

International Economics Summer School held at SibFU

The first International Summer School “Topical issues in theory and practice of economics” took place at a SibFU recreation camp in mid-July 2015.

The event was organized by the SibFU School of Economics, Management and Environmental Studies.

44 students of economics from various Russian and international universities, including those of Spain and China, took part in the event. Highly qualified SibFU staff together with international professors and experts provided an intensive 2-week course on topical issues of modern economics. The course was taught in English.

It included the following modules:

- Global trade and trading policy by Dr Albertus De Vaal, PhD (Nijmegen School of Management at Radboud University, Netherlands);
- Business and professional English for economists by Dr Rosemary Mitchell-Schuitevoerder, PhD (Durham University, UK);
- Analysis and processing of business data by Dr Daniel Van Etten (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands);
- Models of innovative development in economics by Dr Vladislav Rutsky (SibFU);
- Professional competence development for economists by Prof Boris Khasan (SibFU);
- Business and professional communication in Russian for international students by Dr Veronika Razumovskaya (SibFU).

The head of the Summer School-2015 Dr **Igor Pyzhev** said: *“The event was in a way an experiment which meant to gather international bachelor students of economics from various universities to discuss fundamental issues of modern global trade, innovation, business data processing and business communication in economics. A remarkable point for us is that English was the working language for all participants. We found the experience to be successful; that is why we decided to hold further Summer Schools on a regular basis, each time focusing on fresh challenges of global economics. We have agreed on further collaboration with international universities to teach students of economics at intermediate and advanced levels”*.

The participants of the event shared their impressions as well: *“We have received an immense professional experience together with a huge deal of new practical and theoretical knowledge in economics and an opportunity to improve our professional communication in English which is particularly crucial”*, — noted **Irina Gavrilova**, post-graduate student from National Research University of Electronic Technology, Moscow.

Anastasia Bondar from Kemerovo State University said: *“I was highly impressed by the fact that we were taught by lecturers not only from Russian but from international universities as well. We were given intensive training in economics and global trade. I am looking forward to participating in the event next year”*.

Gabriel Romero from University of Cadiz, Spain: *“It has been an amazing experience and I*

do recommend everyone to take an opportunity for the Summer School next time. The most valuable thing to me actually was the people I met here: students from all over the world and teachers from Europe and Russia. I was also impressed by the countryside location of the School — it was a great surprise”.

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