

Report

of Khokhlysheva Olga O. about grant's activity of Sverker Astrom Foundation for Furtherance of Swedish - Russian Relations
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In last year's January, by my honor and pride, I was granted by Sverker Astrom Foundation for furtherance Swedish – Russian friendship. The direction of Foundation gave me a great opportunity for realization one of my old dream to attend Sweden and Stockholm especially which were not accessible for me before. Grace to Foundation I've got an opportunity to appreciate Swedish style and quality of life by myself. Besides, I was left to visit scientific and research structures of Stockholm where I met with many extraordinary friendly people.

The main purpose of my grant consists in continuing of main research, meeting with Swedish colleges for establishing new subsequent prolonged relations on the basis of chosen structures. I was purposed to spend my time in Stockholm University and The Swedish Institution of International Affairs.

Within the framework of my staying in capital of Sweden I met with extraordinary persons, establishers and members of Foundation: with Swedish famous journalist Disa Hastad, President of Foundation who organized my visit and all necessities, with another members of board Foundation - Erik Andermo and with couple of Westring - Carl-Johan , Swedish diplomat and his charming wife - Jenny , who helped me very much, and, to crown it all – with Sverker Astrom, prominent Swedish diplomat and statesman.

During my staying in Stockholm I had a possibility to do practical training at the University of Stockholm at the law department (IPL) under general supervision of Dr. Said Mahmoudi - ex-diplomat and brilliant scientist nowadays who organized all mine staying at the University and gave me a possibility of making lectures and seminars with the students of law department. Also, by me were attended several seminars on the Political science department of the University with participation of Swedish eminent scientists and political leaders. As a result of these activities at the University with new colleges were obtained preliminary agreements about further inter - universities and inter - departments cooperation on the basis of exchanging by students and professors.

At the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) I got a possibilities to attend several meetings, lectures and seminars with participation of the leaders of countries and international organizations during which were collected valuable materials for further scientific work. Besides, I had an opportunity to participate in working seminar organized by Academy of Folke

Bernadotte. At the UI I met with several colleges - Dr. Carolina Vendil Palin, Dr. G.Sjostedt and others to whom preliminary I was recommended by Disa Hastad. Occasionally, I was invited into FORES discussion club (Forum For Reforms, Entrepreneurship and Sustainability, by Kaija Thunholm) with participation of Feodor Loukianov, Russian editor and Dr. Karolin Vendil Palin). This experience at the Institution will be very useful for next research.

Once I had a possibility to attend Stockholm Helsinki Committee for meeting with participation of Bosnia-Herzegovina journalist, by recommendation of Disa Hastad and invitation of Robert Hardh at the meeting by operation of program director by Marie Mansson. Participation in meeting and discussion with the members of it succeed appreciate an experience and style of working of Swedish activists in the deal of protection of human rights and compare it with Russian experience.

During of staying in Stockholm Swedish libraries were attended by me and rare scientific sources were investigated and obtained. Also several interviews with prominent Swedish persons were obtained. All results of scientific activities soon will be published.

For conclusion, I may sum that voyage in Stockholm was very fruitful and useful for me, because apart from collecting of valuable materials for research and new experience for me succeed to acquire a new acquaintance which will be keeping up and growing stronger in the future.

My gratitude to all members of Foundation's board is infinitely. Also, I would like to add that all mine Swedish successes were shared with my son – Alexander.

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