

The International conference *Science, Education and Business Cooperation: The Innovation Landscapes of Europe and Russia* took place in St. Petersburg State University and European University at St. Petersburg on **October 25-27 2013**. The conference was organized by Centre for German and European Studies (St. Petersburg State University – Bielefeld University), Centre for European Studies – EU Centre (European University at St. Petersburg) and National Research University – Higher School of Economics at St. Petersburg with the support of The Academy of Business in Society, Center for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg), Aalto University School of Business, Council of Young Scientists at the Faculty of Sociology of St. Petersburg State University, Institute of Economics – Russian Academy of Sciences, Inter-University Center for Science and Education Programmes in Social Communication, St. Petersburg International Business Association, Centre for Policy Analysis and Studies of Technology, and National Research Tomsk State University. The chair of the Organizing Committee was Nikolay Skvortsov, deputy chair – Nikita Basov.



The goal of the conference was to discuss the recent trends in science, education and business cooperation in Russia and Europe, as a basis for the development of Russian and European innovation landscapes.



The working languages of the conference were English and Russian. More than 200 researchers, teachers, business people, as well as public administrators, policy makers and representatives of research foundations took part in the sessions, sections, panels and discussions. Within the 3 plenary and 10 regular sessions, 108 presentations were made by representatives of over 19 countries - Russia, Germany, Britain, Netherlands, France, China, Finland, Canada, Austria, Sweden, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Lithuania, Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, Estonia and Tajikistan.

Leading science, education and business experts gave their presentations at the plenary sessions. Various



aspects and drivers of cooperation between scientific structures, educational institutes and business organizations were addressed in presentations by R. Pinto (Microsoft Europe, the Middle East and Africa, France), N. Lin-Hi (University of Mannheim, Germany), J. Lenssen (Academy of Business in Society, Belgium) and Y. Blagov (St. Petersburg State University, Russia). I. Dezhina (Institute of World Economy and International Relations - Russian Academy of Sciences) examined the problems and opportunities of Russian innovation policy development. N. Smorodinskaya (Institute of Economics - Russian Academy of Sciences) discussed the role of spatially localized network innovation structures in economic dynamics. Network forms of science, education and business cooperation were analyzed by S. Breschi (Bocconi University, Italy), M. Fischer (Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria), N. Basov and V. Minina (St. Petersburg State University, Russia).

The conference included practical events, thematically focused on the issues of research funding, as well as innovative interaction and cross-border cooperation between science, education and business. A special session devoted to the 10th anniversary of the Centre for German and European Studies (St. Petersburg State University – Bielefeld University) was a part of the conference.

Selected conference papers will be published in the special issues of *Triple Helix* journal published by Springer and the journal *Innovations*, as well as in the



regular issues of *St. Petersburg State University Review*.

The conference program and abstracts of papers are available at <http://sebc.spbu.ru/>. Photos and video recordings of the conference will be also posted there soon.

