INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ON GLOBAL SECURITY 2015

The fifteenth PIR Center International School on Global Security for Young Specialists will take place August 30 – September 6, 2015.

This year the School will be co-sponsored by PIR Center and Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The International School on Global Security is a unique platform where young politicians, diplomats, military and civil servants, journalists, scholars, and students expand the scope of their professional knowledge and further their education. The school is intended for those who strive to build expertise and improve professional skills.

The course provides an extensive overview of key developments and trends in international security given by their direct participants, and will walk the students through the twists and turns of new challenges and threats, as well as examine specific approaches and positions taken by Russia, other countries and international organizations to regional and global problems.

Key topics for the 2015 International School:

- Security of the CIS countries and the situation in the neighboring regions (Middle East, Afghanistan, Europe, Asia-Pacific Region).
- Nonproliferation of nuclear weapons – outcomes of the 2015 NPT Review Conference;
- Nonproliferation and nuclear security in the context of new threats to international security, or Could the Islamic State obtain nuclear weapons?
- Global trends in nuclear energy, competition and cooperation, political and economic factors.
- Building the BRICS – what will the future hold? Plans for the new five-year cycle and perspectives of their implementation.
- New issues of arms control – sustainability of modern regimes and new forms of cooperation (START, ABM, INF Treaty, Missile Technology Control Regime, conventional arms control, new military technologies, multilateral mechanisms for disarmament).
- Global Internet governance and international cybercrime prevention.
- International information security and cyber security of critical infrastructure.
- Dynamics and perspectives of foreign and defense policy of the Russian Federation.

The courses include lectures, seminars, and debates. Moreover, since 2015 has been declared the Year of Literature in Russia, the PIR Center will host special events with Russian writers and journalists.
Students will have the opportunity to discuss the critical questions of global and regional security with senior Russian officials and international civil servants. In the years 2010-2014, the list of School speakers included: Deputy Minister of Defense Anatoly I. Antonov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey A. Ryabkov, Deputy Director General of Rosatom Nikolay N. Spassky, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the issues of international cooperation in the field of information security Andrey V. Krutskikh, Secretary of the CIS Defense Ministers Council Alexander S. Sinaisky, and others.

Participants. 25 diplomats, officers, civil servants, international relations scholars, journalists, graduate students, and undergraduate students under the age of 35 from countries of the CIS, BRICS group, Central and Eastern Europe, and Mongolia and other states will be selected.

Lecturers. The list of instructors include key Russian and foreign experts on global and regional security representing federal agencies, research centers and private companies.

For many years the list of instructors include such experts as Chairman of PIR Center’s Executive Board Gen. Evgeny Buzhinsky, Chief Advisor of the Analytical Centre of the Russian Government Leonid Grigoriev, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Vitaliy Naumkin, Special Advisor of PIR Center, the Head of the Center for Global Trends and International Organizations at the Diplomatic Academy Vladimir A. Orlov, Member of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Director of the Foreign Intelligence Service of Russia (1996-2000) Gen. Vyacheslav Trubnikov, Vice President of Global stakeholder engagement for Russia, CIS and Eastern Europe of ICANN Yakushev, Head of Strategic Projects in Kaspersky Lab Andrey Yarnykh and others.

The School will take place in the Gallery Hotel (Abramtsevo, Sergievo-Posad region, Moscovskaya oblast). PIR Center will provide accommodation and meals as well as necessary handouts and literature. Travel expenses to/from Moscow and visa expenses are to be covered by the participants or their organizations. PIR Center can consider covering travel expenses for participants from Central Asia and other regions on a case-by-case basis.

Working language of the Summer School is Russian. Participants should be fluent in both Russian and English.

For more information about the International School 2015 and previous programs please visit our website: http://school2015.eng.pircenter.org.

For any information related to the organization of the School, please contact our Projects Coordinator Ekaterina Sizikova by phone at +7 (499) 940 09 83, +7 (985) 764 98 96, fax +7 (495) 987 19 14, or via e-mail edu@pircenter.org
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Applicants for the 2015 International School on Global Security should submit the following documents:

- CV (in Russian or in English, with first and last name in both languages);
- Letter of Recommendation signed by the CEO of your organization or your immediate supervisor (in either Russian or English);
- Cover Letter (in Russian), in which you explain your goals for participation in the program.

The organizers may ask to interview the candidate (in person or by phone). The candidate’s resume should contain the following information:

- Last name, first name, patronymic;
- Date of birth;
- Education (including the name of the institute and year of graduation);
- Current position & place of work or study;
- Previous work experience;
- Area of expertise;
- List of conferences attended, titles of presentations;
- List of publications, plus text of one publication in electronic form or with a link to the text online;
- Knowledge of foreign languages;
- Contact information;
- Photo (in an electronic file, to post on the site if selected to participate).

Candidates for participation in the program should not be older than 35 years as of August 30, 2015.

Please send applications to the Director of the PIR Center Albert Zulkharneev by email edu@pircenter.org. The organizers will confirm receipt of all applications.

The working language of the School is Russian.

Participants should be fluent both in Russian and English.

The deadline for the submission of applications is July 31, 2015. The list of selected participants will be published on August 6, 2015.

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The PIR Center is a leading Russian nongovernmental organization that conducts research, as well as educational, public awareness and publishing activities, and provides consulting services on international security issues. The PIR Center is a Moscow-based organization has a partner in Geneva, Switzerland (Centre russe d'études politiques).

The PIR Center’s quarterly journal on international security Security Index is the organization’s “business card” and was first published in November 1994.

The organization’s key activities include preparing qualified specialists in international security and WMD nonproliferation, as well as developing innovative educational methods in these fields. The PIR Center’s alumni network consists of over 700 young specialists from universities, government institutions, and think tanks from across the CIS.

The PIR Center’s research activities include publishing materials on international security, WMD nonproliferation, and arms control in the Center’s periodical publications, as well as within the framework of the “PIR Center Library” series.

As part of its everyday work, the PIR Center actively interacts with government institutions involved in security, in Russia as well as other countries.

PIR Center partners abroad include the Geneva Center for Security Policy (Geneva, Switzerland), International Institute for Security Studies (London, England), Monterey Institute for International Studies (Monterey, USA), Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington, DC, USA), CSTO Academy (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan), Institute for Political and International Studies of the Islamic Republic of Iran (Tehran, Iran), Institute of International Studies of the Cuban MFA, and others.

For more information on the PIR Center’s activities, please visit the organization’s website: http://www.pircenter.org