<u>SPbPU at the Conference on International Education in Glasgow</u>

The delegation of Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University took part in the yearly conference organized by the European Association for International Education (EAIE) that was held in Glasgow, Scotland, in the middle of September. The event was accompanied by the international education exhibition, the largest in Europe.



The yearly conference of the European Association for International Education (EAIE) is the largest event in the sphere of education, which is visited by foreign colleagues and partners every year. The main goal of the Polytechnic University at the conference was searching for new contacts aimed at global networking and development. The organizers of the conference did their best to help make it come true: more than 500 stands had been prepared by universities and international educational institutions. The representatives of the Office of International Educational Projects (OIEP) acted on behalf of SPbPU at the conference, namely E.G. Nikonchyuk, the Director of the Office, O.G. Emelyanova, Deputy Director of the Office, O.I. Krylova, Director of the Department for Coordinating International Educational Programs (DCIEP), E. Sokolova, Lecturer of the Department of Nuclear and Heat Power Engineering.

Russian universities, participants of the project "5-100", shared one stand. More than 200 foreign colleagues visited the stand of the Polytechnic University within three days. As a result of negotiations, student exchange programs were arranged, as well as certain international networking educational programs (degrees received and recognized in two countries, programs of additional professional training). A frame contract of cooperation was signed with the German Graduate School of Management and Law.



During the conference numerous seminars, professional sections and discussions were held. The professional section «An update on Russian higher education internationalization» was devoted to Russian higher education. O.I. Krylova, Director of DCIEP at OIEP made a report on the implementation of international educational programs in the English language.

As a result of the conference and exhibition, it became clear that there is a sufficient demand for Russian higher education. Foreign students are interested in getting a degree at our University, participating in exchange programs, summer and winter schools.

Chinese and Korean higher education institutions are ready to arrange scholarships for our students to help them take part in short- and long-term educational programs.

"Foreign students have a keen interest in studying in Russia. Our country is open for everyone and the world of knowledge has no borders. Well-known and gifted lecturers work for our universities; students have an opportunity to study at the leading foreign universities. We look positively at the future of international cooperation and the prospects of Russian higher education, which is supported by the government. Today we are sure that Russian higher education is developing fast", said E.G. Nikonchyuk, Director of the Office of International Educational Projects.

Russian Evening held at Glasgow Science Center was a memorable event for all members of the Russian delegation and their foreign partners. It was organized by persons in charge of the Project "5-100" stand. Those who had been invited appreciated a lot the warm-hearted and friendly atmosphere. The guests were welcomed to try traditional Russian cuisine and take part in amusing competitions. Coming back home is a new step towards promoting the Polytechnic University globally. To be continued by all means.

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