

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCTIC

MAIN STORIES

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- An Arctic situation centre is being established at the Northern (Arctic) Federal University in Arkhangelsk, enabling shipments to polar regions to be digitally organized in their entirety from a single point
- The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation and Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of Norway have signed a seismic acquisition agreement covering the Barents Sea shelf
- Ministerial meeting in Germany results in agreement to strengthen scientific cooperation in the Arctic

INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC FORUM NEWS

19 October 2018, VESTI Yamal

Situation centre to coordinate shipments in Arctic to open in Arkhangelsk as early as spring next year

The announcement on the upcoming opening of the situation centre was made at the opening of the “Arctic Projects: Today and Tomorrow” International Forum, which took place in Arkhangelsk on 18–19 October.

Attendees discussed the way in which the situation centre – which will coordinate shipments along the Northern Sea Route – will operate. The system will enable any ship or freight owner to simulate a situation and predict the time needed to ship their cargo to the Arctic, and calculate the cost of work and services.

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[yamal.ru/ru/vjesti_jamal/v_arhangelske_prohodit_mejdunarodnyiy_forum_arkticheskie_proektyi_sego_dnya_i_zavtra172940](https://vesti-yamal.ru/ru/vjesti_jamal/v_arhangelske_prohodit_mejdunarodnyiy_forum_arkticheskie_proektyi_sego_dnya_i_zavtra172940) (Russian)



1 October 2018, TASS, REGNUM, Komsomolskaya Pravda, Lenta.ru, Gazeta.ru, Izvestia

Meeting on preparations for International Arctic Forum held in Arkhangelsk

A recent meeting on preparations for the International Arctic Forum covered plans to make venues ready for various events and exhibitions, and improvements to Arkhangelsk's infrastructure. A decision was made to improve the structure and operations system of Arkhangelsk International Airport. Attendees also worked through the plans and layouts for spaces which are due to host events on the business programme. The Arkhangelsk Drama Theatre was confirmed as the venue for the plenary session, as was the case in 2017.

<https://tass.ru/novosti-partnerov/5623206> (Russian)

PUBLIC POLICY IN THE ARCTIC

31 October 2018, Interfax

Federal Agency for Tourism establishes working group to promote tourism in the Arctic

A working group has been established at Russia's Federal Agency for tourism to focus on creating regional tourist clusters and promoting tourism in the Arctic. The working group, which will focus on both the domestic and international tourist markets, was set up following an order by agency chief Oleg Safonov.

"It is vital to create tourist infrastructure in the Russian Arctic and promote the region as a whole to tourists, both from the perspective of socio-economic development, and preserving the unique ecosystems of the Arctic," he said.

<https://tourism.interfax.ru/ru/news/articles/53660> (Russian)

30 October 2018, Gazeta.ru

Jens Stoltenberg speaks of need for NATO and Russia to cooperate in Arctic

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has stated that the alliance is in favour of dialogue with Russia on matters concerning the Arctic. He commented on the ability of NATO members to combine practical cooperation and building ties with Russia, while retaining strength and predictability. He also underscored the need to lower tensions in the Arctic.

"This is an area where we need also to work together with Russia," he said. In addition, Stoltenberg highlighted current cooperation between NATO members and Russia through the Barents Council and Arctic Council.

<https://www.gazeta.ru/army/news/2018/10/30/12227269.shtml?updated> (Russian)

25 October 2018, Neftegaz.ru

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation and Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of Norway sign seismic acquisition agreement covering Barents Sea shelf

Russia and Norway have signed an agreement to acquire seismic data on the delimitation line. The document was signed on 25 October 2018 as part of the business programme of the 18th session of the Russian-Norwegian Intergovernmental Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation. Putting pen to paper were Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation Dmitry Kobylykin and Minister of Petroleum and Energy of Norway Kjell-Børge Freiberg. The agreement to acquire seismic data on the delimitation line follows on from the agreement signed between Russia and Norway on 15 September 2010, which covered delimitation of marine areas and cooperation in the Barents Sea and Arctic Ocean. It sets out a procedure enabling the full acquisition of seismic data in near-border water bodies, and will help improve accuracy when surveying geological features.

<https://neftegaz.ru/news/view/176297-Minprirody-RF-i-Minnefti-i-energetiki-Norvegii-podpisali-soglashenie-o-seysmorazvedke-na-shelfe-Barentseva-morya> (Russian)

NEW DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR THE ARCTIC: SUCCESS STORIES

30 October 2018, TASS

Students from leading Tyumen university to work on wind generator projects for the Arctic

The Higher School of Engineering at the Industrial University of Tyumen – the region’s flagship university – has launched a study project whereby students will draw up a development strategy for a modern oil and gas company operating in the Arctic. Students will study opportunities connected to alternative energy and build models of wind power generators. Albert Brand, who is overseeing the project, commented that students would not only be working on project methods with tasks, but also on a specially created online course. “In this role-playing exercise, the students will study the activities of Russian and international oil and gas companies, as well as the basics of mathematical and computer modelling, design, and prototyping,” he said.

<https://tass.ru/obschestvo/5736037> (Russian)

22 October 2018, Vedomosti

Saudi Aramco aims for maximum stake in Arctic LNG 2

“We hope to become the second biggest investor in the Arctic LNG 2 project, after Novatek. We do not just want to be involved, we want to be involved with a substantial share,” said Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister Khalid Al Falih. The exact size of the stake in Arctic LNG 2’s share capital was not revealed by the minister, but his comments indicate that the Russian company has already received a commercial proposal.

Arctic LNG 2, based at the Utrennoye Field on the on Gydan Peninsula, may become Novatek’s second liquefied natural gas production facility. The plant’s production capacity has been set at 19.8 million tonnes of LNG per year, with capital expenditure of around USD 20 billion. The final investment decision is scheduled to be made in 2019, with the first stage being commissioned in late 2023.

<https://www.vedomosti.ru/business/articles/2018/10/22/784298-saudi> (Russian)

26 October 2018, TASS

Ministerial meeting in Germany results in agreement to strengthen scientific cooperation in the Arctic

The second ministerial meeting on science in the Arctic recently took place in Berlin on 25–26 October. Among the attendees was a delegation from Russia's Ministry of Education and Science, headed by Deputy Minister Grigory Trubnikov. The conference resulted in a joint statement and an agreement to increase scientific dialogue on Arctic-related issues in the interests of sustainable development of the planet.

<https://tass.ru/nauka/5725621> (Russian)

PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE ARCTIC

31 October 2018, Xinhua

Russian-Chinese Arctic expedition draws to close

Scientists from the Pilot National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology under the State Oceanic Administration of China in Qingdao, Shandong Province (Eastern China) have reported on their involvement in a joint Arctic expedition with the Ilichev Pacific Oceanological Institute. Thirty scientists from Russia and China took part in the expedition, representing five scientific organizations from the two countries. In all, they covered over 12,000 kilometres, passing through the Chukchi and East Siberian seas, and also the Laptev Sea. The geographic, geological and oceanographic research they conducted led to a number of scientific discoveries and achievements.

www.regnum.ru/news/2511227.html (Russian)

Info

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Today, its annual programme includes events held from Montevideo to Vladivostok, offering an opportunity to bring together global business leaders, experts, the media, and government officials in one place, creating favourable conditions for dialogue and the promotion of new ideas and projects, and assisting in the creation of social enterprise and charity projects.

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