

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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Moscow Region Duma visits Stockholm County Council



A delegation led by vice chairman Mr Vladimir Alexeev visited Stockholm last week together with six representatives of the Moscow Region to study use of IT technology within health care.

During the visit Stockholm County Council presented its IT strategy and gave several examples of the use of modern technology in the health care sector. The famous pharmacy company Astra Zeneca had invited the delegation and showed them how telemedicine can be used now and in the future. A visit at the Astrid Lindgren children hospital was also included in the programme and the digital X-ray department was presented. At the clinic for pathology the Russian delegation took part in

an consultation process via IT technology with another Swedish hospital.

The County Council also presented the plan for a new university hospital based on modern technology and new organisation of the health care. Apart from the study visits programme several discussions on how to increase and deepen the contacts between Moscow region and Stockholm region were held. Among other things, the issue of facilitating the development of contacts between the respective business sectors was addressed and this will also be discussed during the visit of Stockholm County Council to Moscow which will take place in the end of November, in accordance with the working plan signed in Stockholm in June.

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New Neighbourhood Programmes

Information seminar devoted to the possibilities of project financing within the frames of the new EU Neighbourhood Programmes was held at the Government of the Leningrad Region on 27 October 2005. The seminar was organized by the Committee on International and Regional Relations of the Government of the Leningrad Region, St. Petersburg Office of the EC Delegation to Russia and Regional Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) project financed by the EU.

Information on participation in South-East Finland - Russia Neighbourhood Programme and Estonia – Latvia – Russia Neighbourhood Programme was presented at the seminar.

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II International Conference *Modernization of Housing and Communal Services in Russia - 2005*



The II International Conference *Modernization of Housing and Communal Services in Russia - 2005* held within the frames of the *II International Housing and Communal Services* fair took place in St. Petersburg at the exhibition hall Lenexpo on 7-8 November 2005. The conference was arranged with the support from the Ministry of Regional Development of Russian Federation, the City of St. Petersburg and the Government of the Leningrad Region. Current conditions and the possibilities for developing Russia's housing stock on the basis of the international experience were addressed.

During the plenary session, reports were given, in particular, by Yunis Lukmanov, Head of the Housing Committee of the City of St. Petersburg, Andrey Shirokov, Deputy Head of the Department on Housing and Communal Services and Development of Moscow, Sergey Miakov, Head of Committee on Energy Complex, Housing and Communal Services of the Government of the Leningrad Region and Arne Keller representing the German company *Techem Energy Services GmbH*. Mr. Keller made a report on the company's experience in water and heating registration and consumption in German houses. The conference hosted over 300 participants, including about 20 international companies and organizations from Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Finland.



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The German Components Producers Study Leningrad Region



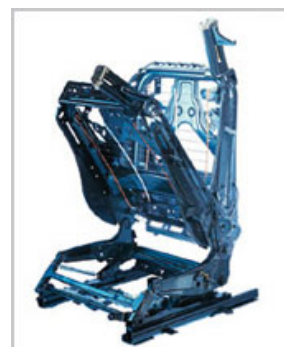
CRH

On 27 October 2005 during the work meeting of Grigoriy Dvas, the Vice Governor of the Leningrad Region, with the representatives of *German C. Rob. Hammerstein GmbH&Co. KG (CRH)* the

possibilities to begin the production of components for car industry in the Leningrad region were discussed.

The management of *CRH* is looking for an appropriate place in Russia to build a factory. Among the company's costumers are: *BMW, Daimler Chrysler, Volkswagen*. Nowadays *CRH* is planning to become the supplier for *Ford* and *Toyota* acting in the Northwest Russia.

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Swedish tennis-player won *St. Petersburg Open 2005*



On 30 October 2005 during the final of *St. Petersburg Open-2005 Cup* Thomas Johansson (Sweden) took his second title of the *St. Petersburg Open* winner defeating Nicolas Kiefer (Germany) who lost to Igor Andreev during the Kremlin Cup final two weeks ago.

The final was preceded by the VIP double's tournament among city officials: St. Petersburg governor Valentina Matvienko (who played in tandem with Shamil Tarpishev, President of the Russian Tennis Federation) and Vice Governor Sergey Tarasov (assisted by Vyacheslav Fetisov, RF Minister of Sports). Valentina Matvienko and Shamil Tarpishev won the match 6:4, 4:6, 6:4.



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