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Title: U.S.-Russian Geoscience Student Exchange Program

Program
Director: Edward M. Davin

Objective: Support administration and operation of the U.S.-Russian Geoscience Student Exchange Program

Results: During the grant period, thirty Russian geoscience students have completed the program. The students selected to participate in the program were recent graduates in geoscience from the leading Russian universities. The selection process provided for critical review of formal applications, including university transcripts and letters of recommendation. Final selections were made based on personal one-on-one interviews in Moscow by AGI's faculty advisors.

Funding for the program was provided by two distinct sources: DOE and the U.S. international petroleum companies. Petroleum company funds went exclusively to the student program. The DOE funds provided logistic support to AGI to manage the program in cooperation with our partner, the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources.

On the students arrival in the United States, the DOE grant provided funds for a one-week cultural orientation program through the facility of the Meridian House International, Washington D.C. The students then traveled to Houston where they participated in a technical orientation in the offices of the petroleum company sponsors. Students spent two-semesters in U.S. universities and a ten-week internship at the offices of the sponsoring oil companies or at the DOE facility in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. At the end of the program students returned to Russia where they are currently employed by the Ministry and/or one of the U.S. international oil companies. Some decided to continue their education and enrolled in U.S. universities in Russia and the U.S. The list of participating students and their present status is attached.

The U.S. international petroleum companies' scholarships covered student expenses for tuition, textbooks, university fees, domestic travel, field trips and incidental expenses. The DOE grant provided funds for the American Geological Institute to administer the program. DOE support was in the form of travel funds to attend meetings with the petroleum companies either in Houston or at professional society meetings where the oil company representatives, Russians members of the Program Committee and AGI staff planned and reviewed the program. In addition, AGI staff accompanied Dr. Victor Orlov and his assistant for on-site visits to the participating universities in order to review and access the students' status.

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Status of Former Participants in Russian Geoscience Scholarship Program
August 1997

Program Year	Student	Current Employer/Location
1993-94	Marina Barabanova	Conoco, Moscow
1993-94	Elena Bsepavlova	Received MBA from Texas A&M University, now with GI Analytical, College Station, Texas
1995-96	Maria Bondarenko	Working on MBA at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas
1996-97	Natalia Elmanovitch	Returned to Russia in June 1997
1996-97	Nikolai Evik	Returned to Russia in June 1997
1993-94	Alexey Evstratov	Mobil, Moscow
1994-95	Anna Foursova	ARCO, Dallas
1994-95	Yuri Gansvind	Dropped Out - CSU*
1995-96	Serguei Gorbachov	Working on M.S. in Mineral Economics, Moscow Geological Academy
1995-96	Alexei Gorbounov	Dropped Out - CSU*
1994-95	Irina Gorysheva	Amex Gold, Denver, and Magadan, Russia
1995-96	Serguei Grouchine	UKOS Stock Company, Moscow
1993-94	Katherina Gudkova	Dropped Out - CSU*
1994-95	Andrew Gusev	Working on M.S. in Mineral Economics, Moscow Geological Academy
1994-95	Olga Gushina	Internet Security Corp., Moscow
1996-97	Serguei Iakovlev	Currently in Russia but will be studying for Master Degree in Petroleum Engineering at Texas A&M University
1996-97	Eleonora Klestcheva	Returned to Russia in June 1997
1996-97	Igor Kolessov	Returned to Russia in June 1997
1993-94	Anastasiya Matskiv	Moscow Investment Bank, Moscow
1995-96	Alexande Medvedev	Working on M.S. in Mathematics at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas
1996-97	Natalia Mikhailitsyna	Returned to Russia in June 1997
1993-94	Julia Orlova	Working on M.S. in Mineral Economics, Moscow Geological Academy
1994-95	Julia Ostistaya	Working on M.P.E. at West Virginia University and actively seeking employment
1995-96	Sergei Parkhomenko	Working on M.S. in Mineral Economics, Moscow Geological Academy
1994-95	Maxim Shvedenko	LAIR Corporation, Moscow
1995-96	Elena Tchernova	Working on M.S. in Geophysics at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
1994-95	Tatiana Tchoonosova	Working on M.S. in Finance at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
1996-97	Svetlana Vassilieva	Currently in Russia but will be studying for Master Degree in Petroleum Engineering at Stanford University
1993-94	Tatiana Zhrebina	Texaco, Moscow, Russia
1994-95	Alexey Zykalov	North Russian Oil Company, Moscow

* CSU - Current Status Unknown