

Newsletter № 4 January – March 2006

Announcements

The Working Plan for the beginning of 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: <u>http://www.leontief.ru/conferences_eng/</u>

The sixth Annual Conference **Leontief Readings** will be held on September 29th-30th, 2006.

The **Fifth Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders** is scheduled for October 2006. The information about Forum is available at: <u>http://www.citystrategy.leontief.ru</u>

Since April 24th, 2006 Leontief Centre **telephone numbers** starting with 319-9... **will be changed** to 570-3...

Wassily Leontief's Centenary

On January 21st, 2006 the plenary session **Evolution of Institutions and Russia's Economy (devoted to Wassily Leontief Centenary)** held in the framework of the <u>Seventh Annual Global Development Conference</u> <u>Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of</u> <u>Global Change'</u>, which was organized by the Global Development Network in St. Petersburg, opened a jubilee cycle of celebratory activities devoted to the Nobel Prize Winner in Economics Wassily Leontief's 100th Anniversary.

The session was presided by Dr. Sergey Vasiliev, Chairman of the Committee on Financial Markets and Currency Circulation under the Council of Federation of RF Federal Assembly and Chairman of the Leontief Centre Academic Board. Following speakers participated in the session: Egor Gaidar, Director of the Institute for the Economy in Transition with the report 'Russia Contemporary Economic History in the Frame of Global Economic Tendencies'; Vladimir Mau, Director of the Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation with the report 'Evolution of Modernization Concepts and Economic Growth'; Anders Aslund (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace) and Johannes Linn (The Brookings Institution) as main discussants.

Leontief Centre is preparing a session 'Glamour and Poverty' of Planning Quantitative Methods (devoted to Wassily Leontief's Centenary), which will take place on October 19th-20th, 2006 in the framework of the Fifth Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders.

The preparation of the session **W. Leontief's Heritage and Economic and Mathematical Methods'**, which will be held in the framework of Jubilee Leontief Readings (September 2006), is going on.

The information on implementation of the <u>Program for Celebration of Wassily Leontief's</u> <u>Centenary</u> is posted on the **W. Leontief's web site**.

The Biography' section is regularly updated according to the information received from the Archives Depository and other official resources.

Leontief Centre scheduled to hold the presentation of Wassily Leontief's Internetportal on October 3rd-4th, 2006 in the International Research framework of Conference 'Wassily Leontief's Scientific Heritage and Development Trends of Russian and World Economy' in Moscow. Main Conference Organizers: Russian Academy of Science (Department on Social Sciences, Economic Section), Russian Academy of Natural Sciences (Department on Cycle Studies and Forecasting), Moscow State University (Economic Faculty, Institute of Social Sciences), Russian Academy of Public Administration under RF President, ICSER Leontief Centre, Pitirim Sorokin - Nikolai Kondratieff International Institute, Institute for Economic Strategies, American Institute in

Economic Policy at Municipal Level During Federative **Relations:** Reform of New **Opportunities and Restrictions**, the Project was implemented in 2005-2006 by the grant of Moscow Public Science Foundation and was completed in the beginning of 2006. Project aim is to define priorities and instruments of local economic policy conditions. During in new the Project implementation the review of legislation was held, the experience of local government reform in Novosibirsk Oblast was studied as well as a survey of municipalities was organized. Summarizing Project results a brochure 'Local Economic Policy in Russia: before and after 2005' was published (refer to 'Publication' section).

St. Petersburg Corridor: From Vision to Action – Interreg Project. In spring 2005 the working group including representatives of St. Petersburg, Leningrad Oblast and South-Eastern Finland, which defined common goals and cooperation principles in the cross-border region as well as joint projects for the period up to 2013, was organized. This work was named 'VISION – 2013'. In February 2006 a meeting of representatives of St. Petersburg, Leningrad Oblast and South-Eastern Finland was held in St. Petersburg. Problems connected with the beginning of practical implementation of activities in the framework of INTERREG Project were discussed during the meeting.

Representatives of St. Petersburg Committee for External Relations and Tourism, Leningrad Oblast Committee on International and Regional Affairs, as well as representatives of the Neighborhood Program between South-Eastern Finland and Russia, and Finnish cities Kotka, Kouvala, Lappeenranta, and Mikkeli participated in the meeting. Leontief Centre Senior Researcher Mr. Batchaev represented Leontief Centre during the meeting.

At the current stage of Project implementation it is planed to organize several joint working groups, which will be engaged in selection process and implementing of priority projects and programs directed to strengthening of neighborhood relations between St. Petersburg, Leningrad Oblast and regions of South-Eastern Finland.

On March 13th during the regular working meeting organized by St. Petersburg Committee for External Relations and Tourism, Mr. Batchaev prepared a report 'Main Trends of Cooperation Development between St. Petersburg, Leningrad Oblast and South-Eastern Finland'. Next meeting is scheduled for April 2006.

Trainings for Regional and Municipal FinancialOfficers in the framework of Municipal ReformImplementationandDelimitationofAuthorities.The Project is a part of the ProgramTechnical Assistance for Budget Reform at the

Moscow. Lead Institute – Institute of Economics of Russian Academy of Science.

Projects

Regional Level' implemented by RF Ministry on Finance in cooperation with the World Bank. RF Ministry on Finance selected the consortium of consultants, which includes the international Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre and OOO 'RBC-Centre', basing on the results of international tender. Project Team Leader is Mr. Leonid Limonov.

During Project implementation, which was started in February 2006, special programs for professional development of top-management and financial officers of regional and municipal bodies on public finance administration, delimitation of authorities between levels of budget system and carrying out of municipal reform will be developed in the period of 18 months. The trainings covering more than a thousand of regional and municipal authorities will be organized in all federal regions of the Russian Federation.

Republic of Chuvashia: Investment Program -World Bank Project, Leontief Centre started implementing this Project in February 2006 after wining the tender. During Project implementation it is planed to develop the Regional Program for Chuvashia Investments, which assumes close cooperation with Republican Ministry for Economic Development and Trade on definition and appointment of the Curator of the Investment Program, determination of its functions and elaboration of skills further activities for technical implementation. On February 13th in the framework of the Project the first setup seminar with participation of the Ministry representatives was organized in the Republic of Chuvashia (Cheboksary City).

Urban Governance for Countries in Transition - joint distance learning Project of the World Bank Institute and Leontief Centre. In March 2006 the education under the Course 1 'Urban Governance' of the distance learning program was completed. 27 participants - representatives and local authority of public bodies. consultants, researches and teachers of lead high schools, representatives of non-for-profit organizations from Russian and Byelorussian cities - successfully passed full course and will be awarded with certificates. 20 participants expressed their strong interest to continue education on Course 2 'Financial Management' and Course 3 'Sectoral Issues of Urban Development'. More detailed information about Urban and City Management Distance Learning Program is available under following link: www.distant.leontief.net

Manual 'How to Invest in St. Petersburg' – under commission of St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade.

The analysis of investment changes in Russian and St. Petersburg existing legislation occurred since November 2004 till November 2005 was held for preparation of the manual. Corresponding amendments were included into the manual published in 2004 as well as new sections on St. Petersburg investment projects and programs, rates in real estate market and charges of connection to technical networks were prepared as was agreed with St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade. The 6th supplemented and revised edition was published in March 2006. The edition is 3000 copies in Russian and English languages, 600 copies - in Russian and German languages. Refer to 'Publication' section.

Forming and Development of St. Petersburg Government Order. The brochure was prepared by the initiative of St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade and devoted to the opening of the 11th Annual Exhibition 'St. Petersburg Government Order', which took place on March 6th-7th, 2006. Senior Researcher of the Territorial Strategic Planning Department Mr. Batchaev participated in the preparation of materials for the brochure.

Neighbourhood 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 Neighbourhood Program. Developing EXcellence – DEX places a high importance on cross-border cooperation and its aim is to build capacity of the North-West Russian regions to fully participate in opportunities created by the new Neighbourhood instrument.

The main idea of DEX is to establish a network of excellence centres focused on co-operation of authorities responsible for local and regional economic and spatial development able to engage other local actors (e.g. enterprises) in goal orientedregional development work in following five regions: Leningrad Oblast, Murmansk Oblast, Pskov Oblast, Republic of Karelia, and St. Petersburg.

Leontief Centre opened a new site of the Project 'Developing EXcellence-DEX. Excellence Centres' Network for Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region' (www.dex.leontief.net).

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 February 17th-18th, 2006 the **training for enterprises** 1CT Usage to Improve Effectiveness of an Average Firm' was successfully completed in Veliky Novgorod. The Commission from St. Petersburg State University and Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation listened to reports of participants, who prepared interesting projects implementing on of information and communication technologies in their enterprises. Summarizing the results state certificates of professional skills improvement will be presented. Participants will prepare articles about their works.

Partners and Networks

On January 26th-27th, 2006 Leontief Centre President Mrs. Irina Karelina participated in the meetings of working and consulting groups of the **Joint Program Committee on Baltic Sea Region Program for 2007-2013** as Responsible Secretary of the BSR INTERREG III B NP Russian National Sub-Committee. The meetings took place in Copenhagen (Dania). The Committee will prepare proposals on the priorities for transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region for 2007-2013. RF Ministry for Regional Development and RF Ministry for Economic Development and Trade were invited for cooperation from the Russian side.

On February 17th, 2006 Mr. Ilyumzhinov, Head of the Republic of Kalmykia, approved the Medium-Term Plan on Enhancement of Public Administration System in Republic of Kalmykia for 2006-2008 by the Resolution №31. Senior Researcher of Territorial Strategic Planning Department Mr. Batchaev, who was assigned for the expert group including **World Bank and European Union** experts, participated in the Plan elaboration in October-November 2005.

On February 27th, 2006 Head of Territorial Strategic Planning Department Mr. Zhikharevich participated in the meeting of the Economic Council Presidium of the International **Assembly of Capitals and Cities (IAC)**, organized in Moscow. Representatives of 12 cities - IAC members, RF Ministry for Economic Development and Trade, RF Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow Government departments and committees, EurAsEC, Free Economic Society, Russian Association of Small and Medium Enterprises, Association of Russian Banks, IAC partner organizations: MosGorGeoTrest, MoAvtoTrans, Research Institute of the General Plan, other interested organizations, IAC experts as well as representatives of accredited mass media participated in the meeting.

Problems of complex strategic planning of metropolitans territorial development as well as

participation of capitals, republican, regional, municipal centres in implementation of national projects in the field of public health, education and house- building were discussed during the meeting. Development of indicators system for effective activities of metropolitans' executive bodies, problems of scientific methods and information and analytical maintenance of intercity interaction of large cities were also discussed.

On March 9th-10th, 2006 the Second meeting of the **Joint Program Committee on Baltic Sea Region Program for 2007-2013** was held in Riga (Latvia). Leontief Centre President Mrs. Irina Karelina as Responsible Secretary of the BSR INTERREG III B NP Russian National Sub-Committee participated in the meeting. Draft materials for new program as well as perspectives of correlation of INTERREG and Neighborhood Programs in the Baltic Sea Region were considered during the meeting.

On March 10th, 2006 by the invitation of the **Latvian Ministry for Regional Development** a working meeting on discussion of cooperation problems between Latvian and Russian cross-border regions was held in Riga. Representative of RF Ministry for Regional Development Mrs. Bobyleva, RNSC Responsible Secretary Mrs. Karelina participated in the meeting. Arina Andreychika and Anna Diakova participated from the Ministry for Regional Development of Latvia.

On March 14th, 2006 Leontief Centre President Mrs. Irina Karelina participated in the meeting of the **World Bank Consultative Board on Analytical Activities** as a member of the Board. The meeting was held in the World Bank Russian Country Office (Moscow). The draft **Partnership Strategy between the World Bank and Russia** was discussed during the meeting.

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):

January 12th – New Right Intellectuals in Contemporary Russia, speaker Mikhail Sokolov (European Institute at St. Petersburg, Centre for Independent Social Research);

January 17th – discussion of a book The Rise and Fall of Parliamentary System. Critical Time in Russian History (1985-1993)' (the full text is available on the web site of Carnegie Endowment for International Piece, Publications section: www.carnegie.ru/en/pubs/books);

February 2nd – 'Is it Possible to Estimate Rational Taxes, Worthful Labor Remuneration, and Fair Prices?', speaker Viktor Peresada (Centre of Military Production Conversion);

March 9th – 'Brazil, Atlantic South, Globalization', speaker prof. Nikolay Dobronravin (St. Petersburg State University, Oriental Department)

March 30th – 'Russia: Institutional Evolution of 90th-2000th', speaker Vitaly Nayshul (Moscow Institute of National Economic Model).

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

On January 18th-23rd, 2006 the Seventh Annual Global Development Conference 'Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of Global Change' of the Global Development Network (GDN) was held in St. Petersburg. Main Conference organizer is the Global Development Network (GDN) - international non-commercial organization, which incorporates 11 regional network partners to link research institutes from more than 100 countries and strengthens partnerships worldwide. GDN main objectives are to support multidisciplinary research in the social and economic sciences and to develop expertise and knowledge within and for the developing countries and countries with economy in transition including Russia. As a part of its various activities the GDN carries out annual Conferences in the largest cities of the world. The first GDN Conference was organized in Bonn (Germany) in December 1999. Then there were Conferences in Tokyo (December 2000), Rio-de-Janeiro (December 2001), Cairo (January 2003), Delhi (January 2004) and Dakar (January 2005). St. Petersburg Government and Leontief Centre are GDN Partners in organization of St. Petersburg Conference.

GDN's Annual Global Development Conferences gathers about 500 specialists on social and economic development including policymakers from developed and developing leaders countries, Nobel Prize Winners and lead representatives of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, United Nations and other international organizations. However main Conference participants are researchers from developing countries and countries in transition, who have an opportunity to present their work at an international level and to meet internationally renowned speakers. Development Conference is also a global forum for exchanging ideas on sustainable development and poverty alleviation, where the winners of the Global Development Awards are also announced. These competitions are held in developing countries and countries in transition.

The Program of St. Petersburg GDN Conference included: four plenary sessions (expected number of participants – 500) and 20 parallel thematic sessions with around 100 participants on every session. Moreover, before and after the Conference a series of workshops will be held. The large number of researchers in attendance makes the GDN conference an ideal setting for research workshops, at which scholars may present findings and interact fruitfully with their colleagues.

The first Conference day (January 20th) started with the plenary session presided by Ernesto Zedillo, Former President of Mexico and Chair, GDN Board of Directors. It is expected that Valentina Matvienko, The Governor of St. Petersburg will be the chair on this plenary and will make a welcoming address to Conference participants. Following speakers made their reports during the plenary session Institutions and Global Development: Concepts and Practice: Douglass North, Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, Professor Washington of University; Francis Fukuyama, Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy, John Hopkins University, United States. After the session five parallels were organized with the discussion of concrete institutional reforms in different world regions including CIS, China, as well as countries of Latin America, South-Eastern Asia, the Near East and Africa. The second half of January 20th was devoted to the presentations of the Award Competition Finalists on the best research projects and works concerning development problems, then Medals International Selection Committee including lead social scientists will determine the winners. During the second and the final day of the Conference (January 21st) the plenary session on GDN's Global Research Project Understanding Reform devoted to the studying of social and economic reforms in different world regions was held. Also the parallels 'National and International Governance in a Globalizing World' and 'Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development: the Role of Institutions' were organized. Parallel sessions organizers: The World Bank, United Nations Programme on Development Problems and United Nations Institute on Development International Problems.

The Conference Program was closed on January 21st by the plenary session **Evolution of Institutions and Russia's Economy' (devoted to Wassily Leontief Centenary)** organized by the Leontief Centre. The detailed information about the Seventh Annual Global Development Conference Institutions and Development: At the Nexus of Global Change' of the Global Development Network (GDN) is available at <u>the official GDN web site</u>.

On January 18th-20th, 2006 the **training seminar and research workshop** dedicated to the modern technologies of municipal strategic planning was held in Satka City (Chelyabinsk Oblast). Leontief Centre Representatives Mr. Zhikharevich and Mr. Zhunda participated in the organization of these activities.

On January 19th, 2006 the presentation of a book '**Cities in a Globalizing World: Governance, Performance, and Sustainability**' was held in the information agency RosBalt (St. Petersburg). Vice-President of the World Bank Institute Frannie Leautier presented the book as its editor and one of the authors. Leontief Centre supported the organization of the presentation. Mr. Sergey Vasiliev, Member of the Council of Federation of RF Federal Assembly, Chairman of Academic Board of the International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre, and Mr. Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs participated in this event. The presentation was held in the framework of the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE) 'Growth After Transition: Is Rising Inequality Inevitable? Economic Space, Governance, and Judiciary Foundations of a Market System', which was held on January 18th-19th, 2006, in St. Petersburg.

On February 20th-22nd, 2006 a seminar '**Modern Technologies of Territorial Strategic Planning at Regional Level**' for representatives of Administration of the Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug (YNAO) and Siberian Research Analytical Centre participating in the YNAO strategy development was held in St. Petersburg (Leontief Centre). Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET) organized the Seminar.

On February 28th – March 2nd, 2006 Leontief Centre representatives Mr. Zhikharevich and Mr. Zhunda participated as lead trainers in the training seminar '**Modern Technologies of Territorial Strategic Planning at Regional Level**' held in Kemerovo for administrative officers and specialists, representatives of municipalities and expert society of Kemerovo Oblast. Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET) organized the Seminar.

On February 28th, 2006 Senior Researcher of the Leontief Centre Research Department Mr. Savulkin made a report 'Institutional Influence on Russian Economic Development' during the seminar '**15-years of Russian Capitalism**' held in the European University at St. Petersburg.

On March 6th, 2006 a seminar on Public Administration Reform in Pskov Oblast was held in Pskov. Seminar Organizers: Pskov Oblast Administration, Pskov Office of the North-West Academy of Public Administration, World Bank. This Project is a part of the Project 'Support of Public Administration Reform in the North-West Federal Region of Russia' financed through the Finland's Trust-Fund. Main aim of the Project is cooperation with regional authority bodies in the field of improvement of availability and quality of public services. Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs Mr. Limonov and Senior Researcher Mr. Batchaev participated in the seminar. Mr. Limonov made a report devoted to the issues of methodic and organizational support of Project implementation. Mr. Batchaev demonstrated the importance of transparence factor of public services rendering in the framework of public administration reform in Russia.

On March 13th, 2006 a **meeting with the authors of a book** 'Leningrad Oblast <u>Economic Development at the Turn of Ages</u>' (Editors: S.A. Vasiliev and G.V. Dvas) was held in the information agency RosBalt. Participants: Mr. Sergey Vasiliev, PhD. Representative of Leningrad Oblast Government in the Council of Federation of RF Federal Assembly, and authors of the book - Leontief Centre representatives - Mr. Leonid Limonov, Director-Coordinator of Research Programs, Mrs. Nina Oding, Head of Research Department; Leontief Centre researchers - Mr. Andrey Zaostrovtsev, Mr. Lev Savulkin, Mr. Denis Kadochnikov, Mr. Dmitry Shevchuk as well as journalists of following newspapers: Sankt-Petersburgskie Vedomosti, Delovoy Peterburg, Nevskoe Vremya, representatives of ITAR-TASS, Interfax, RosBalt and others information agencies.

On March 16th-17th, 2006 Leontief Centre President Mrs. Irina Karelina participated in the discussions and presented information about the BSR Interreg III B NP Russian national Sub-Committee during the international conference Importance of Euroregions for the Development of Russian Border Territories', which was held in the framework of 'Transform' Project in the RF Ministry for Regional Development (Moscow). Main Conference aim was to activate cross-border cooperation between Russian and EU regions in the field of political, economic and social aspects. Problems of interregional cooperation, promotion of crossborder cooperation between Russian and European Union regions etc. were discussed during the Conference. Representatives of RF Ministry for Regional Development, Ministry of Economy of Germany, KfW Bankengruppe; representatives of German Embassy; representatives of Russian regions participated in the Conference.

On March 27th, 2006 Director-Coordinator of Leontief Centre Research Programs Mr. Limonov made a note 'Public Administration Reform in Pskov Oblast: Providing of Availability and Quality of Public Services' in the World Bank Russian Country Office (Moscow). The note was listened in the framework of coordinating meeting **Technical Assistance to the Russian Federation: Standardization of Public Services**', prepared by the Donor Secretariat on public administration reform in Russia.

On March 31st – April 1st, 2006 Head of Leontief Centre Research Department Mrs. Oding made a report 'The Approach of Entrepreneurs towards the Extended Order: Case Study Russia' during the seminar '**Economic Styles and Eastern Enlargement of the EU**'. The Seminar was held in Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA).

Publications



Local Economic Policy in Russia: before and after 2005. – St. Petersburg: International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre, 2006. – 32 p. The review of Russian experience in development and implementation of local economic policy in 1995-2005 as well as analysis of influence of 2005 local self-government

policy in 1995-2005 as well as analysis of influence of 2005 local self-government reform on possible instruments and priorities of local economic policy is presented in the book. The book is addressed to representatives of state and local authority bodies, representatives of business and entrepreneurial associations.



How to Invest in St. Petersburg (the 6th supplemented and revised edition). – St. Petersburg: 2006 – 384 p. The edition is 3000 copies in Russian and English languages, 600 copies - in Russian and German languages. Authors: St. Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade and ICSER Leontief Centre

The manual consists of information concerning legal regulation, state support programs as well as tasks and functions of St. Petersburg authority bodies on investment support. The procedures of financial participation of St. Petersburg state authority bodies in investment activities and administrative procedures during the investment processes, existing in St. Petersburg taxation system, St. Petersburg investment projects and programs, information on rates in St. Petersburg real estate market and charges of connection to technical networks are overviewed in this book.



Territorial Strategic Planning: Measuring Results/ Papers of participants of the Fourth All-Russia Forum of Strategic Planning Leader. Editor: PhD B.S. Zhikharevich. – St. Petersburg: International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre, 2006. –112 p. Issue 700 copies.

The publication fixes the condition of territorial strategic planning in Russia at the end of 2005, which was presented in the papers of participants of the Fourth All-Russia Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders. The materials were grouped into 4 sections. In the first two sections you could find reports on the concrete practice in development and implementation of strategic plans at regional and local levels. The third brief section is devoted to the presentation of the series of donor projects and organizations. Methodic and resumptive reports are presented in the fourth section. Moreover, the program, list of participants and Forum recommendations are also included into the book.

The book is recommended to practitioners in the field of strategic planning, students, and tutors. Additional information is available on the web site http://citystrategy.leontief.net/

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Urban and City Management Distance Learning Program by the World Bank Institute jointly with the Leontief Centre. Information bulletin (in Russian). St. Petersburg: ICSER Leontief Centre, 2006 – 4 p. Information bulletin published by the Leontief Centre with financial support of UK Government through Global Opportunities Fund. The bulletin contains of common information about the Urban and City Management

Distance Learning Program created by the World Bank Institute jointly with the Leontief Centre as well as the description of Program goals, Program audience, Program courses and modules, information about forms and terms of the education, requirements to attendees and system-defined technical requirements, how to apply for the course and information about partners on Program creation and development.



Budget of St. Petersburg. Summary/St. Petersburg: ICSER Leontief Centre, 1996-2006, 64 p. Edition – 600 copies in Russian, 300 copies in English St. Petersburg Committee for Finance in cooperation with the International Centre for Social and Economic Research Leontief Centre prepared the annual edition. Main parameters of city budget, revenues and expenditures structure, public debt, characteristic of relations between St. Petersburg budget and federal budget are overviewed briefly. Full version is posted on the Committee for Finance web site: http://www.fincom.spb.ru



Information Bulletin 'The Socio-Economic Situation in St. Petersburg' N $^{\circ}77$ (January-February 2006).

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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