<u>Delegation of Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University in</u> SPbPU

At the end of November the delegation of Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, RAU, (Yerevan, Armenia) visited Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University. The main purpose of the visit is to train RAU professors and students, to get them acquainted with educational programs, to participate in the 17th Russian Youth Conference on Physics of Semiconductors and Nanostructures, opto- and nanoelectronics.



The visit to the Polytechnic University was organized within the framework of setting up the Association of Russian and Armenian higher education institutions. In early November, 2015 at the IV Russian-Armenian Interregional Forum "Russia. Armenia. Eurasian Economic Union. New Prospects for Interregional Cooperation" SPbPU was represented by the vice-rector for International Relations D.G. Arseniev and the deputy head of the International Cooperation Office N.M. Golovin. At rectors' forum vice-rector D.G. Arseniev reported on the implementation and results of the project for Slavic Universities Development Support by emphasizing the fact of cooperating with the Russian- Armenian University.

"United efforts in the area of education resulted into a new strategic interaction between Russian and Armenian universities. We rely on a trustful dialogue of the traditionally close partners, which is targeted at a mutually beneficial solution to important problems, - states Dmitriy Guermanovich. - A number of global activities, implemented by the Armenian authorities, aim to strengthen relationships with the Russian Federation, to enhance the performance of universities that are interested in the cooperation with our country".

Obviously, RAU is SPbPU's promising partner in the sphere of biotechnologies, micro- and nanoelectronics, project of establishing a joint research laboratory in telecommunications, academic mobility of students and professors. Today RAU has more than 2500 students who study by 52 educational programs. They actively go to study to other foreign universities, exchange experience and knowledge. The Russian -Armenian assembly in the Polytechnic University became one of most interesting and useful events for all participants, which is confirmed by the positive response of RAU undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Kazaryan Shushanik is a second-year postgraduate student in biochemistry. She emphasized the importance of visiting SPbPU and the chance to communicate with university's leading experts who could comment on the latest trends in medical physics. She reckons that achievements of the Russian leading technological university are associated with its rich and interesting history. "SPbPu is a record of world's great discoveries. The valuable advice of Russian colleagues has helped me reveal new facets of my research", - said Shushanik.

It is worth noting that today RAU has launched the joint Master's degree program with SPbPU "Materials and technologies for medicine and biotechnology". SPbPU's professor Dr. O.L. Vlasova from the Department of Medical Physics has recently given lectures in RAU.

RAU's associate professor T.E. Piliposyan expressed confidence about the development of target contacts with the Polytechnic University. "These collaborative events contribute to the professional growth of students and lead to strengthening friendly relationships between our countries", - explained Tigran E. Piliposyan.

Students of the Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Informatics, RAU, discover new ideas in the Polytechnic University. The head of the Department of Applied Mathematics, SPbPU, M.E. Frolov got them acquainted with pioneering developments and unique experiments. Most of the students became interested in enrolling in master's programs at our university. Besides, the Armenian delegation could enjoy the extensive cultural program.

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