

## Rector of SPbPU Discussed Modern Tendencies in the Sphere of University Systems Development with his German Colleagues

During his business trip to Germany A.I. Rudskoy, Rector of Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, took part in a meeting of Rectors of German and Russian universities in Bonn, and he also visited the Technical University of Munich.

The second meeting of the heads of Russian and German research and educational organizations took place on 6th October in Bonn, Germany. The meeting attended by the Rectors of the leading universities in both countries was devoted to modern trends in the development of university systems in Germany and Russia, namely research, teaching and innovations.



36 German universities are partners of the Polytechnic University. The University of Stuttgart is one of the three German universities that have signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Polytechnic University. A.I. Rudskoy and Wolfram Ressel, Rector of the University of Stuttgart, discussed the issues concerning partnership intensification and, in particular, joint research in the sphere of virtual

prototyping, applied mechanics and materials science; the implementation of joint educational programs “Global Education” and “Tandem Project”; organization of joint annual conferences for the Library Complex of SPbPU and its German partners. As for cultural exchange, the student choir “Polyhymnia” gave a performance at the University of Stuttgart in 2015, and in 2016 the Stuttgart choir and orchestra are expected to visit SPbPU.

Two days later, on 8th October a meeting between Andrey Ivanovich Rudskoy and Wolfgang Hermann, President of the Technical University of Munich (TUM), took place.



It was the first visit of A.I. Rudskoy to the Technical University of Munich, which is one of the five referential universities of SPbPU within the framework of 5-100 Project. The Universities have been cooperating for more than 10 years: 40 students of the Polytechnic University have already participated in semester educational programs in Munich organized by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).

“Our partnership is bound to yield outstanding results, commented A.I. Rudskoy. We are planning to organize summer and winter schools for the students of both universities. We are also going to develop academic mobility programs, which means inviting Professors from the Technical University to lecture at the Polytechnic University, and carrying out international student exchange programs

in English for Master's degree students. Projects supported by Russian and German foundations are also to be implemented in our key spheres, such as engineering sciences, physics and space science, biomedicine and genetics, etc”.

The delegation of the Technical University of Munich presented their Center for Excellence Initiative; they spoke about the activities of the Institute for Advanced Study and the Munich School of Engineering, which are supposed to serve as a platform to develop scientific cooperation with the Polytechnic University.

Wolfgang Hermann, President of the Technical University of Munich, said, “I am happy that our meeting has been so productive: we have discussed our cooperation in great detail and we have signed an agreement on student exchange programs. Life science is studied thoroughly at the Polytechnic University and we would like to continue research together in this sphere using your unique facilities: laser tweezers and the Supercomputer Center “Polytechnic”.

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