

**On October, 24, Volgograd State Technical University will host the final conference “Internationalization of Educational Programs at Regional Universities” in the frames of international project TEMPUS «Advanced M.Sc. Program in Ecology for Volga – Caspian’Basin» (AMEV).**

Russian participants from Astrakhan, Volgograd, Saratov, Samara and Kazan as well as European partners from Germany, Poland, Italy, and Croatia met together to assess of collaborative efforts and to discuss achieved results.



*Photo 1. Participants of Tempus project at Volgograd State Technical University*

Vice Rector of VSTU Professor A.V. Navrotskiy declared the conference open and said a Speech of Welcome.

Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c. Ulli Arnold, Professor of Stuttgart University and Coordinator of Project made the first report **“Internationalization of Academic Programs – International Sharing of Best Practices in Curricula Development”**. Professor U. Arnold underlined the importance of project realization in accordance with the ongoing reform processes in Russian education.

In the frames of the conference representatives of partner Universities made their presentations and demonstrated their scientific achievements resulting from the project. These reports are followed:

A.Y. Slepukhin (Doctor, Professor SSTU, Saratov). The 20th anniversary of TEMPUS program at SSTU.

A.S. Kurylev (Vice-rector for Academic Work of ASTU, PhD, Professor, Astrakhan), I.V. Volkova (Doctor, Professor, ASTU, Astrakhan). International

educational cooperation on creation and development of Master



*Photo 2. Prof. Dr.Dr.h.c. Ulli Arnold discusses problems of TEMPUS project*

programs in the field of environment protection of Volga-Caspian Basin.

E.E. Nefedieva (Doctor, Professor, VSTU, Volgograd). Quality improvement of Masters training by realizing international educational programs.

Y.E. Pleshivtseva (Professor, Doctor, SamGTU), E.A. Yakubovich (Vice-rector for International Cooperation of SamGTU, PhD, Associated Professor, Samara). Harmonization of Master and PhD training programs in the process of Russian-German cooperation in educational projects of TEMPUS program.

Representatives of VSTU Dean's offices as well as Master students and Bachelors of direction "Energy and Resource processes in chemical engineering, petrochemical and biotechnology technology" attended the Final Conference. Professors from Volgograd State University and Volgograd State Social and Pedagogical University were invited. Representatives of business, enterprises and organizations of Volgograd such as publicly traded companies "Khimprom", "Kaustik" and "Sebryakovtsement" and other, a total of more than 15 persons, were invited and took part in this conference. In addition due to the holding of the International Conference "Internationalization of Educational Programs at Regional Universities" at VSTU famous scientists and professors as well as experts in the sphere of foreign students' teaching from Moscow, St.-Petersburg, Omsk, Tomsk, Tambov, Vladimir, Yekaterinburg and other Russian cities visited the final conference. More than 60 persons took part at the conference.



*Photo 3.* Participants of conference: Vice Rector of SamGTU E.A. Yakubovich, Professor SSTU A.Y. Slepukhin, Assistant Professor of VSTU Yu.N. Kartushina

Director of Educational and Methodological Center "Expert Center of Educational Document Assessment" of International Educational Programs Institute at St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University Professor E.V. Shevchenko and Associated Professor E.A. Iopel attended this conference and made a presentation. Professor A.M. Kozlitin (Doctor, Professor of Chair "Ecology and Technosphere Safety", SSTU, Saratov) told about modern computer information technologies in professional training of Masters in the field of industrial ecology. Associated Professor S.N. Shirobokov (PhD, Head of International Cooperations Office of OGPU) made a presentation "Training of competitive specialists in the context of internationalization of higher education". Associated Professor A.Y. Churkina (PhD, Chair "Chemical technology and industrial ecology" SamSTU, Samara) and B.Y. Smirnov made a report "Scientific research and practice in the structure of the Master's program as a means of internationalization of higher education"/

Miscellany, based on the results of the Final Project Conference, was published.