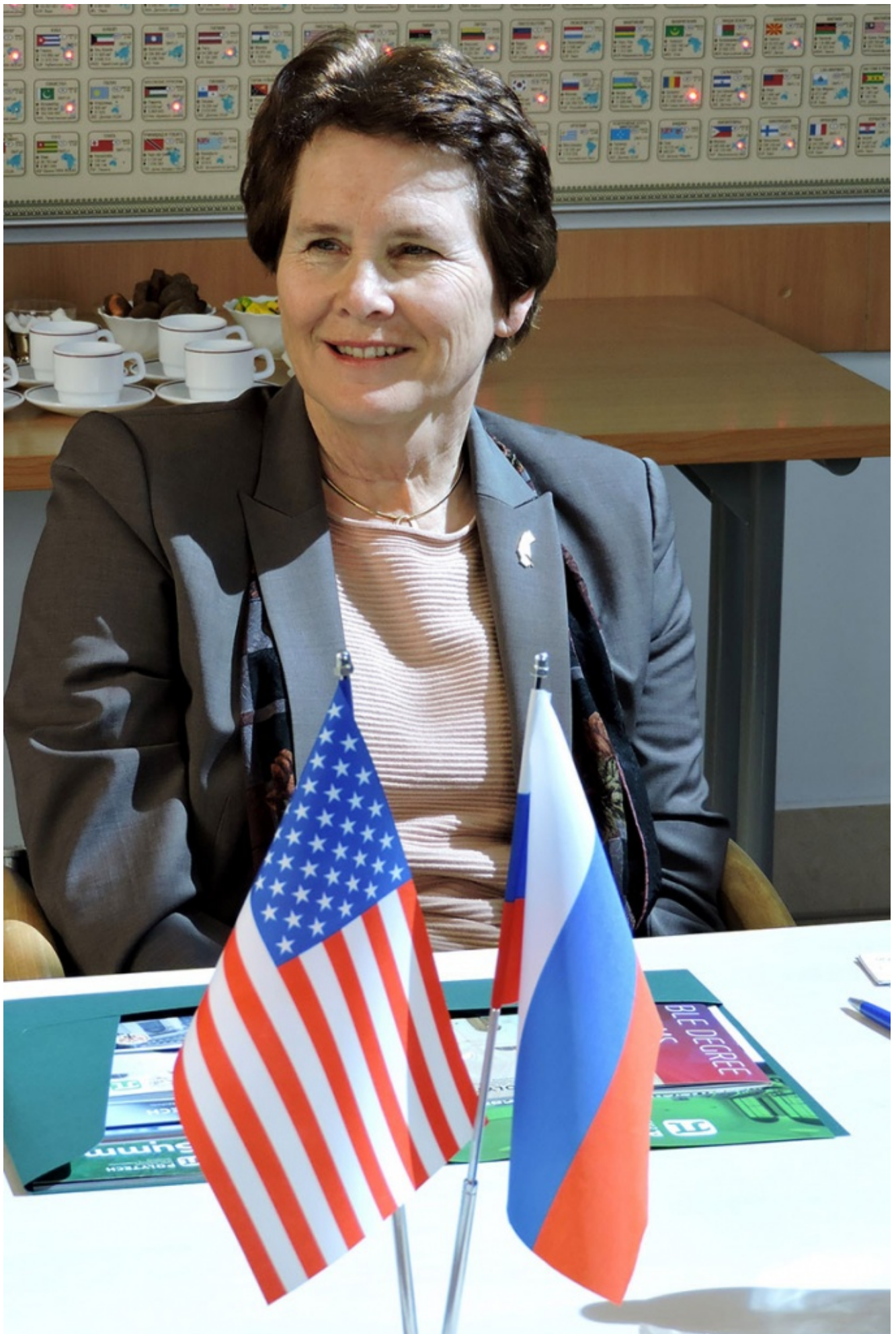


## The University of California, Los Angeles is a New Partner of SPbPU

On June 9 SPbPU International Relations Resource Center saw the negotiations with the Vice-Rector for New Collaborative Initiatives of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Kathryn Ann Atchison, which resulted in signing a general cooperation agreement between our universities.



SPbPU Vice-Rector for International Relations D.G. Arseniev, head of International Cooperation Office V.D. Hizhnyak, Director of the Institute of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (IAMM) M.E. Frolov, scientific groups' representatives, experienced in collaboration with the USA, and SPbPU International Service Departments' employees took part in the partnership event.



The main theme of the meeting was the discussion of future interaction in the projects funded by the USA and Russia, academic mobility programs, exchange of academic and teaching staff, global strategic research projects, joint participation of students in semester programs.

It should be mentioned that the educational alliance of American universities intends to have a serious and effective dialog with Russian universities. For instance, Los Angeles experts and analytics track scientific and educational achievements of our country very carefully and think that Russian education is a world-class brand. Kathryn Ann Atchison said that the UCLA had started developing relationships with Russian education institutions since 2010. According to her, academic mobility, student and lecturer exchange are the first-priority directions for cooperation. Summer Polytechnic Schools, which are innovative platforms and international centers, are of the utmost interest for American students. It is also planned that the UCLA students will study the Russian language at SPbPU.

“The UCLA students want internships at Russian companies. They will get unique experience and will be able to apply their knowledge into practice when they go home,” Kathryn Ann Atchison commented.

Competitive advantages of the UCLA education are presented by its successful graduates, who work at transnational corporations and international companies. SPbPU Vice-Rector for International Relations D.G. Arseniev confirms that the leading Russian technical university is aimed to develop relationship with the US higher education institutions, among which the UCLA stands out due to its evident inter-university collaboration prospects. “A lot of SPbPU scientists are interested in joint scientific projects with the USA,” specified SPbPU Vice-Rector for International Relations D.G. ARSENIIEV.





Thus, in the Molecular Neurodegeneration Laboratory, under the direction of Professor I.B. Bezprozvanny, they research brain mechanisms at such diseases as Alzheimer disease and Parkinson disease. The scientists plan not only to study the mechanisms of the diseases but also develop highly effectual medicines.

The AMM Director, M.E. Frolov confirmed that the Polytechnic University education corresponds to the international standards and requirements, since their first year the students are involved into research work and together with experienced specialists tackle important scientific problems. Internationally-known companies, such as BOEING and AIRBUS, see in SPbPU students their future HR potential. Mathematical education in SPbPU has always been famous for its high performance and has been recognized by the professional community.

E. Zahlebayev, a postgraduate student of SPbPU and the “Formula Student” project manager, showed the Polytechnic automotive engineers’ significant achievement to the honored guest – the race car designed and developed by students themselves. Kathryn Ann Atchison agreed that speed is crucial in our world, especially when it concerns the striving to become the first, including in the educational sphere.

As part of the visit to SPbPU the Vice-Rector for New Collaborative Initiatives of the University of California Los Angeles attended the Scientific Research Institute “MashTech” and Scientific Research Complex.

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