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Report

When the last tree is cut and the last fish killed, the last river poisoned, then you will see that you can't eat money. By these words of John May I started my presentation at the international conference called "Environmental Rights in Europe and Beyond" arranged by the Swedish Network For European Legal Studies in collaboration with the Faculty of Law at Lund University. I participated in this conference at the end of my stay in Sweden and it was the logical conclusion of my project conducted at Stockholm University. It was a long path led me to this output.

Initially, there were several goals for applying to the Sverker Åström Foundation scholarship. First, I expected to establish good contacts with colleagues in academia and practicing lawyers, develop some joint projects. Secondly, I wanted to work on my own research. Thirdly, being the postgraduate student in Russia I was interested in learning more about Swedish system of education, different formats of classes, thesis defense procedures, etc. Finally, I was eager to explore new country, culture and people in Sweden. Fortunately, the results exceeded all my expectations.



Centralstation, Stockholm, Sweden

Conducting the research at the Stockholm University I had an amazing chance to get acquainted with highly recognized specialists in my field discuss very actual problems and share my knowledge and experience. Moreover, I have completed my paper concerning the international liability for environmental damage occurred due to the transportation of hazardous waste. In this regard, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my supervisor Professor Jonas Ebbesson for the continuous support of my research project. His guidance helped me a lot. Besides, I would also like to thank the Faculty of Law of the Stockholm University in general for providing me with the perfect work conditions. It must be also mentioned that University staff were super-friendly, and every professor, doctoral candidate I met there gave me very valuable recommendations and literature concerning my topic.

Moreover, after the above-mentioned conference with the help of my supervisor and in collaboration with people I met in the framework of the event I also started another paper concerning the access to justice in environmental matters from the Russian and Swedish perspectives.



Lund University, Conference «Environmental Rights in Europe and Beyond», 2016



Lund, Sweden, 2016

Apart from activities at the University, it was my pleasure to attend to different types of meeting at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (Utrikespolitiska institutet) or Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice. Moreover, tea parties hosted by Lars Anell and Örjan Berner; dinners organized by Disa and her friends, where we were kindly invited to, were an amazing experience and are among the best memorable events I have attended during my stay in Sweden.



Dinner at the Disa's place, Stockholm, Sweden

Moreover, I was lucky to be invited to several defenses. So, I attended to the master thesis defense, as well as the defense of PhD thesis at Uppsala University. Both defenses were very successful, and I am sincerely glad for my new friends and colleagues who were awarded the degree/title. I am proud of them and their achievements.



Park in Uppsala, Sweden



Fascinating morning mist, Frescati campus, Stockholm, Sweden

Besides, I have been learning the Swedish language. Since the second month of my stay in Sweden I have started attending to the language courses provided by the After Work Academy. Swedish language struck me with its musicality and intonation fullness. One more thing which I liked very much should be mentioned - tradition to have a «fika». The «fika» s at the university are usually arranged several times a day, there are also weekly «fika»s out of the office. During these «fika»s everyone has unique opportunity to share ideas and latest news, make new friends. Due to this tradition I got acquainted with lots of extremely interesting people. And herewith I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all people I met and became good friends in Sweden during the short time. I appreciate each and every of you, your time and patience, moral support you have provided! I got an incredible experience and it is thanks to you I will always remember these six months as one of the most joyful days in my life!



Fotografiska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden



People enjoying the sun, Stadshuset, Stockholm, Sweden

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Indeed, nothing ever becomes real till it is experienced (John Keats). I have never thought that I would live in Sweden for half a year, get to know so many nice and interesting people with totally different backgrounds, work at the foreign university, etc. But I have experienced all of these, and I am incredibly glad to have had such an experience.