

THE URAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS

I am proud that from the day of the foundation and to the present I, as many of my colleagues, have had an opportunity to serve the formation and development of the Ural State University of Economics, a dynamic higher school with specialist training comparable to that of the most prestigious higher educational establishments of Russia.



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The Ural State University of Economics (UrSUE) was founded on October 10, 1967 as Sverdlovsk Institute of National Economy. Presently it is a large educational and research centre in Russia, a basic economic higher learning establishment of the Ural region which trains about 15 000 students. The University has trained more than 40 ths. specialists for national economy various branches.

The University has 8 faculties: those of Economics, Finance, Management and Global Economics, Commerce, Engineering, a Specialized Faculty, which gives another higher education, a Faculty of Reduced Program and Extra-Mural Faculty.

Instruction is being conducted by 33 departments (18 of them have graduates) in 30 specialities and specializations: economics; theory of economics, labour economics and sociology; nature use economics; national economy (regional and municipal economics; social sphere economics, economics and law); economics and management at an industrial enterprise; information systems in economics; finance and credit (finance; banking); accounting and audit (industrial and agricultural); global economy (international businesses; external economic activity organization); management; economics and management at trade and public catering enterprises; commerce; commodity science and expert examination of food products and non-food products: food industry machines; technology of public catering products.

Since 1996 bachelors in Economics have been trained, external students education system has been functioning.

About 472 lecturers are teaching at the Uni-

versity, among them more than 53 Doctors of Sciences and Professors, more than 230 Candidates of Sciences, Assistant-Professors, 1 Correspondent Member of Russia Academy of Sciences, 4 Honoured Economists, 6 Honoured Men of Science; 1 Member of the New-York Academy of Sciences; 1 Honoured Physical Culture and Sport Worker; 14 persons are elected as Members of a number of different Public Academies. Professors from Germany, USA, Great Britain and France are constantly working as educators at the University.

The Ural State University of Economics has the following all — University departments'. History, Higher Maths, Philosophy, Foreign Languages, Law, Computing Technologies and Design, Sociology and Social Psychology Department, Military Department, Department of Physical and Sport Education.

A principle of continuous humanitarian training is being realized in the context of the world socio-humanitarian knowledge represented by versatile academic schools, trends, concepts.

The World Bank Economic Development Institute appointed the UrSUE as the basic higher learning establishment in the regions of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East for joint trainers-training programs in banking and finance management.

For the first time in Russia the UrSUE has founded the Training-Commercial Bank (VUZ-bank), aimed to ensure practical training of finance specialists along with intensive theoretical studies.

This bank and a skilled faculty at the Finance department gave a strong reason to the University becoming a base for targeted training of Russia Central Bank experts.

There are also a number of paid additional educational services at the University: the Ural Financial School as a training centre for specialists in securities; a training centre for certified auditors; different schools "Accountant", "Region", "INTEPRO", "Engineer", "COMBI". The Academy for Management and Entrepreneurship also gives opportunities to realize the training programs and to attach the teaching staff to the University.

Pre-University training system for young people wishing to enter our University is also functioning in specialized class-rooms both at the University and in secondary schools. There is a finance-banking class at the Ural School of Finance, whose graduates are getting both general education certificates and those of junior finance-banking education.

Research investigations are represented by the University scholars in a number of republican and regional programs and research projects: "Entrepreneurship and employment of population", "Market", "Small and medium business development". Some international programs and projects should be also mentioned.

Annually the University convenes All-Russia research, practical and methodological conferences (with foreign participants).

The University staff-members have been participating in more than 200 conferences, 90 of them being international, and at more than 20 exhibitions with exhibits displayed.

High qualification level, research and methodological potential of the University faculty make it possible to provide the academic process with manuals and textbooks having been prepared by the



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University lecturers and published through the UrSUE publishing house.

Cooperation with different countries' universities, research institutions and firms is widely developing. Since 1990 over 120 specialists from the US, France, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Denmark, Finland, Poland, Mongolia have been working at the University. More than 90 lecturers, graduates and undergraduates have been sent abroad.

Contacts with the Akron University (USA), Export Academy of Roitlingen (Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany), the North-West London College are being intensified. A number of foreign professors were awarded the title "UrSUE Honoured Professor".

Students are actively involved into research investigations of the departments. These works results are submitted for the University competitions and also for all Russia competitions. Different subject contests are regularly being held at the University.

The University disposes the Post-Graduate School in 17 specialities of economic, natural sciences and technical profiles and Aspirants School in 5 specialities of economic sciences.

A specialised Council for doctor's theses defence is operating in the following specialities: regional economy; economics and national economy management; logistics. We can also point that a specialized Council for candidate's theses defence is functioning in such specialities as: economics and national economy management (agriculture); finance, money circulation and credit.

Universal library stock-reserve amounting more than half a million publications in Russian, English, German and French contains official, information, reference,

normative, fiction and poetry, regional ethnography and cartography publications, photodocuments and the fine arts works.

Every day the University library is attended by a thousand and a half people, over 3000 publications is being handed out. Reading halls have more than 300 seats. The library purchases annually a considerable amount of publications in different branches. The library is equipped with modem computing and copying technology.

The University Publishing House has a state license and a printing precinct. They both provide publications of manuals, text-books, hand-books, texts of lectures, etc. More than 250 names of printed matters with the volume of 600 signatures is being published annually.

Information-Computing Centre (ICC) guarantees students to be trained in informatics fundamentals, gives practical skills for working with software professionally used in economic activity. Computers, personal computers in specialized class-rooms are pooled into local computing network.

The University participation in the regional program "Interinstitutional computing network" made it possible to teach students in the Internet systems. ICC staff-members developed and use WEB-page, where the Internet users may get any information of the University life. The UrSUE address in the Internet is: <http://www.usue.ru>.

The University disposes buildings for studies, hostels, a Palace of Culture, public catering establishment, a health camp, a museum, a medical room.

There are different directions of out-class work with the students: aesthetic-ethic (through the museum),

cultural (through the students' club), studies at the faculty of related professions are of an individual character: rithorics, communicative psychology, business games: health-improvement and sport work (students competitions, relay-races, olympiads).

