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Academic positions:

since March 2011 – Associate Professor and Senior Researcher, National Research Institute Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg Branch.

since June 2011 – Associate Professor, Department of History, European University at St. Petersburg.

since Oct. 2006 – Director, 2002 – 2006 - Researcher and Project Coordinator, Center for Environmental and Technological History, Department of History, European University at St. Petersburg.

1995 -- 2011-- Researcher, since 2005 - Senior Researcher, Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Education and degrees:

2004 – Kandidat nauk degree (=PhD) in History from the Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, title: “Development of fisheries studies in the Barents Sea: relations between science and fisheries, 1898 -1934”.

1985 - Diploma (= M.S.), Magna cum Lauda, Biological Faculty, St. Petersburg State University.

Selected projects & fellowships:

International collective project “Assessing Arctic Future: Resources, Voices and Governance”, MISTRA (Sweden) (2011 -- 2013)

Marie Curie Research Fellow, European Commission Incoming Fellowship, School of Geography & EES, University of Birmingham, UK (Febr 2009 – Febr 2010)

Associated Partner, “Colony, Empire, Environment: A Comparative International History of Twentieth Century Arctic Science”, BOREAS programme, ESF, EUROCORES (2006 -- 09)

Coordinator and PI, member of the Steering Committee, “History of Marine Animal Populations” programme (HMAP), Census of Marine Life, A. P. Sloan Foundation (2001 – 2010)

Coordinator and PI of the Russian historical team in the International Polar Year project “Large Scale Historical Industrial Exploitation of Polar Area (LASHIPA)” (2007 – 2009)

Adam Smith Research Fellow, University of Glasgow, UK (May 2007)

Visiting Fellow, Max-Planck-Institut für Geschichte, Göttingen, Germany (Nov 2006)

Fellow in Environmental History, German Historical Institute, Washington D.C. (spring 2006)

Open Society Institute, Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching of Environment Studies “Environment and Development: policies for our sustainable future” (2005 – 2007)

Membership in scientific societies, international programmes, journals:

European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) – Vice- President -- since June 2011; Regional Representative for Russia, member of ESEH Board -- since 2007, member – since 2000.

International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) – member since 2008.

Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) – member since 2012.

European Danube River Initiative (DEHI), member of the Steering Committee - since 2008.

Journal “Global Environment”, member of the Editorial Board – since 2007.

Journal “Istoriko-biologicheskie issledovaniia” (St. Petersburg), member of the Editorial Board – since 2009.

Publications: more than 60 in total, among them 4 books (incl. edited in Russian), 5 papers in per-review journals (English), 8 chapters in per-reviewed edited books (English).

Synergistic activities:

Teaching: “Introduction to environmental and technological history”, “Technology, environment and science in the Soviet Union” (in English) interdisciplinary innovative courses, MA programme; European University at St. Petersburg;

Environmental: co-author of the first Russian consumer guide for fish products; outreach activities on history of Russian fisheries, relations between climate and fisheries.

Statement

I have been a member of the ESEH since 2000 and since that time I have attended all ESEH conferences. In 2006 I was elected as Regional Representative for Russia and Eastern Europe. Following that I became a member of the ESEH Board and I have been an active board member ever since, that is for the last seven years. I took part in many activities, including the revision of the society's constitution. I strongly supported the changes in the structure of the Board which welcomed a larger number of RR's from any region or country. As a result, such artificial ESEH regions as "Russia and Eastern Europe" (with many different languages) were replaced by new regions. After that I continued to serve as RR for Russia up to 2011 when I was elected ESEH vice-president. After the reform of representation we noticed significant growth of ESEH membership from Eastern Europe, and now Eastern European membership is faster growing than any other.

As Vice-President I want to represent the whole society and all its members but I also feel that the many Eastern Europeans in our society should have a strong and reliable voice. This is my first strong reason why I am standing up for re-election. If I will be re-elected I will continue to support the growth of environmental history in the region, putting more efforts in encouraging and organizing collaboration between different centers through conferences, summer schools, scholarly and student exchanges.

The second reason for my candidature is continuity. In 2013, for the first time in the history of ESEH all positions on the ESEH board are likely to be replaced. I would like to stand for the continuity of the current and the next Board. It will be important that expertise and knowledge from the old board to the new board will be carried over. And this is what I stand for as I can provide this continuity. Currently I am involved in several ESEH activities: I am an active member of the board of the ESEH Arcadia project, I have been collecting ESEH member's publications for our website and recently organized a very successful Summer School in St. Petersburg with mentors and doctoral students from many countries.

The third reason why I would like to continue as Vice-President is connected with my field of research: marine and polar environmental history. Historical studies of water and especially marine environment as well as the northern environment, while rapidly growing, are still underrepresented in our society in comparison with terrestrial and southern environments. Also I am a strong proponent of interdisciplinarity. I would like to work towards involving research communities and individual scholars with different disciplinary background in ESEH activities: from ecologists and geographers to anthropologists and scholars in literature studies and arts. It is proposed that the next ESEH conferences will be more interdisciplinary than past ones. I would like to work towards this new goal of our society.