

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents at Kolpino Penitentiary



The second international conference *Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents at Kolpino Penitentiary* took place on 7-8 February 2007 in St. Petersburg within the frames of the joint Russian-Swedish project. The project *Social Work with Juvenile Delinquents in St. Petersburg*, financed by SIDA, has been carried out by the Stockholm University since the end of 2000. In 2002 GUF SIN (Central Administrative Board of the Federal Office on Penalty Execution) in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region joined the project. The administrative support to the project is provided by the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg.

The conference which marked the end of the 4th phase of the project was opened by Gunnar Klinga, Consul General of Sweden in St. Petersburg, Igor Dedovich, Deputy head of the Penal Executive Inspection in the Northwest Russia, Ewa Persson Göransson, General director, The National Board of Institutional Care of Sweden (SiS), Tamara Litvinova, Executive

Secretary of the Commission for Juvenile cases of the Governor of the Leningrad region, Oleg Dilanyan, Deputy head, GUF SIN in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region, and Eva Holmberg-Herrström, Project Manager, Stockholm University.

30 specialists from Kolpino Penitentiary and GUF SIN in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region were handed over diplomas of the successfully completed education course. Over 130 representatives of GUF SIN, City court, St. Petersburg Prosecutor's office, the City of St. Petersburg and the Government of the Leningrad Region as well as the representatives of the Stockholm University, The National Board of Institutional Care (SiS) of Sweden etc participated in the discussion. 4 workshops devoted to "alcohol and drug addiction", "aggression replacement therapy, ART", "risk assessment" and "networking & supervision" approaches to the work with Juvenile Delinquents were arranged.



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

Facts and Figures: Following to results of 2006 total number of juvenile delinquents in the Northwest Russia Federal District decreased by 19% comparing to 2005.

Source: Penal Executive Inspection in the Northwest Russia

UNESCO-ICOMOS International Conference in St. Petersburg

On 29 January the international conference of UNESCO-ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) was opened in St. Petersburg. The participants of the conference were addressed by the Governor of St. Petersburg Valentina Matvienko, who noted that the topic of the conference – governance and preservation of historic cities – is a relevant issue for St. Petersburg. Matvienko emphasized that the cultural heritage is the most important competitive advantage of St. Petersburg. The financing of restoration works in the city for the last three year has grown 10-fold and now constitutes over 140 million EUR. Among the topics discussed during the conference was the erection of *Gazprom-City* skyscraper in Malaya Okhta district of St. Petersburg (see Issue 65, 2006, week 50). UNESCO does not approve of this project. According to the director of the World Heritage Centre – Francesco Bandarin – St. Petersburg is a horizontal city and the architectural decision, based on the vertical dominant is unacceptable.

Source: City of St. Petersburg www.gov.spb.ru; *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, January 2007.

Cooperation between the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum and the World Economic Forum

The Ministry for Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation signed an agreement on cooperation with the organizers of the World Economic Forum in Davos. According to the document, the organizers of Davos Forum will take part in the arrangements for the XI St. Petersburg International Economic Forum which will take place on 9-10 June 2007. Each participant of the World Economic Forum already received an invitation to the St. Petersburg Economic Forum. Within the frames of St. Petersburg Forum the organizers of Davos Forum will hold a round-table conference.

The federal financing of the St. Petersburg Forum 2007 constitutes 48 million RUR (compared to 6 million RUR in 2006).

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

Swedish *Wokie-Dokie* Fast Food in St. Petersburg



The Swedish *Wokie-Dokie* fast food chain has entered the market of St. Petersburg. The first *Wokie-Dokie* restaurant was opened in the end of 2006 in *Mega-Parnas* shopping mall. The second restaurant will start its work in *Mega-Dybenko* mall in February 2007. It is planned to

open up to 10 *Wokie-Dokie* restaurants by 2010. According to the management of *Wokie-Dokie SPb* the total investments in one restaurant on a food court constitute 130 thousand USD, for a detached restaurant the sum amounts to 150-200 USD depending on the rent prices.

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

Governmental Investments in the Labor Market of St. Petersburg

The city of St. Petersburg in cooperation with the city enterprises will invest in training of future employees. In the framework of the labor market development programme 2006-2015 the government of St. Petersburg will invest 2 million RUR in the training of employees for the investment projects, realized in the city. In 2008 the sum will amount to 3 million RUR.

50% of costs will be covered by the city of St. Petersburg, and another 50% by the future employers. The project is carried out under the auspices of the Committee on Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade. It is planned that the future employees will study at higher educational establishments and colleges, as well as at special educational bases at the enterprises where the experienced employees will share their knowledge with the newcomers. Now the Committee is gathering requests from the enterprises interested in the programme, which is needed to start its active phase.

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

Cooperation Agreement between the Mälardalen University and the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University



On 8 November 2006 the Mälardalen University and the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University signed a Cooperation Agreement. The Agreement stipulates cooperation between the universities in the field of exchange programs for students and lecturers. The document was signed by Dmitry Arseniev, Vice Rector on International Relations of the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University, Sergey Pogodin, Head of International Relations Department at St. Petersburg State Polytechnic, and Ingergerd Palmer, President of Mälardalen University.

As stipulated in the Agreement, every term 2 exchange students from International Relations Department will have an opportunity to study at Mälardalen University. It's planned to start the implementation of the Agreement by the next academic year.

The Agreement is a result of long-term cooperation between Sörmland and St. Petersburg (see Issue 4, 2004, week 10), and cooperation between the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University and the Mälardalen University. The latter started with the visit of the representatives of the Mälardalen University and Sörmland Regional Council to St-Petersburg on 15-16 September 2004 (see Issue 17, 2004, week 39).

Source: Sergey Pogodin, International Relations Department at the St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University; e-mail: kmo@imop.spbstu.ru

Judicial Precedent: Scandinavia Clinic vs. the Compulsory Medical Insurance Fund

The Scandinavia clinic has recently won the judicial process and got the right to work with the system of the compulsory medical insurance. According to Marina Brodskaya, commercial director of the *Scandinavia clinic*, this will give an opportunity to sale medical services to the patients who could not afford it before. Partial financing from The Compulsory Medical Insurance Fund budget will compensate the difference between the tariffs and permit the clinic to reduce the costs of medical services.

Evgeny Rozhkov, managing director of St. Petersburg Medical Chamber, resumes that this judicial precedent is only a question of principle for the *Scandinavia clinic*, but is a rather important source of income for the smaller private clinics.

At present the *CardioClinic* Company is prosecuting the Compulsory Medical Insurance Fund.

Here is the comparative analysis of medical services costs in private clinics and state medical institutions (financed from the *Compulsory Medical Insurance Programme*):

Service	Costs of medical services (RUR)	
	Private clinics	State medical institutions
Examination by a physician	500-800	160
Examination by an otolaryngologist	900-1000	160
One-day stay in a day hospital	1400	320
One-day stay in a hospital	2250	862

Source: *Delovoy Peterburg* newspaper, December 2006, www.dp.ru

Licensing in the Healthcare Sector



The Government of the Russian Federation approved the new Regulations on Licensing of Medical Institutions which are to replace the previous ones, adopted in 2002. The new Regulations extend the list of requirements for the medical institutions, abolish the terms of issue and denial in a license, make the compliance assessment compulsory, and make Roszdravnadzor – the Federal Service for Supervision of Public Health and Social Development – the official licensing body. According to Roszdravnadzor, the most important part of the new Regulations is the distinct definition of major violations in the licensing requirements. Now a medical license can be granted for a five-year term. The decision-making on this issue is provided in the procedure stipulated in the Federal law “On Licensing of Certain Activities”.

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