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CEDA seminar in Russia leads the way in eco-friendly dredging

Eco-friendly Dredging in the Modern World

13-14 October 2009, Hotel Moscow, St. Petersburg, Russia

The Central Dredging Association (CEDA) is organising an international sustainable dredging seminar, this October, in collaboration with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU) and the St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University (SPbSPU). The seminar, entitled **Eco-friendly Dredging in the Modern World**, will focus on environmental and sustainability issues and will provide participants with a valuable opportunity to exchange ideas with their fellow professionals.

Polite Laboyrie, Chairman of CEDA's Environment Commission said he was delighted to be invited to co-organise the event. He said "We will now have the opportunity to connect our experience and knowledge with the Russian technical community. Over the last decade we have learned a lot about creating an infrastructure that ensures economic, environmental and social, effects are treated in a balanced way. We have developed the tools and experience. One of the things we have learned is that there is no real "cook book" available, every location and project is unique and has to be treated on a case-by-case basis. That is why the CEDA community is very interested to hear the Russian experience so that we can learn from them too. In having a balanced program with local and international CEDA speakers I am convinced we will have a very fruitful seminar."

Professor Shilin of RSHU, co-chair of the proceedings and the driving force behind the event, explained the rationale behind inviting CEDA. He said "there are many unresolved issues relating to the assessment and monitoring of the environmental effects associated

with dredging works in the Gulf of Finland. These need open and objective discussions with the specialists in this field. This is why it is absolutely natural, and logical, that in their search for qualified and experienced answers the Russian specialists, who carry out the EIA for these projects, on the northern and southern coasts of the Finnish Gulf, are looking forward to an exchange with their CEDA colleagues.”

In keeping with regular CEDA events this promises to be a truly international seminar attended by academics, scientists and practitioners, from all over the world, and from the full range of disciplines across the industry.

Dmitrij Alekseevich Golubev, Head of Department of Environment, City Government St. Petersburg, will give the keynote speech on their experiences with dredging projects in the St. Petersburg area and the role of the Helsinki Convention. The comprehensive two-day programme will also include a technical visit to the St. Petersburg Flood Protection Barrier.

This event will be of interest to scientists and practitioners representing academic and research institutions, port, coastal and environmental authorities, owners of infrastructure projects, regulators, environmental organisations, dredging contractors, consultants, designers and builders of dredging equipment.

Details of the full programme and registration form are available at www.dredgingconferences.org/st-petersburg2009

The seminar is sponsored and supported by the Government of St. Petersburg’s Committee for Nature Use, Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety.

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Notes to editors

Venue and Dates

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13-14 October 2009, Hotel Moscow, St. Petersburg, Russia

Conference language: English. Simultaneous translation may be provided depending on the need.

Programme includes:

- 16 presentations by renowned Russian and international specialists
- Technical visit to the St. Petersburg Flood Protection Barrier
- Partners’ programme which includes a day trip to Pushkin

Registration: Online at: http://www.event-logistics.co.uk/ceda/ceda_registration.html or by sending the completed registration form available on the conference web site to the address given on the form.

Conference website: www.dredgingconferences.org/st-petersburg2009

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Photo captions:

- Polite Laboyrie, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, the Netherlands, Chairman of the CEDA Environment Commission, Co-chair of the seminar
- Prof. Michael Shilin, RSHU, Russia, Co-chair of the seminar
- Peter the Great built his city on reclaimed land

About CEDA

The Central Dredging Association (CEDA) is an international professional membership organisation for all those involved in dredging related activities and who live or work in Europe, Africa, or the Middle East. CEDA provides an independent forum for the exchange of knowledge in fields related to dredging, maritime construction and dredged material management. Members are drawn from many fields and include consultants, research and educational institutes, port authorities, government agencies, dredging contractors, builders of dredging vessels, and suppliers of ancillary equipment. CEDA encompasses a wide range of disciplines and activities and does not represent the interests of any particular industry sector. (www.dredging.org)

The Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU) is the leading higher educational institution working in the field of environmental and earth sciences in Russia. RSHU is internationally recognized university which has a status of Regional Training Centre of the World Meteorological Organization since 1995. The University offers both under- and postgraduate educational programmes leading to academic degrees of BSc, MSc, PhD and Dr Sc. Now RSHU has more than 3,500 Russian and international students from about 40 countries. Researchers and scientists of the five Departments of the university carry out their research in the field of meteorology, hydrology, oceanography, economics and ecology. For further details please visit www.rshu.ru

St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University (SPbSPU) occupies one of the top positions among Russian institutions of higher learning participating in international academic projects. At present SPbSPU cooperates with more than 60 universities from all over the world. The University takes part in a number of European academic projects, among them: TEMPUS/TASIS, BISTRO, COPERNICUS, INTAS, NORDIC and others, as well as collaborating with international research centres and industrial companies. SPbSPU also contributes to work of world leading organizations in the following spheres: hydraulics (MAGI), electric networks (SIGRE) and dam engineering (SIGB). The University also has an important role in International Institute of Welding, International Organization of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, International Organization of Automotive Management and International Power Academy. . For further details please visit www.spbstu-eng.ru/

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