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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The VII Leontief Readings Conference** will take place in the beginning of October 2007.

October 18th-19th, 2007 in Saint-Petersburg the **VI All-Russia Forum of Strategic Planning Leaders: Integrating the World Experience of Innovations** will be held. Forum Organizers: Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, RF Ministry for Economic Development and Trade, RF Ministry for Regional Development, Committee on Spatial Development in the BSR (CSD/BSR) VASAB 2010, Center of Strategic Research-Region, Russian Economic Developers Association (ASSET), ICSEER "Leontief Centre". Detailed information about the Forum and participation will be available at <http://www.citystrategy.leontief.ru>

St.Petersburg Science Centre of Russian Academy of Sciences, St.Petersburg Economics & Mathematics Centre of Russian Academy of Sciences, Education and Science Support Foundation (Alferov Foundation) declare **competition on competition of the premium in name of professor Boris Ovsievich** for the fundamental economic-mathematical researches executed in Russia. In April, 2008 in St.Petersburg the ceremony of rewarding with premiums will take place. Information about the competition is available at [http://emi.nw.ru/konkurs/premia\\_Ovs.htm](http://emi.nw.ru/konkurs/premia_Ovs.htm) and [www.alferov-fond.ru](http://www.alferov-fond.ru).

### RESEARCH & PROJECTS

**Trainings for Regional and Municipal Financial Officers in the framework of Municipal Reform Implementation and Separation of Responsibilities.** The Project is a part of the

Program "Technical Aid for Budget Reform at the Regional Level" implemented by RF Ministry of Finance in cooperation with the World Bank. The project is implemented by the consortium of consultants, which includes the International Centre for Social and Economic Research "Leontief Centre" and "RBC-Centre" Ltd.

During April – June 2007, four training programs for officers of public and municipal financial bodies were held:

- On March 30 – April 30, 2007, in Siberian Federal District on the base of the Siberian Academy of Public Management – pilot Distant Learning Program. 89 representatives of financial bodies from RF regions and municipalities from Siberian federal district participated in the Distant Learning Program. 78 trainees successfully passed Distant Learning Program, having executed all qualifying requirements.
- On May 14–25, 2007 in Khabarovsk on the base of the Far East Academy of Public Management. 90 representatives of financial bodies from RF regions and municipalities from Far East Federal District participated in the program. 85 trainees successfully completed education and got state certificates on professional development and certificates on participating in Training Program.
- On May 18-28, 2007 in Moscow on the base of the Academy of National Economy under the

Government of the Russian Federation for heads (assistants) financial bodies of RF subjects (34 participants). All participants successfully completed education, have done the tasks of final testing and got state certificates on professional development and certificates on participating in Training Program.

- On June 13–23, 2007, in Siberian Federal District on the base of the Siberian Academy of Public Management (Novosibirsk). 61 representatives of financial bodies from RF regions and municipalities from Siberian federal district participated in the program. All participants successfully completed education, have done the tasks of final testing and got state certificates on professional development.

**Urban and City Management Joint Distant Learning Program** of the World Bank Institute and Leontief Centre. During April-June 2007, the training under the Course 2 (terms of training – March 12 – April 22) **Financial Management** and Course 3 **Sectoral Issues of Urban Development** (terms of training – April 23 – June 17) were completed. 19 participants (Course 2) and 12 participants (Course 3) – representatives of public and local authorities, consultants, researchers and teachers of leading high schools, representatives of non-for-profit organizations from Russian, Ukrainian and Kazakhstan cities successfully passed full course and received the certificates. More detailed information about Urban and City Management Distant Learning Program and its modules is available on the web site [www.distant.leontief.net](http://www.distant.leontief.net).



**Management of Sub-National Public Finance, Russian Federation Europe.** The project is aimed to perfection of statutory and regulating acts and implementation of best practices on the different levels of budget system in Tver Oblast. The project's employer is European Commission (Tacis Programme), beneficiaries – RF Ministry of Finance and Tver Oblast Administration, the project is carried out by DAI (UK) – the lead partner, ICSE “Leontief Centre” (Russia), Arcadis BMB (Netherlands), Research Budgetary Center (Russia) and Local Government Denmark (Denmark).

In the framework of project realization, on April 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Leontief Centre Director-Coordinator for Research Programmes Leonid Limonov, Head of Research Department Nina Oding, Senior Researcher Lev Savulkin, and Researcher of Strategic and Spatial Planning Department Nikolay Zhunda working as experts on TACIS EU Project ‘Sub-National Public Financial Management in the Russian Federation’ participated in the international seminar **Regional and Municipal Financial Management: New in Budget Legislation and Tver Oblast Experience**, where they reported on interbudget relations, financial and investment planning. Seminar was organized in Moscow and Tver. Participants: heads of profile departments and divisions of RF Ministry on Finance, committees of the Council of Federation, representative offices of EU Commission, World Bank, administration of Tver Oblast, financial officers from 17 RF subjects and some of Tver Oblast municipalities, EU experts and lead research and consulting centres of Russia.

#### **Development of Materials for Orsk City Social and Economic Planning (Orenburg Oblast).**

The project embodies development of three basic documents: City's Development Concept to 2030, Orsk Development Strategy to 2015, Programme of Complex Social and Economic Development for 2008–2010. The project is implemented jointly with Russian Economic Developers Association.

In the framework of project realization, on May 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Orsk (Orenburg Oblast) the search seminar and municipal conference **Orsk City Development Strategy: Outcomes of Strategic Analysis** were held. These events finalized two first stages of the Project on elaboration of social and economic planning documents.

**Implementation of Management Elements by the Regional Results.** The World Bank of Reconstruction and Development Project. Leontief Centre staff members participated in this project as the World Bank experts. The work is aimed at the effectiveness rising of Irkutsk Oblast Department for Education (chosen as a pilot region) on the base of implementation of task program principles of budget funds management.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Denis Kadochnikov, Leontief Centre Research Department, participated in the final interregional research

seminar organized in Elista City and reported on Budget-Targeted Programs.

**Republic of Chuvashia: Investment Program Elaboration**, the customer of this project is the World Bank of Reconstruction and Development. The work under this project includes preparation of guidelines for elaboration of regional program of capital investment, evaluation and selection of project methodology, consulting and expert support of program for 2007–2009 creation process and coordination of the program with the middle-term financial plan.

In April 2007 **Chuvashia Republic Ministry for Economic Development and Trade** has declared its satisfaction of the work, carried out by the Leontief Centre, in the framework of the project **Elaboration of Medium-Term Address Investment Program for Republic of Chuvashia**

During project implementation, Leontief Centre supported Chuvashia Ministry for Economic Development and Trade in the process of elaboration of medium-term address investment program including definition of investment demands and opportunities for Republican budget, ranking of investment proposals, elaboration of evaluation methodology of transport projects. Leontief Centre drafted and finalized according to requests from Chuvashia Ministry for Economic Development and Trade:

- Guidelines on Development of Middle-Term Regional Program for Capital Investment
- Methodology of Project's Ranking

#### **Elaboration of Offers for Creation of Stimulus for Tourist Infrastructure Development in Baikal Lake Region.**

In April 2007 Republic of **Buryatia Ministry for Economic Development and External Affairs** thanked Leontief Centre Director General and its researchers for the interest to problems of tourism development in Republic of Buryatia and for quality and on time implementation of research activities under **the Project Elaboration of Offers for Creation of Stimulus for Tourist Infrastructure Development in Baikal Lake Region**. Project results were applied during elaboration of the Strategy for Republic Social and Economic Development up to 2027, which considers tourism development as one of strategic directions. Development of an effective tourist-resort complex in the Eastern Russia will be provided by creation of free economic zones of tourist-resort type in Baikal region according to the Resolution N68 of RF Government (February 3, 2007).

**Updating of the Living Standards in St.Petersburg.** The project is carried out under orders of the St.Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade.

In the framework of the project is necessary to lead optimization of the Living Standards, to prepare corresponding legal and organizational framework for updating results, to provide the



coordination and agreement of the Updating Living Standard's List with all executive City bodies. The work is implemented in close cooperation with St.Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade, with all executive bodies of the city government and scientific community of St.-Petersburg. During April – June 2007, working meetings and sessions of Working group on development of intermediate term and long-term documents of planning social and economic development of St.Petersburg were held. Subject of discussions are structure of Living Standard list in St. Petersburg, predicted, target and guaranteed values of these parameters for 2007-2011, updating intervals, etc.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

In the framework of **Interdisciplinary seminars "The Actual Problems of Social Sphere Transformation"** hosted jointly by Leontief Center and Sociological Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences, 3 seminars were held in the reported period:

- April 17, 2007 – **"Abnormal Country: Correlation of Economic Growth and Institutional Development"**. Speaker: Andrey Illarionov, Institute of Economic Analysis, Director; Cato Institute, Lead Researcher.
- May, 31, 2007 – **"Cultural Capital in Post Soviet Russia: Pierre Bourdieu's Theory?"**. Speakers: Mikhail Sokolov, Centre for Independent Social Research, and Galina Chernetskaya (St. Petersburg State University).
- June, 7, 2007 – **"Transparency Enhancement of Extractive Industries: 'Resource Damnation' or Lack of Due Diligence?"**. Speaker: Julia Guseva, KPMG Russia and CIS (Moscow office), Director on Government Advisory and Transparency Services.

**April 19, 2007** in St.Petersburg the **Forth International Forum for SME Support in the North-West Federal District** was held.

Organizers of the Forum: Office of Plenipotentiary Envoy of President RF in North-West Federal District, EU Project E-skills for Russian SMEs – Phase II, North-West Center for SME Support, Leontief Centre. The main objective of the Forum was to stimulate discussions of priority directions and primary instruments of the state and international support enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs in the North-West Federal district on the interregional and international markets in the context of Russia's WTO accession. In the framework of the Forum panel discussion was held on the main results and perspectives of the Federal and Regional programs implementation. The discussions included the following priority directions in Small Entrepreneurship Development in the North-West Federal region:

## **Development of the Social-Economic Development Program of St.Petersburg on 2009–2011.**

Customer – St.Petersburg Committee for Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade. The project assumes development of the substantial program block, development of the organizational-legal block, discussion of the draft program with executive bodies of the St.Petersburg government. The Social-Economic Development Program of St.-Petersburg on 2009–2011 will be used of the St.Petersburg executive bodies for realization of the state powers in various spheres of city development – demographic, social, budgetary-financial, industrial, transport, town-planning, scientific and technical, educational, etc.

- Internationalization of SMEs
- Improvement of the business and government communication instruments
- Support to Innovations
- Financial Instruments for small business support
- Creation and development of business incubators

Following main EU projects being implemented now in the North-West Federal District were introduced:

- EU Project E-skills for Russian SMEs – Phase II
- EU Project Development of Internet Based Interactive Government to Business Services in the Northwest Russia
- EU Project Support to Export-Oriented Innovative SMEs
- EU Project Development of Kaliningrad Oblast Administration Potential
- Neighbourhood and Partnership Projects aimed at SME development

During Forum the meeting of Supervisory board of the [North-West Center for SME Support](#) was held. Final Memorandum and recommendations worked out during the Forum were presented on the 8th All Russia Conference of Small and Medium Business to be held in Moscow on the 16 May of 2007. **Total number of Forum participants: 169**

**April 20, 2007** in St.Petersburg (Moscow representative office) the **round table Cities: Evaluation and Indicators of Administration and Development** was held in the framework of research and practical Conference 'Legislative and Administrative Problems of Megapolises Development carried out by Interparliamentary Assembly of Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) and North-West Academy of Public Administration. International Assembly of Capitals and Megapolises (IACM) organized the round table. Boris Zhikharevich, Director of Resource Centre on Strategic Planning, made presentation on the round table. Leontief Centre and IACM signed Agreement on Cooperation.



**May 21, 2007** a working seminar **Mutual Funds as an Alternative to Share Participation in Construction Sphere** with participation of representatives of St.Petersburg construction companies and mutual funds was held in Leontief Centre. The seminar was organized in cooperation with St.Petersburg Union of Construction Companies (SOUZPETROSTROY) in the framework of research project supported by Moscow Public Science Foundation. Eugeny Kaplan, SOUZPETROSTROY Deputy Director, presented a scheme of using of mutual funds as an instrument to attract funds into housing construction sphere.

Leontief Centre was invited by the organizers of **the XI Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum that was held on the 8–10 of June 2007** (<http://eng.forumspb.com>), to coordinate and implement the work on

## PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

**April 10, 2007, Leontief Centre and St. Petersburg State University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics** signed an **agreement** on organization in Leontief Centre practical trainings and externships for University students with the purpose to correspond to the state standard under specialty National Economy and to enhance level of professional qualifications.

**April 26–27, 2007** in Berlin (Germany) Irina Karelina, Leontief Centre Director-General, and Elena Belova, Head of Development Department, participated in the **final Conference The Integrative Power of Common Mindscapes: from Transnational Visions to Innovative Projects in the BSR in the framework of BSR Interreg III B project COMMUN** (Promoting Spatial Development by creating COMMon MINdscapes).

Financed by ERDF COMMUN Project is a partnership Project of Tacis Project 'Developing Excellence – DEX: Excellence Centres Network for sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region (TACIS funding), which is a part of the frame project 'East-West Forum: sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region initiated by [Russian National Sub-Committee of BSR Interreg III B Program](#).

More about DEX Project:

<http://www.dex.leontief.net/>

**May, 3–4, 2007** a meeting of Director-General Irina Karelina and Head of Development Department Elena Belova with representatives of **Nordlandsforskning/ Nordland Research Institute** (Norway) and **Nordland Administration** took place in **Leontief Centre**. As a result the Memorandum on Cooperation was signed by Leontief Centre and Nordland Research Institute.

**On May, 9, 2007** in Hamburg (Germany) a **meeting of JPC Drafting Groups of the Baltic Sea Program 2007-2013** was held. Irina Karelina (RNSC Responsible Secretary) took part

preparation and publishing of materials for Forum participants – Forum participant folder, that included both business and cultural Forum Programs, speaker's biographies, participant's lists, useful information and other materials. Forum folder was published in amount 4000 copies by Printing House – NP-Print.

**June 29, 2007**, Andrey Zaostrovtssev, Lead Researcher of the Leontief Centre, participated in the Conference **Russian and Foreign Economic Idea: History and Present**, on which made the report "Ayn Rand and Austrian School". Conference organizers: Scientific Council on Humanitarian Problems and Historical and Cultural Heritage of St.Petersburg Scientific Centre of Russian Academy of Science.

in the meeting. The first discussion of the additional documents to the Program Document 'Baltic Sea Program 2007–2013' took place. Project selection process, proposals on selection criteria and implementation features of strategic projects as well as next steps were also observed on the meeting.

The Baltic Sea Program 2007–2013 has its new logo and a new web site <http://www.eu.baltic.net>.

**May, 10–11, 2007** in Hamburg (Germany) **Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013 Conference** was held.

Around 30 Russian participants from Murmansk Oblast, St.Petersburg, Moscow, Pskov Murmansk Oblast, Kaliningrad Murmansk Oblast, Republic of Karelia, and Arkhangelsk Murmansk Oblast attended the Conference.

Leontief Centre, carrying out functions of Russian National Sub-Committee Secretariat, was engaged in the organization of representative's trips from the regions which are a part RNSC.

Two-day Conference offered the chance to learn about new opportunities in the coming programme, to establish useful contacts for future transnational co-operation and to discuss how projects will address four new co-operation themes: "Fostering innovations", "Accessibility", "Baltic Sea as Common Resource" and "Improving Competitiveness of Cities and Regions". Project Ideas catalogue and other conference material are posted on the Conference web site ([www.conference.baltic.net](http://www.conference.baltic.net)).

**May, 16, 2007** in Helsinki (Finland) Leontief Centre Director-General Irina Karelina participated in the **43rd Meeting of VASAB 2010** (Vision and Strategies around the Baltic 2010) **Committee for Spatial Development of the Baltic Sea Region** (CSD/BSR). For details please visit [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org).

**May, 17, 2007** in Helsinki (Finland) Leontief Centre Director-General Irina Karelina and Director-Coordinator for Research Programs



Leonid Limonov participated in the task force meeting on **East-West Window** Project.

**June 12, 2007** in Brussels a **meeting of JPC Working Group of the Baltic Sea Region Program 2007–2013** was held. Irina Karelina (RNSC Responsible Secretary) took part in the meeting.

At the meeting questions of the new Baltic Sea Programme 2007–2013 preparation were discussed, namely questions of the technical help, and also its audit and the control.

## AWARDS

**On April 12, 2007** in the House of Scientists (Palace emb., 26, White Hall) the second official ceremony of the rewarding of recipients 2006 with **premiums in name of Professor Boris Ovsievich** was held to support young researchers for fundamental economic and mathematical researches undertaken in Russia.

Ceremony organizers: St.Petersburg Research Centre of Russian Academy of Science, Foundation for Support of Science and Education (Alferov Foundation), St.Petersburg Economics and Mathematics Institute of RAS, and Leontief Centre.

Premiums in name of Professor Boris Ovsievich are founded in order to support talented young scientists (up to 40 years) from Russia and awarded for the fundamental economic and mathematical researches undertaken in Russia.

The premium is founded under Saint-Petersburg Economics and Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, whose director-organizer and first director was Boris Ovsievich.

One of his students, A.R. Kokh, Candidate of Economic Science, was the Premium initiator and Sponsor.

Premiums are awarded by the Premium council that includes scientists from St.Petersburg Research Centre of Russian Academy of Science, St.Petersburg Economics and Mathematics Institute of RAS and Leontief Centre. The competition is going in following disciplines:

- Theoretical economics (macro and micro-economics)
- The Theory of games and the research of operations
- Mathematical methods in analysis of economic processes

By the results of the competition and the decision of the Premium Council in the year 2006 the premiums were given to:

- A.A. Afanasyev – II premium (for the researches which have shown, that many basic doctrines of the economic science have been opened in the XVI century)
- O.A.Kislitsyn – III premium (for the research of the problems of a social and economic inequality and its influence on health of various groups of the population of modern Russia);

**June, 14, 2007** the meeting of Irina Karelina, Leontief Centre Director-General and Nina Oding, Head of Research Department with **Ronald Mayers, Moscow Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Head of the Sector on Institutional Reform in Europe and Central Asia** took place.

During the meeting, the questions, concerning the budget reform, in the realization of which Leontief Centre is taking active role, have been discussed.

- E.V. Pokatovich – the incentive premium for works under the economic-mathematical analysis of the commercial sexual services market

Second official ceremony of rewarding with premiums in name of Professor Boris Ovsievich was opened by Zhores Alferov, Academic of Russian Academy of Sciences, Presidium Chairman of St.Petersburg Research Centre of Russian Academy of Science, Nobel Prize winner.

Greetings and speeches to the Ceremony participants and guests were performed by:

- M.P. Brodsky, a member of the Government - the representative of the Governor in the St.Petersburg Legislative Assembly
- A.D.Viktorov, the Chairman of Committee on science and the Higher School of St.Petersburg
- M. Kuboniva, the professor of Institute of economic researches (Japan)
- L.A.Ruhovets, director of St.Petersburg Economics & Mathematics Centre of Russian Academy of Sciences, chairman of Organizing committee of the premium, Doctor of physico-mathematical Sciences, the professor, the Honored scientific worker of the Russian Federation
- L.E. Limonov, Doctor of Science, Economics, the professor, Director-Coordinator for Research Programs of Leontief Center
- A.R.Kokh, the philanthropist and the initiator of establishment of the premium in name of professor Boris Ovsievich

After delivery of the diplomas reports of winners on the basic results of their researches have been presented.

More detailed information is available on the web sites of St.Petersburg Economics and Mathematics Institute of RAS <http://emi.nw.ru> and Alferov Foundation <http://www.alferov-fond.ru>.

Boris Zhikharevich, Head of Strategic and Spatial Planning Department, was **awarded with a premium of St.Petersburg Government for his outstanding research results in the sphere of science and technology** (premium in the filed of social sciences – for 'outstanding contribution to development of fundamental and



applied studies on territorial strategic planning'). [The official ceremony of awarding with premiums in the field of science and technology by St. Petersburg Governor Valentina Matvienko](#) was held on May 25th, 2007 in Smolny.

**June 20, 2007** at the Forum venue in the fair complex "LenExpo", the special meeting was held, devoted to the results of the preparation and implementation of the XI Saint Petersburg

International Economic Forum. During the meeting [Governor of Saint-Petersburg handed over the Letter of Gratitude to Leontief Centre, represented by Director-General Irina Karelina](#), for taking active part in preparation and implementation of the XI Saint Petersburg Economic Forum.

## PUBLICATIONS



### **The Socio-Economic Situation in St.Petersburg. № 86 (March–April 2007)**

An information bulletin in Russian and English. St.Petersburg: Leontief Centre (International Centre for Social and Economic Research), 1992–2006.

This bulletin has been published by the Leontief Centre bi-monthly since 1992. Available by subscription, the Overview features statistics and analyses (including results of Leontief Centre's experts findings) covering St.Petersburg industry, infrastructure, budget, city's privatization process, its real estate market, living standards and employment.

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