International Polytechnic Summer School 2017 has started

On the 3th of July, 2017 Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University opened its doors for the <u>International Polytechnic Summer School</u> students for the sixth time. One of the biggest summer schools for international students in Russia annually surprises its participants with the new educational modules, visiting professors from different countries and an exciting cultural program. For example, the module Space Technologies has instantaneously become a popular innovative highlight of the School 2017.



This year International Polytechnic Summer School is anticipating about 500 students from 48 countries. We're happy to underline that such countries as Azerbaijan, Thailand, Bangladesh, Congo, South Africa, Slovak Republic, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Belarus are going to take part in the School for the first time. Lots of students attended the opening ceremony. Special guests of the event were the Director of the ITU (International Telecommunication Union) Radiocommunication Bureau François Rancy and Counselor of ITU-R Study Groups Vadim Nozdrin. Both of them, as Vice-Rector for International Relations Dmitry Arseniev noticed, played a significant role in the development of the new Summer School module Space Technologies.



'In cooperation with leading world universities Peter the Great Saint Petersburg Polytechnic University has been developing new international educational programs, including double degree programs. Today more than 5000 international students from 107 countries study at our University. International Polytechnic Summer School is an excellent opportunity for international students at least for a short period to become Polytech students, get new knowledge and make new friends and, of course, one should not forget about the beauty and charm of St. Petersburg in the magic period of White Nights', - added Dmitry Arseniev.



Straight after the Vice-Rector greeting speech Director of the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau François Rancy gave an introductory lecture where he briefed the key elements about International Telecommunication Union and the global role of teleradiocommunication all around the world. 'I am very glad that ITU and SPbPU can work together. It is important that satellite technologies are becoming more and more well-known and important for more and more students who choose this direction for education and future researches', - said François Rancy.



Development of the new module Space Technologies could be impossible in our university without the great efforts of the colleagues from the Institute of Physics, Nanotechnology and Telecommunications (IPNT) and its Director S.B. Makarov. At the opening ceremony professor Makarov told about key aspects of the module. It is known that students will have a wide program of lectures and researches. All of them are related with the telecommunication technologies, web streaming and space technologies. There will be a trip to the radio telescope as well. This telescope is one out of seven which are acting in one common radio-telecommunication chain to monitor space objects. The IPNT Director added that the telescope is very big – 37 meter in diameter, and the place where it is located is very beautiful.



This year <u>International Polytechnic Summer School</u> has 35 educational modules divided into sections such as Information Technologies (IT), Exact and Natural Sciences (ENS), Space Technology, Civil Engineering (CE), Energy Technology (ET), Design (D), Business Management (BM), Russian Studies (RS).

Yesterday students mad a sightseeing boat trip along of St. Petersburg's rivers and canals, and next day proceeded with lectures and workshops. The <u>team of the tutors</u> is is going to help international students with their studies and extracurricular activities. Every year Polytech students-tutors take part in the International Polytechnic Summer School events with great pleasure. As a part of a cultural program Summer School participant will see the Hermitage, Peterhof and go to a picnic party on the Gulf of Finland coast.

All that is lacking is to wish all the participants nice weather and, of course, good luck in their studying. International Polytechnic Summer School is officially opened!

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