

# Northwest Russia: Facts and Events

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## Moscow Regional Duma visits Stockholm County Council



A delegation of Moscow Regional Duma visited Stockholm on 26-29 April upon the invitation from Stockholm County Council. The visit continued the series of events arranged within the frames the Agreement between Stockholm County Council and Moscow Regional Duma on Interregional Cooperation and the related Action Plan signed in June 2005.

The delegation was led by the First Deputy Chairman of Moscow Regional Duma Mr. Vladimir Alexeev. Together with four other representatives of the Moscow Region he got an insight into the system for the geriatric care functioning in the Stockholm county.

During the visit the guests, in particular, had a meeting with the Chairman of the County Council Executive Board Mrs Ingela Nylund Watz and other members of the Board. The representative of the Stockholm Foundation for Elderly Care presented the activities to promote better health among the elderly. The model of "cognitive support" designing a better life for elderly was described by the representative of the School of Technology and Health of the Royal Institute of Technology.

The programme also included a study visit to SMART LAB, where the delegation had a chance to get acquainted with the technical equipment applied to make it possible for the elderly to keep up an independent life. Telemedicine technologies applied in geriatric care were presented during the visit to Ericsson company.

The programme was complemented with a field trip to Norrtälje municipality, where the delegation visited the Norrtälje Hospital and was briefed on the "Roslagen's model" of voluntary contributions to maintain a health life among senior citizens.

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## Stockholm Culture Administration Visited St. Petersburg



A delegation of Stockholm Culture Administration headed by Mrs. Eva Schiöld, Head of the Stockholm Culture Administration, visited St. Petersburg on 11-14 May. The programme of the visit included, in particular, a meeting with the Deputy Head of the St. Petersburg Committee on Cultural Affairs Vasily Pankratov, who presented the newly adopted Concept of the St. Petersburg Cultural Development.

The delegation also got acquainted with the work of St. Petersburg cultural institutions, such as Mayakovsky City Public Library and the Mravinsky Art

School for Children, where a mini-performance for guests was held. The programme of the visit was arranged with a support from the Stockholm Region Office in St. Petersburg.

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## New Energy Contract between St. Petersburg and Finland

The top management of the JSC Baltenergo, an associated company of the federal state unitary enterprise Rosenergoatom, agreed upon energy supplies to Finland for 4.5 billion Euro. The Russian party in the contract with the Finnish consortium Basel AB is represented by the United Energy Oy (Finland), whose major stakeholder is Baltenergo. Thus, Rosenergoatom took advantage of the opportunity to sell electric power abroad bypassing the export monopolist RAO United Energy Systems of Russia. The contract is to reanimate the earlier project of cable installation from the Leningrad Nuclear Power Station to Finland along the bottom of the Gulf of Finland.

The construction of the cable connecting Kernovo (Leningrad region) with Kotka is to be launched in 2007. The length of the cable is 150 km, its capacity is 1000 megawatt. The cable is to conduct 8.7 billion kWh of electric power, which will give an opportunity to load one of the four energy units of the Leningrad Nuclear Power Station, currently used only by 75 per cent of its capacity.

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## Scania OmniLine is the Best Foreign Bus in Russia in 2005



During the seventh international branch fair *Commercial Motor Transport 2006* held in Moscow Scania OmniLine buses have won the annual competition *Russia's Best Commercial Automobile of the Year* in the nomination *The Best Foreign Buses in Russia* in 2005.

As it was marked by Raimo Lehtiö, Managing Director of Scania Russia, the company has been awarded this prize several times. In 2002 Scania won in the nomination *The Best Auto Truck of the Year*, in 2003 - OmniLink buses were considered to be *The Best Foreign Buses in Russia*. Last year Scania-Peter bus factory took the first place nominated in *Special Award for Successful Mastering of the Russian Market*.

A new modification of Scania OmniLine long-distance (intercity) bus was put into operation in 2004. In April 2006 Scania Piter finished the assembling of 73 Scania OmniLink ethanol buses to be delivered to Stockholm.

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## Volvo CE Leases Out Equipment for St. Petersburg Ring Road Construction



On 10 April Lars Haglund, the president of the Volvo Construction Equipment International, signed the lease contract for 14 new machines with Valery Abramov, General Director of VAD Ltd. Transaction value is 5 million USD. The equipment will be used in the construction of the St. Petersburg ring road, as well as in other VAD projects carried out in Karelia, Vologda, Pskov and Yaroslavl. The company has already been running 170 Volvo machines.

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## Russian-German Exchange programmes for Young Managers

On 30 April - 7 May 2006 the Fund *Russian-German Centre of Contacts at Peterkirche* carried out a pilot project for managers of Russian-German youth exchange programmes. The project was organised in cooperation with the Russian-German Youth Exchange Fund under the auspices of the St. Petersburg Committee on Youth Policy and Social Organizations Interaction and the Senate of Hamburg.



The target group of the project is bilingual students both in Russia and Germany, who either took part in exchange programmes or are currently involved in their implementation.

The project is also aimed at those who have knowledge of intercultural pedagogy and want to develop their organisational skills. The main goal of the programme is education in the following directions: accompaniment and evaluation of intercultural educational processes, information on Russian and German cultures, guiding and managing exchange groups, organisation issues and young managers' survival course. The programme includes three main blocks: intercultural component, project management, group dynamics and training. 40 young managers of youth exchange programmes from St. Petersburg and Hamburg already take part in the project.

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## Exclusive Jazz Concert at the Danish Cultural Institute in St. Petersburg



An exclusive jazz concert was held on April 26, 2006, at the Danish Cultural Institute in St.

Petersburg. Christopher Bo Bramsen, Ambassador, Chief of Protocol of the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Lieutenant-Colonel Christian Eugen-Olsen, Chamberlain, Master of Ceremonies of Her Majesty Queen of Denmark's Royal Household, concluded their visit to St. Petersburg by showing their professional musical skills, playing with a trio of Russian jazz musicians, A. Popov, VI. Kozlov and G. Bagdasarian. The audience, which included representatives of the Protocol Department, the Royal Danish Consulate, and the city's cultural institutions, was treated to classic jazz masterpieces and awarded the players with enthusiastic ovation.

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