

## Russian-Israeli Negotiation Proceeds

The visit of a diplomatic delegation headed by Consul General of Israel Michael Lotem shows dynamically developing bilateral relationships between Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University and Israel.

The meeting took place at the International Relations Resource Centre on April 15, 2015. Consul General of Israel, Consul Violetta Diachenko and Coordinator of Economic Relations Natalia Chernyh took part in the meeting. Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University was represented by A.L. Mazina, Chief Deputy of International Relations Administration, V.P. Shkodyrev, Head of the Department Control Systems and Technology of the Institute of Computer Science and Control Systems and some representatives of international services.





It should be noted that it is a second visit of Consul General of Israel to our university. The first official meeting was held one month before on March 11, 2015. Michael Lotem confessed that Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University had made a good impression on him. That is why he became interested in developing of bilateral relations of higher education institutes, research centres and industrial plants of Israel and Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University to make the best of scientific, educational, technical, intellectual and other resources of both countries.

The delegation visited some objects of scientific infrastructure of our university – the scientific and a technological complex "Mathematical Modelling and Intellectual Control Systems", the Russian-German Center of Laser Technologies and "Nanobiotechnology" Research and Innovation Complex".

Consul General of Israel told the participants that leading universities and enterprises of Israel, including Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the participants of the Israeli national nanotechnological initiative, had already been informed of the prospects for further development of the cooperation with Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University. The parties exchanged their judgments on the directions for further extensive cooperation. They mainly focused on more intensive cooperation in the field of academic exchange. It includes lecturing and joint scientific surveys, student exchange programs, the organization of scientific training for postgraduate students and Master's degree students.

In conclusion, the members of the International Relations Office of Saint Petersburg State Polytechnic University invited the representatives of Higher Education Institutions of Israel to visit our university and read lectures for our students, and Israeli students to participate in the International Polytechnic Summer School. In its turn, the representatives of a diplomatic mission hoped that the Russian-Israeli academic relations would cooperate in a scalene and positive way in a number of areas.

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