REPORT ON XIII ALL-RUSSIAN SCIENTIFIC-PRACTICAL CONFERENCE

“POLENOV’S READINGS”

XIII All-Russian Scientific-Practical Conference “Polenov’s Readings” took place in Saint Petersburg on April 16 through 18, 2014 according to the Order of the Ministry of Health Care of the Russian Federation no. 146 from March 31, 2014.

The Conference included an Educational course of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS) and an International Course “Ischemic stroke in acute phase”.

**Delegates statistics**

Total number of accredited delegates was 756 (of them 434 were registered beforehand and 322 at the Conference).

WFNS Educational Course was attended by 254 accredited delegates, and an International Course “Ischemic stroke in acute phase” by 214.

56 representatives of medical institutions of Saint Petersburg were directed to the Conference by the City Committee of Health Care.

Medical specialties of the guests were as follows: neurosurgery, beam diagnostics, neuro-rehabilitation, neurophysiology, epileptology, pediatric neurosurgery, pediatric neurology, pediatric trauma care, vertebrology, neuro-oncology, pharmacology, biochemistry, medical technology, management in health care, morbid anatomy and physiology, psychology, psychiatry, and manual therapy.
A specific characteristic of the Conference was a wide geography of participants, who came from above 50 cities of Russia and foreign countries.

Foreign countries were represented by delegates from Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, USA, Norway, Ireland, Canada, Taiwan, Japan, Brazil, and France.

The participants represented profile institutions of 55 Russian cities including Arkhangelsk, Astrakhan, Barnaul, Belgorod, Vladivostok, Voronezh, Gelendzhik, Ekaterinburg et al.

A scientific program of the Conference included a plenary session, 10 breakout sessions, 4 symposiums, and several topical sessions.

250 reports were made at the sittings, 36 of them being made at the international events.

Abstracts of papers of the Conference participants were published in a special issue of the Russian Neurosurgical Journal n.a. Prof. A.L. Polenov.

A regular Plenum of the Board of Neurosurgeons Association of Russia took place on April 17, 2014 at the Conference.

An international part of the Conference was represented by an educational course of the Worlds Federation of Neurosurgical Societies (WFNS), 6 sessions of which were related to neurooncology, vascular neurosurgery, and neurotrauma.

Among the foreign course speakers Saint Petersburg was visited by WFNS President K-Y Tu (Taiwan), a chief of WFNS education department C. Di Rocco (Germany) as well as A. Antunes (Brazil), H. Bertalanffy (Germany), M. Choux (France), K. Mori (Japan), Y. Kato (Japan), R.Fahlbusch (Germany), and J. Brotchi (Belgium).

Besides, an International Course “Ischemic stroke in acute phase” was run. The leading foreign experts such as J. Cohen, R. Siekmann, and R. Lekker (Israel), V.M. Pereira (Switzerland) delivered lectures there.
The Gala Dinner for delegates and guests took place on April 17 in St. George Hall of Mikhailovsky Castle.

The speakers of the international programs got acquainted with historical and cultural heritage of Saint Petersburg and visited the State Hermitage, Mariinsky theatre, and Catherine Palace.

To summarize XII All-Russian Scientific-Practical Conference “Polenov’s Readings”, we can say with confidence that it again caused much interest among the doctors of different specialties. This was proved by not only a significant number, but also a wide geography of this year participants.

Despite of busyness, economic situation, and the other subjective reasons, the Conference delegates annually find time and opportunity to visit Saint Petersburg during this Conference. They mark that it is the events of this kind that create optimal conditions for the exchange of experience, obtaining new knowledge, development of business contacts, and also meeting the leading specialists in the field of neurosurgery.