Protocol of steering group meeting

Joint project by the Finnish Ministry of Justice, University of Helsinki Department of Private law and the Legal Academy of the Russian Federation

**Meeting date**  
2.9.2010 / 17:00-18:00

**Place**  
Finland, Lammi Biological Station

**Attending**  
Matti Mikkola  
Soili Nystén-Haarala  
Maksim Timofeev  
Vladimir Gureev  
Roman Tumanov

Prof. Mikkola was chairman  
Elena Pletneva was secretary

**Affairs handled**

1. **Forthcoming**  
The final year of project is coming and it has to summarize the entire job done for the several years past.

2. **St. Petersburg contacts**  
   Has been agreed to make one and a half day seminar in Saint-Petersburg during this autumn. One day of the seminar will be spent on the family law group, civil law and social rights group. The rest of the time is going to be taken for steering committee meeting. The participants are Urpo Kängas (FL), Maksim Timofeev (SRG), Soili Nystén-Haarala (CL) and Saint-Petersburg colleagues.

   Information about the exact time of the seminar has to be sent to the participants and Russian Law Academy by Elena Pletneva (assistant).

3. **Financial rules on project**  
   Finances have been cut for 30% for the next year. But project still keeps on the agenda the next year seminar, which includes general studies, workshops, studies within the groups.

   On important reminder from Mr. Mikkola was made about financial rules of this project from Finnish side. These rules include following facts:

   - No daily allowances
   - No salaries
- Sending country is responsible for travel expenses
- Country which receives visiting researcher is responsible for accommodation

4. Research visits

The exchange program keeps same rules for Russian visitors:
1) Minimum two weeks
2) Two persons at the same time preferably
3) Postgraduate students and young teachers preferably
4) Starting from the 1st of April
5) 4 months limit
For Finnish students:
1) 2 months limit (divided between Helsinki University – 1 month and University of Joensuu – 1 month)

5. Working groups

Has been agreed to rename the group of Legal history and philosophy and keep only as Legal History (due to the fact that members of the group are specified more about history than philosophy)

Tree new groups have been started:
1) Family law group
2) Civil law group (which includes IPR)
3) Social rights group
And two groups continue:
4) Legal history
5) Executive law (probably will be renamed later into Procedural Law)

6. Study material and publications

The executive law group is finishing the book project and determines the deadline in March 2011.
IPR group has published several study materials on the homepage. Those are available for Russian Law Academia students and UH as well.
Tatiana Borisova’s and Jukka Siro’s research “Revolution and Tradition in the Russian and Finnish Legal Acts, 1917-1918” is going to be published on the homepage after seminar.
Saint-Petersburg State University has its journal which could be as well a good possibility for project publications.
The steering committee decided to take Finnish – Russian language for publications because of the troubles faced with English.

7. Home page

Is going to be updated after Lammi seminar. Question of copyright has been discussed and clearly understood that we are not protected from copying trough the internet after publications, so authors should understand it and give us permission to publish
any materials. Probably some protection will be added to the home page through the login and password. Mr. Mikkola reminded about the possibility of studio-meetings, which are available for groups.

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