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Information Letter and Call for Papers

International Workshop

"Human Security and Socio-Economic Development in the Northern Peripheries"

*Held as a joint session with International Summer School
"Security and Recourses in the Barents Region"ⁱ
and as a part of International Academic Conference "Calotte Academy"ⁱⁱ*

May 22nd, 2015

Venue: *Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences
(Petrozavodsk, Pushkinskaya St., 11)*

Today we witness a gap between theoretical knowledge on human security and its practical applications that influences socio-economic development of a cross-border region. The problem is becoming more complicated due to the lack of communication between experts and potential ultimate target groups - local authorities, business and people.

In some cases the location of the Northern Periphery cross-border regions makes them vulnerable and exposed to various risks. This is why there is a need to establish a risk response system and render assistance in intelligent and innovative territory management based on knowledge.

Ability of different actors to prevent and resolve conflicts in various social and economic spheres is crucial for socio-economic development of the Northern territories. Conflict management is considered to be a key to development of sustainable social relations system, which also includes economic activities.

An appropriate legislative regulation of these issues is a key element of complex and sustainable development of socio-economic sphere, system of government and municipal management in subarctic region of Russia.

Objective of the workshop

The aim of the workshop is to discuss opportunities for development of the northern territories through establishment of system for risk and threat management, inherent in the sphere of human (soft) security of the northern cross-border region, and legislation regulation of above mentioned issues. The workshop is focused on questions of prevention and resolution of conflicts affecting sustainable development of northern communities.

Participants of the workshop

Representatives of scientific community, universities, federal, regional and local authorities, business community, non-profit organizations and local communities, interested in the solution of security problems and development of their territories.

Themes of seminar and discussion questions

- Security of the northern regions in the framework of international relations – assessment of global international politics influence on socio-economic development of the region
- Legal regulations of security aspects of the European North and Arctic. Legal regulations of socio-economic sphere, government and municipal system in the subarctic region of Russia
- Economic security – analysis of economic risks, assessment of business development in cross-border regions. Provision of safety and legitimate usage of natural resources
- Issues of conflict prevention and resolution for sustainable development of the Northern Periphery regions
- Development and implementation of programs of higher education devoted to legal regulations of security aspects of the northern regions. Cooperation of universities and Russian Academy of Sciences

We invite you to participate in the workshop.

Please inform the Organizing Committee of your intention to participate, and submit the following information before April 20, 2015:

- names (last, first, middle);
- place of employment and position;
- scientific degree and title;
- subject of the presentation (if it is planned)

Registered participants shall receive the conference programme at the beginning of May, 2015.

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ⁱ Simultaneously with the Workshop the International Summer School “Resources and Security in Global Arctic” will take place at the Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU) on May 18-24, 2015. The School is organized by the Aleksanteri Institute at the University of Helsinki, the University of Lapland and PetrSU within the project “Establishing the EU Centre in the Barents Region of Russia” co-financed by the European Union.

The International Summer School is the venue where students and scientists investigating various issues related to the EU and international relations in Northern Europe can meet. The principal aim of the School is to bring together students from Russia and Finland, as well as from other European countries to set up a discussion on topical problems.

More information about the School can be found on the PetrSU website at: <http://petsu.ru/Structure/Inter/beuc.html>.

ⁱⁱ Calotte Academy is one of traditional events in the frameworks of geopolitics and security network of the University of Arctic, which took place in subarctic regions of several countries. The topic of the conference in 2015 is “Resources and Security in the Globalized Arctic”. Besides Petrozavodsk the Calotte Academy sessions will be organized Rovaniemi and Salla, Finland; Apatity and Murmansk, Russia; and in Kirkinnes, Norway.