

Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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Linné Activities Launched at the Newly Opened IKEA-MEGA

On 16 November IKEA opened a MEGA family shopping center adjacent to IKEA store in the Vsevolozhsky district of Leningrad oblast, at the St. Petersburg ring road. The shopping center comprises 180 000 square meters of trade area and houses over 170 shops distributing shoes and clothes, cosmetics, sportswear and children's goods.

A number of picturesque banners promoting Linné and Sweden as a tourist destination are displayed at the newly opened shopping center. Thus, the Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg has launched a series of activities to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Carl von Linné. These banners present, in particular a number of photos from the Linné exhibition to be opened on December 15 at the Russian Museum. The exhibition and Linné's anniversary will be used to lift Sweden and market, in particular, the sector of biotechnologies.



Sources: The Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg, http://www.swedenabroad.com/pages/start_28626.asp

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Swedwood Tikhvin Factory Opened

On 15 November a subsidiary of Swedwood International, part of Swedish DIY retailer IKEA, opened a new furniture assembly plant, investing 13 million euros (\$17 million) into its construction. Swedwood Tikhvin was founded in 2001 as a subsidiary of the Swedwood international industrial group, which operates 36 furniture plants in 12 countries. The Leningrad Oblast plant will produce up to one million units of furniture a year. Turnover is expected to be around 30 million euros, and the company expects to return the investment within nine years.

Source: St. Petersburg Times, www.sptimes.ru

Investments in Warehouses in St. Petersburg

The dynamic development of the St. Petersburg ring road has led to the construction of a large number of the warehouses around the city, being an essential part of the logistics process. By the end of 2006 the supply of quality warehouses will be doubled, making about 1 million square meters. Thus, the *RosEuroDevelopment* Company is going to invest \$ 250 million in construction of an industrial-logistics park of about 300 thousand square meters near the St. Petersburg ring road. The consulting company *Knight Frank* LLC currently drafting the concept for the development of the area of about 400 thousand square meters, bordering to the ring road, in the Vsevolozhsky district. The project budget is considered to be about \$2 billion. The implementation of the project is planned for the period of 7-8 years, to be started already in 2007.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg newspaper, 6, 13, 31 October 2006, www.dp.ru and <http://www.knightfrank.ru/?id=12&id1=361>

Photo: www.interpress.ru





Opening of the Second Flat for Joint Residence of Disabled in St. Petersburg

The official opening of the second flat for the joint residence of disabled took place in St. Petersburg on 16 November within the frames of the Russian-Swedish project *Development of Social Work in St. Petersburg*, financed by SIDA. The representatives of the City of St. Petersburg, municipalities, Consulate General of Sweden in St. Petersburg and mass media took part in the event.

The project has been carried out by The Stockholm University together with the City of St. Petersburg since 1998. The first flat for 5 people was opened in January 2006.

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

Photo: www.interpress.ru

The System of Quality Standards is to be Implemented in St. Petersburg Clinics



The system of quality standards is going to be implemented in St. Petersburg municipal clinics by the end of 2006. The first step is to provide criteria for quality evaluation of doctor's work.

Implementation of clinical-economic standards will help patients to protect themselves from possible medical errors, though reducing doctor's freedom and creativity. Such "clinical protocols" will be available for everybody on www.klinrek.ru and will allow calculating an average cost of treatment of main diseases and

diagnoses in the city. It is important, that the standards determine only the minimum that a doctor should comply with each disease. At present the reference-information system for clinical decision-making *Doctor's consultant* includes 118 clinical recommendations and 492 clinical-pharmacological clauses.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg newspaper, October 2006, www.dp.ru

Photo: www.interpress.ru

Electronic Outpatient Records will Be Introduced into Practice in the Leningrad Oblast

In the end of October a project introducing the electronic information

system *Polyclinic in the Leningrad oblast* was started. The

project is financed

from the oblast budget with 9,8 million rubles. The main idea is to provide each patient of the outpatient-and-polyclinic institutions with an electronic case story instead of the paper documents, which will make it easier to accumulate all the information about the patients, as well as safe doctors'time by eliminating paper work.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg newspaper, October 2006, www.dp.ru

Photo: www.interpress.ru



St. Petersburg Budget-2007

The budget of St. Petersburg for the year 2007 was adopted by the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly. It will constitute 208,5 billion rubles, as compared to the budget of 2003.

Source: Metro newspaper, October 2006

85 years of St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry



St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry celebrated its 85th anniversary on 10 November. The celebration was held at the Tavrichesky Palace with the president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation Evgeni Primakov and the Governor of St. Petersburg Valentina Matvienko being invited among other guests.

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The St. Petersburg Airport Pulkovo-1 will be completely Reconstructed by 2025



According to the master-plan of the airport Pulkovo-1 development, during the period of 2006-2025 the terminal Pulkovo-1 will be reconstructed or even taken down,

and a new, modern terminal will be constructed behind it for the purposes of taking international flights. At present, the carrying capacity of the Pulkovo airport is 1,8 thousand people/hour. According to forecasts, it will increase to 17 million people by 2025. 1 billion USD is planned to be invested in the reconstruction.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg newspaper, October 2006, www.dp.ru

Photo: www.interpress.ru

Swedish Investments in St. Petersburg

Northern European Properties Limited company plans to invest 300-350 million EUR in the real estate sector of Scandinavia, Baltic states and the Northwest Russia.

Northern European Properties, which belongs to LR Swedish Holdings No.1., plans to offer its shares at the London Stock Exchange on 15 November. At present, the company possesses 84 real estate assets in Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Lithuania, and has annual profit of about 120 million EUR. On the whole, Northern European Properties assets (mainly hotels and commercial property) are assessed to constitute 1, 86 billion EUR.

The company plans to carry out projects with overall cost of 1,2 billion EUR, which includes 750 million EUR to be invested in acquisitions in the Northwest Russia and the Baltic states.

Source: Delovoy Peterburg newspaper, October 2006, www.dp.ru

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