

CLOSE OUT REPORT

Per Grant Number 118-G-00-10-00067

Date: 29 November, 2010

Derek Norberg, Executive Director, Russian American Pacific Partnership, at the
Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC)

Program Description:

The Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP) is a participatory bilateral forum between the United States and the Russian Federation with over 4,500 participants over its 15 year history. RAPP is among the longest continually running federal-level bilateral forums and is unique in its regional focus on Eastern Russia and the Western United States. RAPP benefits our respective governments, the Pacific regions, their agencies, as well as NGO, private-sector and private citizen players of both countries. By engaging our respective federal and regional governments in a transparent open discussion on common interest issues, recommendations to expand and enhance bilateral cooperation result. Through its annual meetings, held on both sides of the Pacific, RAPP provides a broad-based participatory bilateral process that reinforces the importance of our bilateral relations on a regional level.

Objective of the Grant:

The grant provided \$35,000.00 as partial funding to the Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation to support the Russian American Pacific Partnership program activity, and in particular, to prepare for and execute its 15th annual meeting in 2010 on September 15 to 16, 2009 in Portland, Oregon.

The Grant funding was expended over the three months of August through immediate post-meeting Summary Report preparation October, 2010.

Description of the 2010 15th Annual Meeting of RAPP:

Number of participants: The RAPP 15th annual meetings attracted 109 participants consistent with our projections.

VIP Attendees:

RAPP was successful in attracting high-level policy-level representatives from both federal governments. Noteworthy U.S. federal government participants included Lorrain Hariton, Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs with the State Department, Kate Szpila, Russia Desk at the State Department, Jack Brouger and Ellen House with the Department of Commerce, Jonathan Hale, Cory Johnston, Alexander Sarkisov and Irina Lindberg with USAID, and Vic Knox with the U.S. National Park Service.

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Economic Development RF co-chaired the meeting for Russian side and Lorrain Hariton, Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs with the State Department, co-chaired for the U.S.-side. Jack Brouger, Director of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia for

the Department of Commerce handled the closing plenary session on behalf of Lorraine Hariton who left the meeting early due to travel to APEC meetings in Yokohama.

Russian Ambassador to the United States Sergey Kislyak was very engaged in Moscow in promoting Russian-side attendance and sent Aleksey Shishayev, Head of Economic Division at the Embassy, and Vladimir Vinokurov, Consul General in San Francisco, to attend the RAPP meeting.

The Sochi Economic conference, with Prime Minister Putin and Minister of Economic Development Nabiullina, held 17-18 September one day following the RAPP meeting, was an unforeseen competing event and Kamchatka Territory Governor Alexey Kuzmitsky chose to attend the Sochi conference over the RAPP meeting. Chukotka Governor Roman Kopin was a late cancellation for unclear reason. Both Governor Kopin and Kuzmitsky had registered to attend the RAPP meeting.

2010 Meeting Themes:

The 2010 RAPP meeting addressed a wide array of interests in bilateral cooperation, but focused primarily on commerce, transportation, energy, energy efficiency and nature conservation. RAPP also provided an update on the workings of the new US-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission, and principally on its Business Development and Economic Relations Working Group component. Themes for presentations and targeted discussions were designed and refined right up to the meeting. A particularly strong line-up of presentations covering business, environmental conservation, technology and transportation was delivered the afternoon of 15 September to the full attendance audience. This provided all meeting attendees a common basis of experience and message prior to their attending the three breakout sessions the next day.

Annual Meeting Program:

The 2010 annual meeting followed the two-day meeting format of the last two years at the Tacoma, Washington in 2008 and in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk in 2009. RAPP built into the schedule side meetings with interpretation on September 14 for regional and federal representatives. Senior federal and regional representatives took part in a series of closed meetings on 14 September. The full program is included as Attachment.

The meeting format included:

Pre-Meeting, Sept. 14: RAPP arranged meetings between senior Russian federal and regional delegates and Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler, Business Oregon (international trade promotion), Portland Mayor's International Relations Director Noah Siegel, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen of the State of Washington and Deputy Commissioner Curtis Thayer of the State of Alaska, and Lorraine Hariton and Kathleen Szpila with the U.S. State Department and Jack Brougher and Ellen House of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Day 1, Sept. 15: the morning Opening Plenary (Main Hall) with the afternoon: session dedicated to presentations (Main Hall) with an opening reception at the end of the day.

Day 2, Sept. 16: Three morning Breakout Sessions (In three conference rooms) followed by the afternoon Closing Plenary (summary of reports of the breakout sessions, with concluding remarks).

A closing reception was held at the end of the day.

USAID participated with a presentation on its Russia program at the meeting.

Targeted Outcomes and Deliverables:

As a participatory forum, RAPP serves to educate its participants through presentations and working breakout sessions which strive to formulate and advance recommendations. The meeting is designed for attendees to develop their own suggestions to address their needs – a very “bottoms-up” approach. The recommendations from the 2010 15th RAPP meeting were delivered to the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and the U.S. Department of Commerce for consideration by the Coordinators of the Business Development and Economic Relations Working Group under the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission. RAPP remains arguably the best opportunity for direct broad-based private-sector and non-governmental organization input to the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission.

FRAEC/RAPP Initiative in 2010:

The following were identified as key 2010 deliverables in the unsolicited grant proposal:

1. RAPP 15th meeting participants generate quality policy recommendations at three RAPP breakout sessions and deliver reports at the meeting to the Co-chairs and then subsequently to the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission and other appropriate government agencies of both countries. The reports will be circulated to all meeting attendees and studied by RAPP for follow-on initiatives or actions by RAPP in the balance of 2010 and first half of 2011.
2. To encourage initiative by interested attendees and professionals to advance target initiatives or projects following the meeting. RAPP can serve to coordinate between parties.
3. To create new impetus for, and consensus around, U.S.-Russian priorities for cooperation across the Pacific and specifically in the Russian East.
4. To ensure the success of the post-RAPP meeting business mission on Energy Efficiency in Seattle, Washington from September 17-23, and to generate with the participants clear follow-on action items to support further U.S.-Russian energy efficiency cooperation in this field.

Note: In 2010, responding to recommendations made at the 14th annual RAPP meeting on energy efficiency cooperation and expanded exchanges and business missions, FRAEC and RAPP are pursuing a business mission initiative to bring 15 business professionals and government officials from the Russian Far East to Seattle immediately following the RAPP meeting for an intensive program on improved energy efficiencies in construction and utilities and green building technologies. Included in the preliminary list of participants are five mayors of Russian Far East cities including Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk and Khabarovsk. This initiative has received official encouragement from the office of the Presidential Ex-Plenipotentiary Envoy to the Far Eastern Federal District.

Empirical measures established for the USAID Grant:

1. Attendance: Greater than 100 attendees at the RAPP 2010 annual meeting,
2. Composition of attendance:
 - Greater than 40% private-sector (commercial and non commercial),
 - At least one U.S. State senior official and greater than four official Russian regional delegations,
 - High-level side meeting(s) between U.S. federal government and Russian federal and regional delegation heads (Governors).
3. Grant Match: Specific to the proposed two month Grant period, RAPP projects a non-government source funding match of \$17,123, for a 32.8 percent match relative to 67.2 percent USG source funding of the period. The match funds will come from sponsorship and attendance fee program funds.

Actual Results on Targeted Outcomes and Deliverables:

The performance on the stated objectives for the 15th annual meeting was nearly achieved in all categories. Specifically:

1. The three RAPP breakout sessions were all well moderated and attended and the recommendations advanced were well considered and structured. The recommendations from the RAPP meeting were accepted by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation.
2. Follow-on actions to targeted initiatives at the RAPP meeting: RAPP has been coordinating dialogue between parties on the re-establishment of regular marine cargo service between the Pacific Northwest and the Russian Far East, as well as with the Kamchatka Branch of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry on trade support coordination to assist entrepreneurs to effect greater US-Russian trade.
3. The annual meeting succeeded in raising interest both in U.S.-Russian cooperation in the Russian Far East and for the RAPP forum itself evidenced by the Coordinator for the Presidential Bilateral Commission contacting RAPP following the meeting, and private-sector expressed interest in the continuation of the forum as a particularly effective and relevant bilateral activity.

Empirical Results against Established Measures:

1. Attendance: RAPP exceeded the target for attendance with 109 officially registered attendees.
2. Composition of attendance:
 - RAPP exceeded the 40% target for private-sector attendance with 63 percent private-sector attendees.
 - RAPP was successful in attracting three senior state representatives to the meeting (Alaska, Oregon and Washington). Russian officials delegations were limited to two (Sakhalin and Kamchatka), however, attendees at the meeting came from eight U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and five Russian regions not including Moscow (Primorye, Khabarovsk, Sakhalin, Kamchatka and the Amur Region). - High level side meetings were held between senior delegates on Sept 14, but without Governors (due to no Governors being in attendance).

- Grant Match: RAPP exceeded the target for match under the award. RAPP achieved a \$27,586 in non-federal match for 44 percent of the total three month grant period expenditures of \$62,586. The \$35,000 federal award funding comprised 56 percent of the grant period total expenses.

Total 2010 Full-Year Sponsorship and Registration Fees:

The total actual performance in sponsorship and attendance fees for the 15th meeting was \$65,500 in sponsorships and \$38,500 in registration fees. These represented a full achievement of the RAPP budgeted targets. The sponsorship funds were particularly impressive in nearly doubling the sponsorships raised in 2009 of \$35,000. The total 2010 sponsorships represent a return to pre-economic crisis RAPP sponsorship levels (96 percent of the 2008 level of sponsorship of \$68,400), which speaks well of the private-sector support of this forum activity even in periods of economic difficulty.

RAPP's Future for 2011 and beyond:

There exists general consensus around the RAPP forum's continuation. No other bilateral forum mechanism exists that is broad-based and open-registration focusing on the great potential of trans-Pacific cooperation between Eastern Russia and the Western United States. Only RAPP plays this role. But RAPP is year-to-year in raising the funding to continue and the funding environment remains tenuous. 2011 is expected to again be a challenging year for the forum. FRAEC is intent to continue RAPP in 2011 and hold RAPP's 16th annual meeting in the Kamchatka Territory, but expects to again need limited USG financial support beyond the RAPP sponsorships and U.S. registrant retained fees. With the annual meeting on Kamchatka, the RAPP international travel budget will be greater in 2011 relative to a U.S.-hosted meeting year. The 2011 program budget is currently being developed and the 2011 annual meeting budget is yet to be negotiated together with the Kamchatka Territory host. FRAEC would welcome the opportunity to work with USAID on the possibility for limited grant support in 2011 for this vital activity. We project that the modest grant support warranted in 2011 will be less than that provided in either of the last two years.

ATTACHMENT 1

MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 14 September, 2010, Portland, Oregon
Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP)

8:30 AM Russian attendees depart from ground floor The Nines Hotel to meeting (RAPP will accompany).

9:00-9:45 AM **Meeting with Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler and International Trade Specialists**

Location: "Business Oregon" offices, One World Trade Center

U.S.:

State of Oregon:

Ted Wheeler, Treasurer, State of Oregon

Tom Rinehart, Chief of Staff, Oregon State Treasury

Karen Goddin, Managing Director, Business Innovation and Trade Division, Business Oregon

Amanda Lowthian, Industry and Trade Strategist, Business Oregon

Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP):

Derek Norberg, Executive Director, RAPP

RUSSIA:

Sakhalin Region:

Natalya Novikova, Deputy Chair of Government (Vice Governor)

Ekaterina Kotova, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development

Lidia Lavrik, Deputy Head of Foreign Relations and Protocol, Sakhalin Region Governor's Office

Olga Alekseyeva, Advisor, Department of international Relations and Government Protocol, Sakhalin Region Governor's Office

Vladimir Ko, Head of the Press Department, Sakhalin Region Governor's Office

Kamchatka Territory:

Oxana Gerasimova, Minister of Investment and Business Development, Government of Kamchatka Territory

Victor Tropin, Head of representative office in Kamchatka, of Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Evgeny Vereshchaga, Representative of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kamchatka Territory, Ministry of Foreign Affairs RF

Ministry of Economic Development of RF:

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director of the Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Sergey Krasilnikov, Head of International and Economic Organizations and Regional Agencies, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

10:00-10:45 AM **Meeting with City Of Portland International Relations Director**

Location: Lovejoy room, 2nd floor, City Hall, Portland

U.S.:

City of Portland:

Noah Seigel, International Relations Director, Office of Mayor Sam Adams, City of Portland

Invited: Nine representatives of the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association

Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP):

Derek Norberg, Executive Director, RAPP

RUSSIA:

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Ekaterina Kotova, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development

Lidia Lavrik, Deputy Head of Foreign Relations and Protocol, Sakhalin Region Governor's Office

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**AFTERNOON MEETINGS AT THE NINES HOTEL
FRANK BOARDROOM, 6TH FLOOR**

1:45-3:15 PM

**States of Washington and Alaska meeting with RFE
Regions and Russian Federal Officials**

U.S.:

State of Washington:

Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor, State of Washington

Antonio Sanchez, Director of Economic Development and International Relations, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, State of Washington

State of Alaska:

Curtis Thayer, Deputy Commissioner Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, State of Alaska

Shelley James, Trade Specialist, Office of International Trade, Office of Governor Sean Parnell, State of Alaska

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Sergey Krasilnikov, Head of International and Economic Organizations and Regional Agencies, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of RF:

Alexander Guskov, Deputy Director Department of Subject Region Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States of America:

Aleksey Shishayev, Counselor and Head of Economic Office, Embassy of the Russian Federation

3:15-4:15 PM

**Meeting of Senior Federal and Regional Delegation
Representatives**

U.S.:

U.S. State Department:

Lorraine Hariton, Special Representative for Business and Commercial Relations, U.S. Department of State

Kathleen Szpila, Russian Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State (subject to arrival at hotel by meeting time).

U.S. Department of Commerce:

Jack Brougher, Director, Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce

Ellen House, Russia Desk Officer, Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce

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Aleksey Surovtsev, Senior Counselor, Department of North America, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

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4:15-4:30 PM

Meeting Lorraine Hariton with Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC) and briefing on RAPP

U.S. State Department:

Lorraine Hariton, Special Representative for Business and Commercial Relations, U.S. Department of State
Kathleen Szpila, Russian Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State

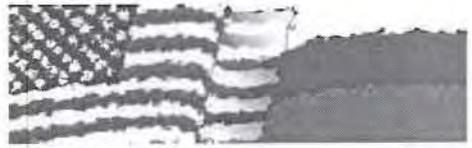
U.S. Department of Commerce:

Jack Brougher, Director, Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce
Ellen House, Russia Desk Officer, Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce

Foundation for Russian American Economic Cooperation (FRAEC):

Carol Viperman, President FRAEC
Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP):
Derek Norberg, Executive Director, RAPP at FRAEC

Russian American



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PROGRAM

15th Anniversary Annual Meeting

The Nines Hotel, Portland, Oregon

September 15-16, 2010



RAPP Secretariats' Letter of Welcome

RAPP has provided a U.S.-Russian bilateral forum partnering private sector and regional and federal government participants to expand commerce and cooperation. The work of this forum supports our broader bilateral relations and we appreciate your active participation at this meeting.

U.S.-Russian bilateral collaboration in science, technology, industry and commerce is a under-developed resource of vast opportunity for our two countries. In expanding trans-Pacific partnerships, RAPP leverages the unique geographical and historical ties between our shores.

At this meeting, we will share thoughts on U.S.-Russian relations, hear a variety of perspectives from regional and federal officials, followed by expert presentations on energy, technology, environmental, transportation and legal/business themes.

On the morning of September 16th, the RAPP participants will advance recommendations in the breakout session reports of the 2010 15th RAPP annual meeting.

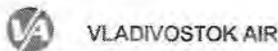
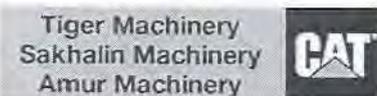
We thank you for joining in this collective effort to improve Russian-American partnership across the Pacific, as a vital component to our broader relations.

Derek Norberg and Anatoly Buryy
Directors, RAPP U.S. and Russian Secretariats

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This meeting is possible thanks to your participation, the support of USAID and RAPP's corporate sponsors, the participation of the federal and regional delegations, and the state of Oregon and the city of Portland.



Paul De Muniz



Lorraine Hariton



Dmitry Sazhin



Jack Brougher



Ed Verona



Brad Owen



Natalya Novikova



Oxana Gerasimova



Curtis Thayer

PROGRAM

15th Anniversary Annual Meeting Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP)

The Nines Hotel, Portland, Oregon, September 14-16, 2010

Wednesday 15 September

8:00-9:00 Continued check-in of pre-registered attendees *Pre-function area, 6th floor*

9:00-12:00 OPENING PLENARY RAPP 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Culture & Fashion rooms, sixth floor

9:00 Opening and addresses

Welcoming address:

The Honorable **Paul De Muniz**, Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

Addresses by the 15th Anniversary Annual Meeting Co-Chairs:

Lorraine Hariton, Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs, U.S. State Department

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

9:45 Update on the Business Development and Economic Relations Working Group of the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission, and USRBC commentary

Jack Brougher, Director Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Ed Verona, President and CEO, U.S.-Russia Business Council (USRBC), with Council's Perspective

10:15 USAID Partnership and Cooperation in the Russian Far East.

Jonathan Hale, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia at USAID

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES:

Opening remarks: **Alexander Guskov**, Deputy Director Department of Subject Region Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor, Washington State

Natalya Novikova, Deputy Chair of Government, and Minister of Finance, Sakhalin Region

Curtis Thayer, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, State of Alaska

Oksana Gerasimova, Minister of Investments and Business Development, Kamchatka Territory

12:00 Closing of Opening Plenary

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH *Design Room, sixth floor*



James Taylor



Aleksey Shishayev



Robert Modarelli



Art George



Kirill Pervun



Vic Knox



Guido Rahr



Sergei Smirenski

1:30-5:15 THEMATIC PRESENTATIONS *Culture & Fashion rooms*

1:30-2:00 ENERGY AND ENERGY COOPERATION

Sakhalin-1 Achievements and Opportunities. The presentation will cover the Sakhalin-1 Project's achievements and benefits since startup focusing on Odoptu and Arkutun Dagi latest developments and forward plans.

James G. Taylor, President, Exxon Neftegas Limited

U.S.-Russian Energy Cooperation under the Energy Working Group of the Bilateral Presidential Commission

Aleksey Shishayev, Senior Counselor, Head of Economic Office, Embassy of the Russian Federation in the United States

2:00-3:05 BUSINESS:

APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC). Russia and the United States are transitional members in the ABTC program. How will the advent of the ABTC card affect Russian and American business travelers?

Robert Modarelli III, Executive Vice President, National Center for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

Recent Developments in Russian Work Permits and Strategic Sector Legislation

Arthur George, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP

Raising Capital Overseas for Russian Companies

Kirill Pervun, Associate, Aginsky Consulting Group LLC

Issues of Dual Taxation Treaties

Valeriy Kopylov, General Director, AO "Law and Investments"

3:05-3:45 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION INITIATIVES

The Shared Beringian Heritage Program. The program recognizes and celebrates the natural resources and cultural heritage shared by Russia and the United States on both sides of the Bering Strait.

Vic Knox, Deputy Regional Director, Alaska Region, National Park Service

Bilateral Cooperation on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pacific Salmon in the Russian Far East

Guido Rahr, President, Wild Salmon Center

Sergei Didenko, Director, Sakhalin Salmon Initiative Center

International Cooperation and Stakeholder Involvement in the Protection of Waterbirds and Wetlands in the Amur Region of Russia

Sergei Smirenski, President, Muraviovka Park for Sustainable Land Use, Blagoveshchensk, Russia.

3:45-4:00 Afternoon Break



Alexei Palladin



Irina Maximova



Mikhail Chursin



Mike Nunes

4:00-4:45 TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

E-Government Solutions. Presentation on Microsoft's "Citizen Services Platform" (CSP)

Alexei Palladin, Director Russia Strategy Office, Microsoft

"Tvoi Kurs" (Your Course) Microsoft's Russia-wide training initiative

Irina Maximova, Regional Manager, Siberia and Far East, Microsoft Russia

Building E-Government Infrastructure in the Far East

Mikhail Chursin, Channel Account Manager, CISCO Systems, Moscow

4:45-5:15 TRANSPORTATION

Boeing's Russian Cooperation and Business

Mike Nunes, Director, International Trade Policy Geopolitical & Public Issues, Commercial Airplanes, The Boeing Company

Vladivostok Air Fleet Modernization and Major Russian Far East Expansion Plans

Kenji Hanaoka, Sales Manager, Vladivostok Air

5:15 Close of Presentations Session

6:00-8:00 DINNER RECEPTION, *Culture & Fashion rooms*

Thursday 16 September

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

9:00-12:00 RAPP attendees, coordinated by Moderators, will formulate recommendations to the meeting Summary Report in the following breakout sessions.

Coffee break at 10:30 in the Pre-function area.

1. Commerce and Transportation, Fashion & Culture rooms

Moderators: Charlene Derry and Tatyana Konko

2. Technology, Gallery 1 room, 6th floor

Moderators: Arthur George and Ivan Zima

3. Energy, Energy Efficiency and Nature Conservation, Gallery 2 room, 6th floor

Moderators: Gregory Gapinski and Vera Tikhonkikh

12:30 – 2:00 LUNCH *Design Room*

2:00 – 4:15 PM CLOSING PLENARY RAPP 15TH ANNUAL MEETING
Culture & Fashion rooms

2:00 PM Closing Plenary Called to Session

Breakout summaries delivered by a Moderator of each session:

1. Commerce and Transportation

Moderators: Charlene Derry and Tatyana Konko

2. Technology

Moderators: Arthur George and Ivan Zima

3. Energy, Energy Efficiency and Nature Conservation

Moderators: (to be advised) and Vera Tikhonkikh

RAPP 2010 Meeting Co-Chairs may comment on each report or the reports collectively

Closing remarks:

U.S. Department of State and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation:

Kathleen Szpila, Russia Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State

Alexander Guskov, Deputy Director Department of Subject Region Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

U.S. Department of Commerce and Ministry of Economic Development:

Jack Brougher, Director Office of Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia, U.S. Department of Commerce

Dmitry Sazhin, Deputy Director, Department of the Americas, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation

Concluding remarks by RAPP Secretariats:

Derek Norberg, Director, RAPP Secretariat U.S.

Oxana Gerasimova, representing the RAPP Secretariat in Russia at the meeting

4:15 Closing of the RAPP 15th Anniversary Annual Meeting

4:15-4:45 Press Opportunity with Q&A with Senior Officials at RAPP Meeting
Culture & Fashion Rooms

5:00-7:00 CLOSING RECEPTION, *Georgian room, 8th floor*



Derek Norberg



Oxana Gerasimova