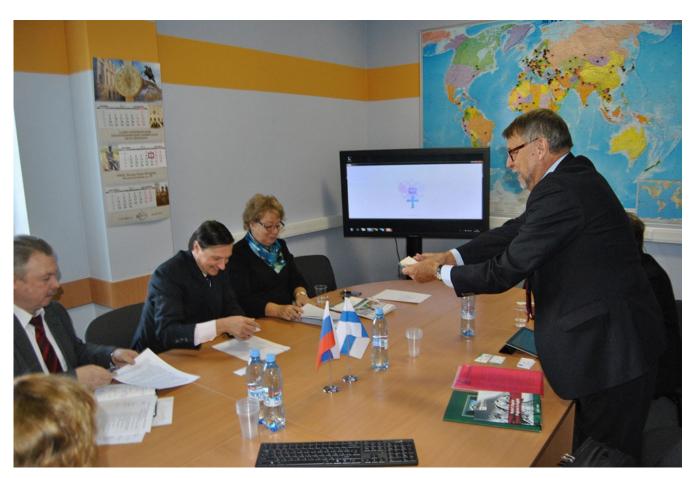
## <u>SPbPU is on its Way to a Partnership Network with the Universities of the Baltic Sea Region</u>

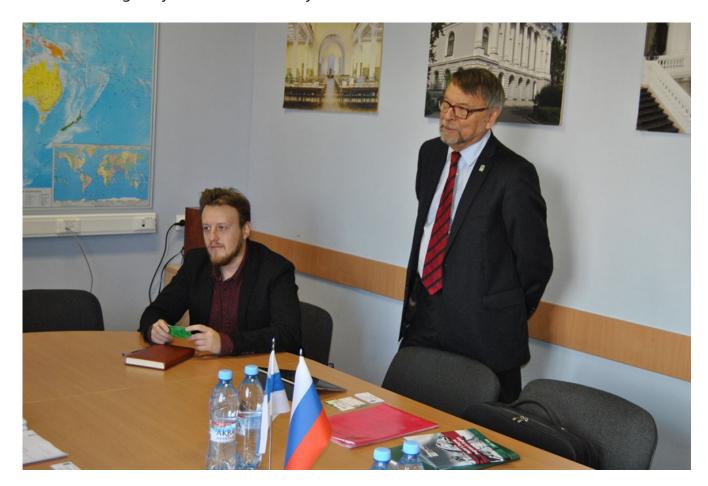
On 9th October D.G. Arseniev, Vice-Rector for International Relations of SPbPU, and Professor Kari Hyppönen, President of the Baltic Sea Region University Network, BSRUN, held a meeting at the Supply Center for International Activity. V.D. Khizhnyak, Director of the International Relations Office (ICO), N.V. Sokolova, Director of the Department of International Interuniversity Cooperation of ICO, and E.G. Nikonchuk, Director of the International Educational Programs Office, also took part in the negotiations.



Professor D.G. Arseniev, Vice-Rector for International Relations, spoke about the international activities of the University determined by the roadmap of 5-100 Project. Professor Kari Hyppönen talked about the goals and objectives of the Baltic Sea Region University Network.

Cooperation seems to be most productive in terms of establishing consortiums for joint projects and training programs for administrative staff, creating favorable conditions for interaction between scientists and managers, supporting postgraduate exchange programs. Professor Kari Hyppönen spoke about the achievements of the universities, members of BSRUN, and invited Peter the Great

St. Petersburg Polytechnic University to become a member of BSRUN as well.



The representatives of the international departments of the Polytechnic University expressed their willingness to participate in the upcoming events in order to have a closer look at the structural features and opportunities offered by BSRUN. "Our University closely cooperates with a whole range of universities, members of the Network. Establishing a partnership network can open new horizons in collaboration, that is to intensify partnership with universities, members of the Network, to increase the mobility of our students and lecturers; it is certain to ensure sharing experience, ideas and educational programs and result in the increased influence and competitiveness of the Polytechnic University on the global arena", commented D.G. Arseniev. In the nearest future the parties are to settle the issues concerning the participation of SPbPU as an observer at the meetings of BSRUN Steering Committee.

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The Baltic Sea Region University Network was founded in 2000 in the city of Turku, Finland. Any university with a high national ranking can become a member of the Network. The Network includes 30 universities from Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Belarus. Among BSRUN members our University has a partnership with Belarusian State University, the University of Eastern Finland,

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Riga Technical University and Vilnius University.

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