

NRCC Network Meeting in St. Petersburg 11 September 2008



On the 11th of September there was held NRCC Network Meeting nr 2 in St. Petersburg. The meeting took place in the facilities of Radisson SAS Royal Hotel St. Petersburg and was attended by close to 40 representatives of Norwegian and Russian companies and organisations. Representatives of the St. Petersburg City Government and Government of the Leningrad Region also took part in the meeting.

After the introduction given by the Managing Director of the NRCC Mr Jarle Forbord, the floor was given to the new Consul General of Norway in St. Petersburg Mr Rune Aasheim who came to

St. Petersburg only a couple of days ago. Mr Aasheim expressed his wish that this Norwegian-Russian Network would contribute to closer links between business circles in St. Petersburg and Norway.

Next speaker, Director of Investment Fonds for Russia and CIS, Innovation Norway, Mr Erik Welle-Watne made a presentation of typical investment projects in Russia, CIS and Baltic States as well as described the criteria for the fond's participation in the projects. Further, Project Manager of the NRCC, Mr Joern Tverseth presented to the audience the newly launched Matchmaking Program for Norwegian and Russian SMEs.

As always, the second part of the meeting was devoted to the presentations of NRCC member companies. Mr Oistein Hoem, Director of OOO Jotun in Russia presented the company's history as well as prospects for future development in Russia. At the moment, Jotun is looking for suitable facilities in Russia in order to build a new factory. The final decision, Mr Hoem said, will be taken by the end of this year.

Mrs Julia Artemchuk, Director General of BusinessForum, and Mrs Victoria Spesivtseva, Project Manager, presented the company's activities and services for the international and Russian companies. At the end of the meeting Managing Director of NRCC Jarle Forbord informed the participants about planned events and seminars.

After the formal part was over, the participants were invited to a networking session and refreshments.



Consul General of Norway in St. Petersburg Rune Aasheim



Director Erik Welle-Watne, Innovation Norway



Project Manager Joern Tverseth, NRCC



Director Oistein Hoem, OOO Jotun



General Director Julia Artemchuk (left) and Project Manager Victoria Spesivtseva, Business Forum