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In 2011, Leontief Centre celebrates its 20th anniversary. The International Centre for Social and Economic Research - Leontief Centre was established in 1991 on the initiative of the Mayor of St. Petersburg Anatoliy Sobchak and Wassily Leontief, a St. Petersburg-born economist and Nobel Prize winner. For more information about Leontief Centre history go to <http://www.leontief.ru/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 13, 2011 in Saint-Petersburg (House of Scientists) **Sixth Award Ceremony of Professor Boris Ovsievich for fundamental economic and mathematical studies**, made in Russia, as a result of competition of 2010 will be held. Award Ceremony was established by the St. Petersburg Scientific Center of Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg Institute for Economics and Mathematics of Russian Academy of Sciences, Alferov foundation for education and science support. Alfred Koch, Ph.D., pupil of Boris Ovsievich has become the initiator of the Award Ceremony and philanthropist. More information on web-sites : http://emi.nw.ru/konkurs/premia_Ovs.htm and www.alferov-fond.ru.

RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Conservation and Use of Cultural Heritage in Russia is the project of the Ministry for Culture with support of the World Bank. Leontief Centre is a leading partner of the consortium of consultants for the preparation and justification of the project. In 2009-2011, a complex of works on assessment of cultural and tourist potential of the participating regions, the compilation of long list of cultural heritage objects to participate in the Project, evaluation and selection of objects for inclusion in the shortlist and development on their basis corresponding pilot subprojects for the immediate implementation, had been developed. Also the Project basic operating documents had been developed.

Project participants: Leningrad Region, Pskov Region, Novgorod and Tver Regions.

In February, 2011 the work of consultants preparing the Project, was successfully completed. The final stage of work was the advisory support of the regions participating in the Project in the preparation of tender documentation for the second stage of regional sub-projects contest.

The Nordic-Russian Exchange Programme for Local Civil Servants is a Nordic-proposed initiative to strengthen local civil servants capacity and networks between the Nordic region and Northwest Russia. The goal of the Programme is to engage at least 170 local civil servants from Northwest Russian local administrations and Nordic municipalities (Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland) in exchange and networking activities, such as seminars and study visits. The Programme is initiated and mainly financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Leontief Centre acts as the administrator of this Programme. On February 8-12, 2011 in the framework of the Programme the second study visit was held. Its venue has become the municipality of Odense (Denmark). During the visit, the best practices of

the Nordic countries were presented, one of the priority directions of the Programme – Urban Planning. On March 22 – 24, 2011 in the municipality of Lulea (Sweden), the third study visit was held. Study visits on theme Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises, took place.

The Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe Programme is a Nordic-proposed initiative to strengthen Nordic-Russian co-operation, capacity building and networking among Nordic and Northwest Russian innovators, through a comprehensive programme of seminars, lectures, workshops and study visits. On January 25 -27, 2011 in Stockholm (Sweden) the third meeting between the participants of this Programme was held. It was attended by 14 representatives of innovative companies of Kaliningrad, Murmansk, Leningrad, Pskov Regions, St. Petersburg and Republic of Karelia.

Strengthening of Networking and Building Non-Profit Organizations Promoting Sustainable Regional Development and Support of Small and Medium Business.

The project is implemented under the Knowledge Building and Networking Programme in North-West Russia under Nordic Council of Ministers. Leontief Center acts as administrator of this project, which aims at strengthening the capacity of nonprofit organizations that promoting sustainable regional development and SME support. The project goal is to create a network of nonprofit organizations supporting small and medium-sized businesses in Sweden, Poland and North-West Russia, as well as capacity building of NGOs in the sphere of sustainable development and competencies.

In the framework of **University Project of the Association of Independent Centers of**



Economic Analysis (ARETT, Moscow), participant of which is Leontief Centre, the competitive selection of students of higher educational institutions of St. Petersburg for an internship in the Leontief Center is summed up.

In the first phase 15 applications from students from five universities of St. Petersburg - St. Petersburg State University of Engineering and Economics, St. Petersburg State University, The Bonch-Bruевич Saint-Petersburg State University of Telecommunications, St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University - Higher School of Economics were handed in.

As a result of competitive selection six students were invited for an internship in the Leontief Centre. They will take part in the Leontief Centre projects.

Strategies of Socio-Economic Development of Syktyvkar Urban District Municipality till 2025 and Comprehensive Programme of Socio-Economic Development of Syktyvkar

Urban District Municipality (2011-2020). Syktyvkar City Administration is the customer of the Project. On February 1, 2011 in the framework of the project with the participation of Leontief Centre consultants exploratory workshop in the Syktyvkar City Administration was conducted, which was devoted to the start of work on the Strategy of Socio-Economic development of capital of Komi Republic till 2025.

Multiscale Transformation of Socio-Economic Space for Different External Conditions of Society and Economy Functioning is a sub-project, which is attended by Leontief Centre, is a part of Fundamental Research Program of the Presidium of RAS: Fundamental Problems of Spatial Development of the Russian Federation: an Interdisciplinary Synthesis. On February 10, 2011 Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre, attended a meeting of the Scientific Council of this Programme.

LEONTIEF CENTRE ENDOWMENT

In the framework of the scientific-research work programme of Endowment the number of working discussions on methodological approaches to implementation of scientific-research themes work 2011 was held.

Themes: **Features and Factors of Spatial Development of the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Area in the Post-Soviet Period; Legal Registration of Property Rights: Failure Diagnosis of Dacha Amnesty** (the theme is implemented jointly with National Research University – Higher School of Economics)

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY – HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

On February 22, 2011 Scientific Council of National Research University – Higher School of Economics (Moscow) has approved the concept and decided to create a **Leontief Centre basic department** in St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University – Higher School of Economics.

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

On March 14, 2011 in Leontief Centre the seminar on this theme with participation of students from St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University – Higher School of Economics took place. The seminar was attended by professors of St. Petersburg branch of the National Research University – Higher School of Economics: Elena Korchagina, Associate Professor; Dmitry Pokrovskiy, Senior Lecturer; and Leontief Centre colleagues – Leonid Limonov; Tatiana Vlasova; Lev Savulkin; Dmitry Kadochnikov.



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:

- February 2, 2011

Theme: **Elites - Abstract Theory or Object of Analysis**

Speaker: Leonid Grigoriev, Professor of Higher School of Economics, Dean of the Faculty of Management of International University in Moscow, president of the Fund - Institute for Energy and Finance, CEO of World Wildlife Fund, a member of Sigma Group

- March 4, 2011

Theme: **Alternative Reformist Concept of Modernization of Traditional Society in Russia in bills of 1861**

Speaker: Natalia Dunaeva, PhD in Law, associate professor, Deputy Director of the Institute of Additional Professional Education of State and Municipal Employees of the North-West Academy of Public Administration.

- March 16, 2011 – joint meeting of **city seminar on economic and mathematical methods and models** of Saint-Petersburg Economics and Mathematics Institute, RAS and Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar of Leontief Centre, St. Petersburg Scientific Center RAS, The National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) and Economics and Mathematics Institute, RAS was held.

Theme: **Population Census 2010 as the Basis for the Study of Social Problems in Russia**

Speaker: Oleg Nikiforov, Head of Petrostat (Territorial Agency of the Federal State Statistics Service in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region)

On February 1, 2011 specialists of the Leontief Centre, headed by Boris Zhikharevich, Director of the Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre, conducted **exploratory workshop in the Syktyvkar City Administration** (Komi Republic). The seminar was dedicated to the start of work on the Strategy of Socio-Economic development of capital of Komi Republic till 2025. Leontief Centre has become a consultant of the City Administration as a result of open competition.

On February 10, 2011 Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre, attended a meeting: **Cities of Russia After the Crisis: New Opportunities or Old Limitations?**, dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the Fund « The Institute for Urban Economics ». Prospects of Russian cities development and their ability to meet successfully new challenges of the modern era, including the place and role of cities in the socio-economic development, the potential of local communities self-organization, strengthening partnerships with

business aimed to develop local government and changes in the quality of the urban environment were discussed at the meeting. Boris Zhikharevich was the panelist of Session City and Business: Can Interests meet?

On February 10, 2011 Nina Oding, Head of Research Department participated in the meeting of an interdisciplinary lecture "Context" and made a report "**Institutions and Innovation Activity**". Presentations and discussions focused on prospects for the realization of innovative potential in one of the most high-tech regions of Russia - St. Petersburg (<http://www.contextclub.org>).

On February 18-19, 2011 in St. Petersburg X Annual International Conference - Economic Thought: Diversity of Concepts and Scopes under Leontief Readings took place.

The conference was organized by the Leontief Centre with the support of the Committee on Foreign Relations of St. Petersburg. The conference programme consisted of 3 sections: Economic Analysis and Economic Theory; Institutions: Theory and Practice, The Austrian School of Economics: an Alternative Vision of the World.

In the framework of Leontief Readings **Anatoliy Chubais**, CEO, Chairman of the state corporation Russian Nanotechnology Corporation (RUSNANO) (Leontief Medal laureate of 2005), made a speech Private Property and the Innovation Economy, in memory of Mikhail Manevich. The lecture was devoted to the memory of Mikhail Manevich, Vice-Governor, who died tragically on August 18, 1997. February 18, 2011 is a Memorial Day of Mikhail Manevich – in 2011 he would be 50 years old. The lecturer of Boris Mironov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, and Professor on theme To the Anniversary of Manifesto from February 19, was also included in the Conference programme.

In the framework of the Conference Awarding Ceremony of Leontief Medal laureates 2010 took place.

Leontief Medal laureates 2010:

- **Ljubo Sirc**, Director and Founder of the Centre for Research into Communist Economies (CRCE) in London
- **Charles Wyplosz**, Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **Ekaterina Zhuravskaya**, Professor of Economics, of Paris Economic School of Economics (PSE) and New Economic School (NES)
- **Tatyana Maleva**, Director of Independent Institute for Social Policy.

In addition, the medal was awarded to the winner of 2009 **Yaroslav Kuzminov** (Rector of the National Research University – Higher School of Economics). Laureates made speeches: Tatyana Maleva - Social Modernization: Institutions and Actors; Yaroslav Kuzminov - Efficient Labor contract and its Features in Education.

Articles of participants, based on reports will be published in electronic magazine **Leontief Readings: Actual Economic Problems of Russia** at: <http://www.journal.leontief.net/>.



On February 17-19, 2011 Denis Kadochnikov, Senior Research Fellow of Research Department took part in the **VIII Krasnoyarsk Economic Forum** - <http://www.krasnoforum.ru/>

On March 1, 2011 Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre and Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning under Leontief Centre took part in the conference **«Strategy of Socio-Economic Development of**

PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

On February 17, 2011 in Leontief Centre Mini Day of open doors of joint program of the Higher School of Economics (HSE) and the New Economic School (NES) - **Bachelor of Economics** was held.

During the meeting Konstantin Sonin, Professor of Economics of public corporation SUEK, NES and CEFIR (Centre for Economic Financial Research at New Economic School) told future college entrants and their parents about the program, the conditions of entering and entrance examinations, about the planned internship and job prospects for graduates. More information on the site NES and blog of Konstantin Sonin

On February 28, 2011 and on March 30, 2011 a regular meeting of the **Organizing Committee of X All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Resources for Development** (October 17-18, 2010, St. Petersburg, Hotel Park-Inn Pribaltiyskaya) was held in the Ministry for Regional Development. Meeting was chaired by Alexander Viktorov, Deputy Minister for Regional Development. Boris Zhikharevich as supervisor of the Forum and Irina Karelina, member of the Organizing Committee / Head of the Working Group took part in the meeting from Leontief Centre.

On March 10-11, 2011 in St. Petersburg (Smolny) the regular meeting of the **Committee on**

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On February 19, 2011 in Saint-Petersburg in the framework of X annual Conference Leontief Readings, **V Award Ceremony of International Leontief Medal laureates 2010 for Contribution to Economic Reforms** took place. (see section Conferences and Seminars)

Municipal Council of St. Petersburg expressed gratitude to Leontief Center for organizing high-level seminars in the framework of The Russian- Nordic Exchanged Programme for Local Civil Servants, which was held on February 8-12, 2011 in Odense.

North-West Federal District till 2020. Implementation Mechanisms», which was held in the embassy of North-West Federal District.

Spatial Planning and Development in the Baltic Sea Region of VASAB Programme.

The meeting was attended by Irina Karelina, Director General of Leontief Centre and member of VASAB and Elena Belova, Secretary General, Head of Development Department of Leontief Centre.

The Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg supported the meeting conduction. At the meeting were discussed:

- Results of joint VASAB – HELCOM activities on maritime spatial planning
- VASAB Action Plan 2011: Promoting urban networking and urban-rural cooperation; Improving internal and external accessibility.

The proposal of Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg to hold in Petersburg annual joint roundtable on spatial planning and development in the Baltic Sea Region of VASAB Programme and Leontief Centre with the support of the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg was supported. More information on VASAB Committee web-site: www.vasab.org

On March 29, 2011 in Moscow, Irina Karelina, General Director of the Leontief Center, attended a meeting of the **ARETT Board.**

Vladivostok City Administration expressed gratitude to Leontief Centre team for high professionalism, active participation in development of Strategy and strategic development plan for Vladivostok City.



WEB SITES

During January-March 2011 efficient updating of following sections of Leontief Centre web-sites was held:

- ICSEER Leontief Centre (<http://www.leontief.ru>)
- Russian National Sub-Committee (www.rnsc.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 on Strategic Planning (www.forumstrategov.ru)
- Programme The Russian-Nordic Exchange Programme for Local Civil Servants www.mp.leontief-centre.ru
- Programme The Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe www.ip.leontief-centre.ru
- Project Skills for Sustainability: Capacity and Competencies for Practical Action for NGO-led SME Support Programmes in Poland and North-West Russia <http://www.ns.leontief-centre.ru/>

The works on creation of a new design and develop a new platform of the web-site X All-Russian Forum on Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia www.forumstrategov.ru were conducted.

PUBLICATIONS



An information bulletin The Socio-Economic Situation in Saint-Petersburg, № 108, (November-December 2010); № 109 (January-February 2011).

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/>



In the magazine City 812, № 7 from March 7, 2011 [interview of Nina Oding](#) was published. She gave lectures in the international lecture Context on the topic Innovations in Russia.



Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia: Strategic Modernization and Modernization of Strategies / Reports of participants of IX All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia, St. Petersburg, 18-19 October 2010. Scientific Editor Boris Zhikharevich, Doctor of economic sciences. - St. Petersburg.: International Centre for Socio-Economic Research Leontief Centre, 2011. - 192 pp.

The publication captures the state of territorial strategic planning in Russia at the end of 2010, as reflected in the reports of participants of IX All-Russia Forum Strategic Planning in Regions and Cities of Russia. The first section includes a collection of articles describing the overall context of regional development, reports on macro regions strategies and regions. The second section focuses on municipal strategies, including strategies for monocities. Extensive third section includes 11 reports on general issues of strategic planning theory and technology. Issues of regional innovation infrastructure, the role of clusters in the development of regional economy and enhancing its innovation are considered in the reports of the fourth section. Development and implementation of coastal areas development strategies are considered in the fifth section. In the sixth section reports related to international cooperation and the use of information technology are disclosed. The publication also includes a summary report containing an overview of the major events of the Forum, as well as Forum recommendations. It is recommended to practitioners in the field of strategic planning, students, teachers.

For additional information go to: www.forumstrategov.ru.



Economy and Society/ Vladimir Gelman, Irina Eliseeva etc.; под общ.ред. Andrey Zaostrovtshev – Saint-Petersburg: The International Centre for Social and Economic Research - Leontief Centre , 2011. – 265 p. ISBN 978-5-900814-93-3.

The collection is based on the materials of Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar of Leontief Centre, Sociological Institute, State University - Higher School of Economics and Economics and Mathematical Institute of The Institute of Economics and Mathematics of the Russian Academy of Sciences. And also it is based on reports made on the conference devoted to scientific and practical legacy of Egor Gaydar, which was held on June 29 2010 in Leontief Centre; and lecture of Jaffrey David Sachs, International Leontief Medal Laureate 2008 For Contribution to Economic Reforms, made on June 11, 2010 in the framework of Joint Interdisciplinary Seminar.



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