

SPbPU at the APAIE Conference in Melbourne



Peter the Great St.Petersburg Polytechnic University took part in the 11th APAIE (Asia-Pacific Association for International Education) Annual Conference and Exhibition, which was held in Melbourne, Australia, from February 29 to March 3.

The Polytechnic University was represented at the joint Russian booth alongside other universities participating in the 5-100 Project. Over 1,600 delegates from 46 countries came here to discuss promising models for cooperation on the issues of research and academic mobility. SPbPU was represented by the Deputy Director of the International Educational Programs Office O. G. Yemelyanova and Student Exchange Coordinator of the Department of International Academic Mobility A. A. Sidorova.

APAIE is a non-profit organization established in 2004 on the premises of Korea University. It unites academic communities of thirteen Asian and Pacific countries. The Association aspires to enhance internationalization of higher education and research activity both in the Asia-Pacific region and around the world.



A. A. Sidorova, Student Exchange Coordinator of the Department of International Academic Mobility, noted that the main objective – which is to enhance and intensify international cooperation between the universities of different countries, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region – has already been achieved as the SPbPU delegation held talks on cooperation with representatives of more than 40 universities and organizations. "The cooperation is focused on student and teaching staff exchange, participation in international summer schools, development of new international educational programs and projects. Universities of Hong Kong, Korea, and Singapore expressed particular interest in cooperation with our university," A. A. SIDOROVA explained.

Natalia Butich, Project Manager of the strategic partnership between SPbPU and University of Hannover (Germany), took part in the section dedicated to the issue of strategic partnership between universities. She talked about the directions of interuniversity cooperation and the results of such cooperation. O.G. Yemelyanova, Deputy Director of the International Educational Programs Office, also took part in the section.

Olga Gennadievna stressed that participation in this kind of exhibitions and conferences is extremely important for the enhancement of international cooperation as it is "a great opportunity to represent a university on the international stage and talk about the university's international programs. It also allows us to better understand the trends in the development of international education and discuss these prospects with colleagues."

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