



Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Saint-Petersburg State University
and
the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Council)
as well as
the Foundation Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (Foundation)

The Saint-Petersburg State University, the Council and the Foundation

- recognising the importance of the unique Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings with tomorrow's academic elite from all over the world, and the role of the Saint-Petersburg State University as promoter of research in Natural Sciences and Economics in Russia, as well as coordinator for contacts with the Council and the Foundation,
- taking into consideration the mutual interest of the Saint-Petersburg State University, the Council and the Foundation to support science capacity building and to materialise participation of excellent Natural Science and Economics students and young scientists in these meetings on a regular basis,

agree to jointly support Natural Sciences and Economics participation under the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Saint-Petersburg State University Natural Science delegation will be comprised of up to 3 (three) undergraduates, doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows in the disciplines of physics, chemistry or physiology/medicine. The same number applies for interdisciplinary meetings. The Russian Economics delegation will be comprised of up to 2 (two) doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows nominated by the Saint-Petersburg State University. The delegates will be selected from research universities in Russia, following recommendations received from the Rectors of Russian research universities and selection by a committee, which will be appointed by the agreed body.
- 2) Academic screening of all applications and the evaluation process for the Natural Sciences and Economics delegation shall be co-ordinated by the Saint-Petersburg State University. Its conduct will be in accordance with the selection criteria and academic standards established by the Council's

Review Panel, which will decide upon the final acceptance of the proposed candidates for the Natural Sciences and Economics delegation.

- 3) The participation fee for a young scientist (including boarding & lodging in Lindau) sums up to a total of € 5.000,00. This lump sum contributes to the total meeting costs.

The Saint-Petersburg State University agrees to contribute € 2.500,00 towards the participation fee for each young scientist and covers the travel costs to Lindau and back home. The partial support of this kind will be mentioned as "... is supported by the Saint-Petersburg State University". The foundation or other funders cover the remaining costs of € 2.500,00 and may additionally be mentioned with their name(s) as co-funder(s).


- 4) a) The Saint-Petersburg State University will support the international communication efforts of the Council and the Foundation. It will publish press releases announcing the participation of its delegation in the Lindau Meetings and the internet broadcast of the lectures. The Saint-Petersburg State University will use its own press distribution list to identify journalists who may attend the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in agreement with the Council and the Foundation. All partners agree to promote this cooperation on their websites and via links referring to the respective partner's websites.

b) The importance of the broadcast of lectures held during the Lindau Meetings is recognised by the Saint-Petersburg State University. It will consider the possibility of organising special events supporting this broadcast in Russia. Details shall be coordinated with the Council and the Foundation.


- 5) The Saint-Petersburg State University, Council and Foundation agree to cooperate in the building-up of a Lindau Alumni database. The Saint-Petersburg State University will collect the data of former Russian participants and agrees to share them in a database, thereby building the future basis for a scientific network among the Best Talents.
- 6) The Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and will be valid for an initial period of three years (2016, 2017, 2018). It shall be continuously extended for additional three-year periods until such time as either party serves written notice of its intention to terminate the MoU. Termination of this contract must be filed in writing six months prior to expiration. The Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the parties.

Signed this September 25th 2015 in the English language, by the duly appointed representatives of the parties noted above.


**On behalf of the
Saint-Petersburg
State University**


Prof. Nikolay Kropachev
Rector

**On behalf of the
Lindau Council**


Countess Bettina Bernadotte
President

**On behalf of the
Lindau Foundation**


Prof. Wolfgang Schürer
Chairman