

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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Visit of the Governor of Stockholm Region to St. Petersburg



On 30 January – 1 February the Governor of the Stockholm region, Per Unckel; the President of Stockholm Business Region, Olof Zetterberg; CEO of *Stockholm Business Region Development*, Kristina Tidestav; Head of the Department for EU Cooperation, Stockholm County Administrative Board, Anna Larsson; and International Director of Stockholm County Council, Sören Berg, made a visit to St. Petersburg.

During the visit Per Unckel and the Governor of St. Petersburg Valentina Matvienko signed a Working Plan for 2008-2009 in the frames of the Cooperation Agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and the Stockholm-Mälars Region of 2 February 2006.

On 1 February the Governor met the Plenipotentiary Presidential Envoy to the Northwest Federal District, Ilya Klebanov, to discuss the prospects of cooperation between the Stockholm region and the Northwest Russia.

The programme included a visit to the Exhibition Hall of Strategic Projects, and meetings with representatives of the St. Petersburg Committee on Economic Development, Industrial Policy and Trade, the Federal Statistic Office in St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region, and the Northwest Division of the Russian Union of Travel Industry.



The prospects of healthcare cooperation within the signed Working Plan and the Cooperation Agreement were discussed during the meeting with representatives of the St. Petersburg Committee on Public Health. There also were discussions with representatives of the Association of Healthcare Managers, aimed at promoting cooperation in such directions, as experience exchange and project activities.

On 31 January in the frames of academic cooperation the representatives of the Stockholm region took part in the seminar

“Universities as Innovation and Regional Development Centres”, organized at the Bonch-Bruевич St. Petersburg State University of Telecommunications. Among the participants of the seminar were students, professors, and representatives of the City of St. Petersburg, business community and mass media.



On 1 February the delegation participated in the opening of the exhibition *Raoul Wallenberg: One Man Can Make a Difference*, which tells the story of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews in Budapest during the final stage of the Nazi occupation of Hungary in 1944 - 1945. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Swedish Minister for Culture Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth.

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Perspective Projects in the Northwest Russia



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Committee Elena Khazova

Republic of Karelia – developing of the Korpag iron ore deposit, construction of small factories for timber processing.

Komi Republic – construction of the Sosnogorsk alumina plant, Udorsk factory for the production of sulphate and viscose cellulose, complex development of the Yarega oil and gas deposit.

Arkhangelsk Region – construction of two new diamond mining and concentration complexes, completion of the gas pipeline Kharyaga-Varandei. There is a possibility of developing high-profitable mining projects for the deposits of construction materials (basalt, gypsum), road construction materials (sand, gravel), lead-zinc and silver-possessing ores (deposits at the New Land archipelago).

Vologda Region – investment project “Special economic zone Sheksna” – Russian and foreign partners are invited for participation.

Leningrad Region – construction of new motor plants of *General Motors*, *Toyota*, *Nissan*; *Bosch-Siemens* bus construction plant; new thermo-mechanic cellulose plant in Svetogorsk. Construction of shopping/recreation and business centers, tourist and sport complexes, development of seaport terminals in Ust-Luga and Primorsk.

Pskov Region – construction of a large-scale plant for the production of

thermo-mechanic cellulose.

Kaliningrad Region – construction of a big recreation area, mass house-building, reconstruction of the Kaliningrad seaport.

Murmansk Region – completion of an oil processing plant on the west bank of the Kola peninsular, mining metallurgic complex for ilmenite-titanium-magnetite ores, a number of seaport terminals.

Neenetsky autonomous district – construction of a 386 km highway Narian-Mar – Usinsk (Komi Republic), reconstruction of the runway at the Narian-Mar airport.

Novgorod Region – development of the capacities of *Akron* chemical plant, which will annually produce 700 thousand tons of melanin and ammonia.

Reference



North-West Association was founded in 1991 by representatives of executive and legislative authorities of the 11 federal subjects of the Northwest Russia. The main goal of the Association is to promote effective interaction of the northwest regions in creating conditions for interregional integration, social and economic development.

The objectives defined by the Association include issues in the field of industry, agriculture, transport, energy, social branches and other spheres. They could be specified as follows: coordination of territories' activities in the frameworks of cooperatively accepted economic and social programs; development and implementation of regional programs and projects with foreign and domestic capital participation, creating necessary conditions for foreign investors with regard to the interests of the Association's members; labor market research; personnel training,

accommodation of the population coming from other regions of the country; establishment of mutually beneficial economic relations with other regions, republics and districts, long-term direct agreements on supplies of production for industrial and technical purposes, foodstuffs and other agricultural products.

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Professional Cleaning in Medical Institutions: Problems, Trends and Prospects



On 28 March a practical *Professional Cleaning in Medical Institutions: Problems, Trends and Prospects* will take place in St. Petersburg at the premises of Children's Hospital № 5.

Both Russian and Finnish manufacturers will take part in the conference. There are also plans to demonstrate cleaning of various hospital zones – ward, corridor, and approach territory. A trade show will be held in the hospital to demonstrate: various types of cleaning equipment; cleansing and deodorant stuff; washing equipment and various dispensers.

The Conference is organized by the *Regional Association of Managers in Medical Service*. The Association has a project of creating a commercial educational center with regard to the issues of medical cleaning. Currently

the Association is also planning a study visit to Germany.

The Association welcomes Swedish specialists and representatives to take part in the Conference.

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Body in Conquered Space



On January 24, 2008, the Danish photographer John R. Johnsen opened his exhibition *Body in Conquered Space* at the National Centre of Photography (35 Bolshaya Morskaya Str.)

John Johnsen's photos are focused on dances and moves of Mette Bødtcher, ballerina at The Royal Danish Ballet. Anne Flindt Christensen, dance critique, described the exhibition as "a project with a dancer, a black space, a mirror – and a camera. A project by a photographer who wanted to explore the body's movements – by observing, staging and provoking a dancer."

The exhibition was brought to St. Petersburg with the support of the BG Fonden, the Consulate General of Denmark, and the Danish Cultural Institute.

The exhibition will be open until March 2, and then will be shown in Petrozavodsk and Moscow.

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