

Polonaise, cha-cha-cha and the Arctic

The Gubernatorial IQ-Ball was held on the 27th of February, 2009. It is the most outstanding event in student life of Krasnoyarsk Region. For the first time the Ball was held in the format of federal universities' ball: the delegation of Southern Federal University (Rostov-on-Don City) and the delegation of Far East Federal University (Vladivostok City) specially arrived to Krasnoyarsk on invitation of students to participate in the Event.

The theme of the Ball was «Discoverers» and along with this each participant of the Ball was able to get into the way of things. On the territory of Shopping and Recreation Center «June», visitors of the Ball drew pictures on pacific sand, made sailor's knots and ate with the help of Chinese sticks. Students of Siberian Federal University helped visitors to get an insight into the Arctic, i.e. to break its secrets, to learn its legends, scientific research and industrial development.



Alexander G. Hloponin, Governor of Krasnoyarsk Region opened the Ball. **Alexander Zhukov**, Vice Prime-Minister of the Russian Federation government came along with Alexander G. Hloponin to welcome participants and visitors of the Event. Alexander Zhukov pointed out that «*owing to foundation of Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk is becoming the brand-new capital of studentship*».

The central ground of the Ball was the ground of federal universities. The dazzling Arctic broke upon



amused visitors in all its glory on the territory of 600 sq.m. Blocks of ice, north light, white bears, ice-breaker plunged visitors of the ground into the atmosphere of mysterious and tantalizingly-appealing Arctic shelves. People who took part in the quiz called «Drill of knowledge» found out many interesting facts about north latitude. What's more, they were given tasty prizes for correct answers: sweets «Bear in the North» and orange ice-cream «ICED cream».

«Ecological discourse» captured the attention of «Arctic discoverers». It was a debating ground where each student was able to try hand at being a futurologist, air his/her views concerning prospects of the Arctic in the public eye and also get constructive criticism from academic figures.



Furthermore, there was a «Zero Milestone», an Arctic museum, a Workshop of arctic sculptures, puzzles called «Make up your own Arctic» on the ground of federal universities. Visitors of the Ball could recharge on improvised blocks of ice and enjoy picturesque views of evening Krasnoyarsk from chill-out zones.

Governor of Krasnoyarsk Region paid particular attention to «the ice block of achievements» of SibFU students: 15 monitors simultaneously transmitted presentations and films concerning youth scientific and innovative projects. Moreover, «Alternate Government» functioned on the ground of federal universities and students of Institute of Philology and Language Communication made the presentation of Eurasian Forum project.

«The highlight» of the ground became the alternative dance-floor, where the special competitions programme had been held. Dancing groups from 14 institutions of Russia participated in the programme. Eight dancing pairs which represented Siberian Federal University had been rehearsing day by day during several months to reach synchrony and elegance of movements in polonaise, quickstep and tango. The most remarkable performance was the ballroom dance of cadets of SibFU Institute of Military Training. This year Siberian Federal University was the second-best after Academy of Music and Theatre.



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