embassy via Global Opportunities Fund. During Project implementation on October 21st, 2005 in the framework of the Fourth Strategic Planning Leaders Forum a round table 'The Role of Public and Civil Society in Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility' took place. The survey of Forum participants was carried out. The review of Internet resources on corporate social responsibility (CSR) was taken. Round table materials, survey results and review of Internet resources are presented on the web site <http://www.distant.leontief.net>.

In the framework of the Project a new module 'Urban Governance' devoted to the problems of social corporate responsibility ('The Role of Public and Civil Society in Strengthening Corporate Social Responsibility') was prepared for 'Urban and City Management Distance Learning Program'. Lead foreign specialists of the Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum, the World Bank as well as Russian experts participated in creation of this module. The education on Distance Learning Program started in January 16th, 2006.

Monitoring Committees'; subsection 'Steering Committee/ Meetings'

In October and November 2005 **the World Bank and European Union experts** visited Republic of Kalmykia. A.R. Batchaev, Leontief Centre Senior Researcher, was assigned for the expert group. During the business trip the issues of enhancement of public administration system, regional finance reform, social sphere development, property management and occurrence of natural resources were discussed with executive authorities representatives on working meetings.

The Medium-Term Action Plan for Improvement of Public Administration System in Republic of Kalmykia was drafted in following up the visits. The Plan was presented and discussed with representatives of Republic of Kalmykia Administration.

On November 21st-22nd, 2005 Leontief Centre President Irina Karelina participated in the first meeting of the **Joint Committee of the Baltic Sea Region Program for 2007-2013**, which was held in Helsinki (Finland), as the Responsible Secretary of the BSR INTERREG III B NP Russian National Sub-Committee. The Program Committee is obliged to prepare in 2006 the

proposals for a New Programme of transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region for 2007-2013. The Working and Consulting Groups of the Committee will be organized soon. RF Ministry for Regional Development and RF Ministry for Economic Development and Trade are invited for cooperation from the Russian side. Following up preparation of proposals for the New Program all member countries will hold 'national hearings'. The Conference with the purpose to discuss New Program is scheduled for the mid-May, 2006 in Sweden.

Leontief Centre and **the Institute for Urban Economics** have signed an agreement on informational cooperation whereby organizations will provide each other with analytical materials and results of implemented projects in the form of published materials (monographs, magazines, reviews, manuals etc) on topics of interest.

Conferences and Seminars

Interdisciplinary seminars **'The Actual Problems of Social Sphere Transformation'** hosted jointly by Leontief Center and Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Science (RAS):

October 11th - 'Criminal Risks in Russia', speaker Y. Gilinsky (Sociological Institute of RAS);

October 27th - 'From the Formless Pluralism to Dominating Authority? Transformation of Russian Party System', speaker V. Gelman (The European Institute at St. Petersburg);

November 17th - 'Health and Wealth of St. Petersburg Citizens in 1985-2005' (according to the anthropometrical information on newborns), speaker B. Mironov (St. Petersburg State University);

December 6th - 'Drugs War as State Failure (Political and Economic Analysis)', speaker A. Zaostrovsev (St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance);

December 23rd - 'Political Pornography: Russian Case (1914-1917)', speaker B. Kolonitsky (Historian Institute of RAS)

Since November 2005 the texts and verbatim reports have been posted on the Leontief Centre web site: http://leontief.ru/conferences_eng/

October 10th-11th, 2005 N.Y. Oding, Head of Research Department, participated in the **Seminar 'THE FUTURE OF THE NORTHERN DIMENSION - Successful Partnerships, Cooperation and Business Opportunities'**, which was held in Lappeenranta (Finland) during the annual meeting of Northern Dimension Research Centre under Lappeenranta University of Technology.

On October 14th, 2005 B.S. Zhikharevich, Head of Territorial Strategic Planning Department of the Leontief Centre, participated in the Seminar

On December 16th, 2005 I.A. Karelina, Leontief Centre President, participated in the **Council meeting of the Program 'Strengthening Economic Think Tanks in Russia'**. The Program has been implemented by Moscow Public Science Foundation in cooperation with the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector (IRIS), University of Maryland (USA). The Program anticipates significant enhancement of technical assistance to think tanks including organization of trainings aimed on improvement of institutional sustainability, 'centralized' activities on dissemination of results of grant recipients works (supplementing their own efforts in this field), implementation of the best international practice in the sphere of think tanks development, networking, encouragement of think tanks partnership, enlargement of publications of grant recipients works and other forms of support for Program participants were discussed during the meeting and included into the nearest and future Program plans.

of the cycle **'Power and Intellect: The Problems of Kazan City Development'**, organized by the Directorate of Extrabudgetary Programs for Urban Development in Kazan City. The topic of the report - 'Think Tanks and Instruments of their Influence on Authority Policy'.

On October 19th, 2005 Leontief Centre President I.A. Karelina and Director-Coordinator of Research Programs L.E. Limonov participated in the Expert Seminar **'Approaches and Methodology of Long-Term Strategy Elaboration for RF Subjects Development. New Strategic Planning Standards at Regional Level (by the example of Tomsk Oblast)'**, which was organized by the Centre of Strategic Research - 'Region' (Moscow). The Seminar was held in the framework of Program elaboration aimed at development of new strategic planning standards at regional level. 'CSR - Region' is responsible for this work implementation. Leontief Centre is one of the founders of the CSR. Representatives of the RF President Administration, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, RF Government, federal ministries, services and agencies, executive authority bodies of the RF subjects, expert and analytical organizations participated in the Seminar.

On October 20th-21st, 2005 the **Fourth All-Russia Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders 'Strategic Planning in Cities and Regions of Russia: Measuring Result'** was held in St. Petersburg. Leontief Centre is the lead organizer. Besides traditional sharing experience of cities and regions - strategic planning leaders Forum program included studying methodic approaches to elaboration of territorial development strategies, variants of legislative support of strategic planning processes. Main Forum aim was the technology of measuring results of

development and target oriented strategies. In addition, new international projects of technical assistance in the field of strategic and spatial planning were presented. The Forum gathered 190 participants – representatives of federal, regional and local authority bodies, representatives of international donor organizations, researches and consultants.

[Details...](#)

On October 28th, 2005 S.A. Vasiliev, Chairman of Leontief Centre Academic Board, made a report 'The Place of Russia in the World Economic and Political System in the Context of Long-Term Forecasting' during the Conference **'Russia in a Quarter of a Century – Development Strategy'** devoted to key-issues, long-term strategy and future priorities for Russia development. Russian Economic Think Tanks Association (ARETT) held the Conference in cooperation with Moscow Public Science Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

[Details...](#)

On November 11th, 2005 I.A. Karelina, Leontief Centre President, made a report ['Experience and Prospects of Cooperation between North-West Regions and Baltic Sea Region Countries in the framework of the Interreg Neighborhood Programme'](#) during the round table **'Cross-Border Cooperation of Russia and European Union by the Example of Cooperation with Finland and Estonia'**, which was held in St. Petersburg. Round table organizers: RF President Administration, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the RF President in the North-West Federal Region, North-West Agency for Development and Investment Attracting, St. Petersburg Centre of International Cooperation jointly with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

You could find the detailed information on the web site www.cic.spb.ru

On December 7th-8th, 2005 the Interregional Conference **'Implementation of Public Administration Reform in the North-West**

Federal Region of the Russian Federation' was organized by the World Bank and Pskov Oblast Administration in Pskov City. L.E. Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs participated in the Conference (Plenary Session report 'Strategic Planning in the RF Subjects – Russian Experience'; moderator of the round table 'Result-Oriented Management – Development of Effective System of Indicators for Social and Economic Development, Cooperation on Implementation of Strategic Planning Tools and Monitoring of Arkhangelsk Oblast Administration Activities').

On December 8th-10th, 2005 in the framework of the 'Fiscal Decentralization Initiative' Project implemented by LGI (Budapest) and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) the training seminar **'Public Facility Management for Poverty Reducing and Enhancement of Economic Development'** was held in Almaty City (Republic of Kazakhstan). Seminar organizers: Moscow Public Science Foundation and Public Policy Research Centre – PPRC (Almaty). B.S. Zhikharevich, Head of Territorial Strategic Planning Department, and N.B. Zhunda, Leontief Centre Senior Researcher held the workshop. Representatives of the ministries, local governmental bodies and nongovernmental organizations of Kazakhstan, Kirghizia and Tadjikistan participated in the Seminar.

On December 15th-16th L.E. Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs, participated in the expert seminar **'Implementation of the Concept of Public Administration Reform in the Russian Federation in 2006-2008: Coordination of Activities at Federal and Regional Levels'** (Moscow). The Seminar was organized by the Governmental Commission on Administrative Reform Implementation, RF Ministry for Economic Development and Trade and Centre of Strategic Research in cooperation with Moscow Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Publications



K. Muzdybaev 'Life Standards of St. Petersburg Population': 1990-2004. St. Petersburg: ICSE Leontief Centre, 2005, 144 p.

Changes in life quality standards of St. Petersburg population for 1990-2004 (annual dynamics of revenues, cost of living, consumption of foodstuff, dynamics in quality of clothes, household goods, housing, health status, satisfaction with life scale, emotional feelings etc) were analyzed in this book. Comparative analysis of life quality standards in Russia generally, in Moscow and St. Petersburg is overviewed. [Details...](#)



'The Actual Problems of Russian Economic Development'/ L.E. Limonov. St. Petersburg: ICSE Leontief Centre, 2005 – 200 p.

The collection was prepared on the base of reports presented during the fifth annual Conference 'Actual Problems of Russian Economic Development' – Leontief Readings. The Conference was held in St. Petersburg in February 2005 with participation of lead world and Russian researches, business and City Administration representatives. Conference materials are also published in the [e-journal Leontief Readings: Actual Problems of Russian Economic Development – edition №3](#).



‘The Principal Conflict in Contemporary Russian Economic Thought: Traditional Approaches Against Economics’/ A.P. Zaostrovtssev, Leontief Centre Senior Researcher, has been issued by the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (www.hwwa.de) in the series HWWA Discussion Papers 2005 (329 edition). The publication is available under following link:
http://www.hwwa.de/hwwa_engl.html



‘Leningrad Oblast Economic Development at the Turn of Ages’/ S.A. Vasiliev and G.V. Dvas. International Centre of Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre. – St. Petersburg: ICSEER Leontief Centre, 2005 – 260 p., 1000 copies. The book is devoted to the analysis of Leningrad Oblast last-decade social and economic development. The state of the region has considerably changed in that period: due to elaborate economic and investment policy the Oblast managed to become one of the most dynamically developing and economic successful Russian region. Special attention in this book is given to the problems of strategic social and economic planning, normative, economic and administrative regulation of investment processes, the experience of implementing of large investment projects is analyzed. Besides, the issues of budget process organization and social problems solving were examined. Trends of Leningrad Oblast economic development are presented in the monograph on the base of the general equilibrium model. The edition is addressed to all interested in development of Leningrad Oblast economic and social spheres: researches, businessmen, teachers and representatives of legislative and executive authority bodies.



Information Bulletin ‘The Socio-Economic Situation in St. Petersburg’ №76 (November-December 2005).

The information bulletin ‘The Socio-Economic Situation in St. Petersburg’ has been published by the Leontief Centre bi-monthly since 1992 and is available by subscription. Each issue (in Russian and English, 25-35pp.) contains statistic and information materials (including results of the original research results) covering St. Petersburg industry, infrastructure, budget, privatization process, real estate market, living standards and employment.

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