

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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The XI St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 8-10 June



Forum summary: 8965 registered participants from 65 countries, 9 presidents, 1400 journalists, over 40 TV companies and over 200 charter flights. About 30 protocols totaling more than USD 13.5 billion were signed between such major carmakers as Volvo, Suzuki and Peugeot, aircraft carriers Boeing and the Sukhoi Aircraft Holding Company, Boeing and United Aircraft Company, and also between Pepsi and Lukoil companies. USD 6.5 billion of the aforementioned amount involves mixed partnership between state and private companies.

4 plenary sessions and 16 roundtable conferences were held at the Forum, more than 70 presentations were made, 4 investment projects were selected.

Total Forum budget amounted to RUR 500 million (appr. SEK 135 million).

Source: St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, www.forumspb.com

Photo: www.interpress.ru

The Global Energy International Award 2007



The Global Energy International Prize was awarded within the frames of the XI St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on 10 June. The award is intended to assist

the international cooperation in solving the most important contemporary problems in the field of power generation.

The Prize is awarded for scientific achievements in the following spheres: increasing energy efficiency; new opportunities of development of power engineering; alternative energy sources; new methods of energy conversion; energy saving and energy transmission.

This year the prize was awarded to Dr Thorsteinn I. Sigfusson (Iceland) for hydrogen research and developments; Dr Geoffrey Hewitt (Great Britain) and Dr Vladimir Nakorjakov for atomic power engineering researches.

Source: Global Energy International Prize, www.ge-prize.ru

Oil Exchange to Be Established in St. Petersburg

On 8 June the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and the City of St. Petersburg on the one hand, and the New York Mercantile



Exchange (NYMEX) on the other signed an agreement on establishing an international oil exchange in St. Petersburg. According to the NYMEX chairman – James Newsome – right now there is not a market place that is concentrating on Russian products, and now there will be a marketplace that will concentrate on Russian products flowing primarily into Europe. The Governor of St. Petersburg – Valentina Matvienko – commented that it is the first time that Russian oil is sold on the territory of Russia, in St. Petersburg. According to Herman Gref – the Minister of Economic Development and Trade – the St. Petersburg exchange will make the trade of oil, oil products and raw materials more transparent.

Source: City of St. Petersburg, www.gov.spb.ru; *The St. Petersburg Times* newspaper, www.sptimes.ru

Environment Protection, Use of Natural Resources and Environmental Safety in St. Petersburg in 2006



On 30 May 2007, on the eve of the World Environment Day, the St. Petersburg Committee for Use of Natural Resources, Environment Protection, and Environmental Safety provided a press-conference presenting a new eleventh issue of the annual analytical survey Environment Protection, Use of Natural Resources and Environmental Safety in St. Petersburg in 2006. The survey has been issued since 1996 and is a sort of reference book for specialists as well as for journalists.

The part of the survey is devoted to the international cooperation on projects realized jointly with European Commission and financed by European programmes Life and Tasis. The project Life – Third Countries: The usage of information technologies for enhancement of efficiency of urban environmental management has been successfully carried out since 2006. One of the partners of the project is Stockholm University. Annually the Committee carries out about 10-12 international projects.



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Russian National Furniture Summit , 12 – 16 October 2007



On 12-16 October 2007 the Russian National Furniture Industrial Summit Innovations in Furniture Industry – Factor of Survival in Global Competition will be held in St. Petersburg and Lahti, Finland. The event is organized by the Russian Association of Enterprises of Furniture and Woodworking Industry and Restec Exhibition Company.

National Furniture Industry Summit 2007 will be innovative development of furniture industry in such directions as automation of furniture manufacture, industrial design, creation of particularized industrial zones, including furniture technoparks, state policy on support of innovational development of SME, role of Russia in the global competition in the world furniture market and its development trends.

A seminar Actual Questions of Furniture Industry Automation and some other seminars will be organized in the frameworks of the Summit as well as many interesting events giving an opportunity of business communication.



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Swedwood Investments in Karelia



According to the government of Karelia region, the investments in construction of a joint Russian-Swedish enterprise producing furniture components will total EUR 90 million.

The government of Karelia and the management of Swed Wood international agreed that the third part of construction will start in November – December 2007 and will be divided in two phases.

During the first phase in 2007-2008 the Swedish part is ready to invest EUR 50 million. For the second phase the investments are planned to amount to EUR 80-90 million.

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, June 2007, www.dp.ru

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Foster Families in St. Petersburg Closing Conference



The Foster Families in St. Petersburg closing social conference took place on 1 June 2007 in St. Petersburg within the frames of the joint Russian-Swedish pilot project *Foster Families in St. Petersburg*. The project financed by SIDA was carried out by the Stockholm University and Social Department of the City of Stockholm in 2005-2007. The administrative support to the project was provided by the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg.

The conference, organized in Smolny, was opened by Sergey Litvinov – First Deputy Head of the St. Petersburg Committee on Social Security and Labour; Marianne Hultberg – Consul, Responsible at the Consulate General for the development co-operation with Russia in the consular district; Yvonne Askerlung – project manager, Stockholm University; and Elsie Edlund – Social Department, the City of Stockholm. Over 200 specialists

participated in the event.

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Photo: www.interpress.ru

Children with Alcohol Addicted Parents Closing Conference

The Children with Alcohol Addicted Parents closing social conference was organized in Centralny city district of St. Petersburg on 31 May 2007. The conference took place within the frames of the Russian-Swedish pilot project, financed by SIDA. The pilot project was carried out in close cooperation with Östermalm kommun of Stockholm. The Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg provided the administrative support to the project. Over 100 specialists participated in discussion devoted to the results of the pilot project.

Source: Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg, e-mail: stockholm.office@stockholm.spb.ru

Round table Questions of Realisations of Civil Suffrage and Information Right

On 30 May 2007 the *Questions of Realisations of Civil Suffrage and Information Right* round table was held in St. Petersburg. The event was organized by the St. Petersburg PR Association, PR Department of LENEXPO Exhibition Complex and the press-centre of the Leningrad Region Election Committee within the frames of the international exhibition *Advertising and Information 2007*. Representatives of the regional government and PR departments of Universities took part in the event.

The participants of the round table discussed legal framework and practical realisation of information right in Russia, rules of agitation during elections, system of the informational cooperation between government institutions, press and citizens.

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