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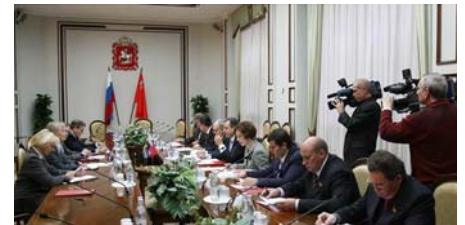
## New Cooperation Plan 2008-2009 Signed by the Stockholm County Council and the Moscow Regional Duma



On 31 October the Chief Commissioner of the Stockholm County Council, Chris Heister, and the Chairman of the Moscow Regional Duma, Valery Aksakov, signed a new Cooperation Plan for 2008-2009 in Moscow. Among the first joint events, stipulated in the new Cooperation Plan, are preparatory meetings in order to establish cooperation in the sphere of innovation in the

frames of existing projects of the European Union. The Cooperation Plan also stipulates holding a trilateral seminar on preventive public healthcare together with the Helsinki region in spring 2008.

The Chairman of the Moscow Regional Duma, Valery Aksakov, highlighted that the positive experience of holding joint events gives ground to further development of mutually beneficial relations between the two partner regions, and expressed his gratitude to the Stockholm region for promoting the interests of the Moscow Regional Duma in the European Union.



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## Study Visit of St. Petersburg Medical Engineering and Technical Specialists to Stockholm



In the beginning of October a group of St. Petersburg medical engineering and technical specialists visited Stockholm in the frames of the Cooperation Agreement between the five counties of the Stockholm-Mälars region and the City of St. Petersburg, signed on 2 February 2006. The main objective of the study visit was to get acquaintance with the work schemes at property departments, methods and organization of property-planned maintenance, and energy-optimizing and medical waste management system in Swedish hospitals. The participants visited Södersjukhuset Emergency Hospital and Karolinska University Hospital.

Leaving Stockholm the Russian specialists noted with satisfaction not only an apparent value of the Swedish practical experience, but also a friendly desire of the Swedish partners to share their practical knowledge, and readiness for further cooperation.

On the Swedish part the study visit was arranged by the Stockholm County Council and engineering companies *Locum*, *Aleris* and *YIT* (which provide local hospital premises with developing and maintenance services), on the Russian part – by the St. Petersburg Committee on Public Health.

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## Visit of the Official Delegation of St. Petersburg to Prague



On 4-6 November the official delegation of St. Petersburg, headed by Valentina Matvienko (Governor of St. Petersburg) visited Prague. The programme of the visit included meetings with the government of the Czech Republic and representatives of major Czech enterprises, and participation in the Conference on trade, economic and investment cooperation between St. Petersburg and the Czech Republic. The Governor also took part in the opening of the St. Petersburg Tourist an Information Office in Prague. Now the travel agencies and the citizens of the Czech Republic will have an opportunity to get more information about St. Petersburg and its sights.

Source: City of St. Petersburg, [www.gov.spb.ru](http://www.gov.spb.ru)

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## Premiere of Cantata Dedicated to the Days of Helsinki in St. Petersburg



On 10 November the premiere of the cantata "Dedication to the Days of Helsinki in St. Petersburg and the 140 Anniversary of Mannerheim's Birth", written by the St. Petersburg composer Yuri Falik, will take place in St. Petersburg at the Academic Philharmonic Hall named after Dmitry Shostakovich. The special guest of the premiere is the Mayor of Helsinki, Tuula Haatainen. The event is jointly organized by the Cities of St. Petersburg and Helsinki.

Source: St. Petersburg Committee on External Relations, [www.kvs.spb.ru](http://www.kvs.spb.ru)

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## TransEuropa's Test Call at St. Petersburg Port



On 8 November the cargo-and-passenger ferry of *Finlines* company *TransEuropa* made a test call at the Big Port of St. Petersburg. *TransEuropa* is a ferry of Hansa-class having the passenger capacity of 114 people and the cargo carrying capacity of 11.6 thousand tons. The Vessel was constructed in Gdansk in 1995 and has the length of 183 meters, the width of 28.7 meters, the keel depth of 7.4 meters and the maximum speed of 21.3 Kts.

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## Facts and Figures



### Number of Calls by Cruise Ships to St. Petersburg Ports

Year	Number of Calls	Number of Passengers (thous people)
2005	364	300
2006	299	306

Source: Northwest Division of Russian Union of Tourist Industry

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## Session of the St. Petersburg PR Association at the Stockholm Region Office



On 1 November the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg hosted a session of the St. Petersburg PR Association. The Office spoke about the history of its foundation, and presented its information activities, which contribute to development of cooperation between the Stockholm Region and the Northwest Russia. The Chairman of the Association, Alexander Veretin, expressed his hope for further collaboration with the Office, and the Stockholm Region as a whole.

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## Study Marketing Research at the Scandinavian Technical Fair 2007



On 16 October in the frames of the seminar *Exhibition management: technologies of business partners search and organization of information activities*, arranged at the Bonch-Bruевич St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications, a group of students visited the Scandinavian Technical Fair 2007. The programme of the seminar included lectures and practical trainings in St. Petersburg and Stockholm, and study visits to the Trade Representation of Russia in Sweden, and Kista Science City.

At the Scandinavian Technical Fair the students conducted a study marketing research revealing the interest of Scandinavian industrial companies in cooperation with their Russian counterparts. This time the fair was visited by the official delegation of St. Petersburg, headed by Alexey Sergeev (Chairman of the St. Petersburg Committee on Economic Development, Industrial Police and Trade), and a group of businessmen from St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region. So the students also had a chance to research the interests of the Russian part. Currently the obtained data is being processed, and the students

are going to present their results to potential employees at the *Northwest Science Park High-Tech Industry*.

The seminar was organized within the frames of the project Baltic MICE-Tourism Training Centre in execution of the Agreement on cooperation and mutual exchange of relevant information between the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg and the Bonch-Bruевич St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications with the support from the *Northwest Science Park High-Tech Industry*, the *Northwest Business Development Centre Nordica*.

The seminar has already been successfully held at the Herzen State University, the Bonch-Bruевич St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications and the *Northwest Science Park High-Tech Industry* (see Issue 61, week 42, 2006; Issue 81, week 37, 2007)

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## Facts and Figures

### Higher and Vocational Education system in St. Petersburg

State Institutions of Higher Education	48
Top-level Service Schools	18
Non-state Institutions of Higher Education	46
Institutions of Vocational Education	80



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