



Recent Events

The Kickoff Seminar of the Series: “The Changing Face of Russia” (June 6)

“The Changing Face of Russia” series is designed to highlight and summarize trends and developments that have taken place in Russia recently and analyze their effect on Russian-American business interactions...[\(see article\)](#)

2nd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT) (June 18-30)

RANIT is the most significant event in the Mid-Atlantic region devoted to Russian-American technological and business cooperation. Events were held during the week in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and New York...[\(see article\)](#)

Major events of the 2nd RANIT:

Russian Pavilion at BIO 2005 Annual Biotechnology Convention (June 19-22)

The Russian delegation attending RANIT took part in BIO 2005 Annual International Convention, a preeminent annual biotechnology convention. More than 18,000 biotech executives, investors, journalists, policy makers and scientists from more than 60 countries attended...[\(see article\)](#)

“Business Opportunities in Russia” Seminar in Harrisburg (June 24)

On June 24, the MARBC jointly with the World Trade Center of Central Pennsylvania, hosted “Business Opportunities in Russia,” a seminar in Harrisburg, PA discussing various issues relevant to successful business partnerships with Russia... [\(see article\)](#)

Russian Program at C3 Expo (June 28-30)

The C3 Expo Information and Communications Technology Trade Fair (C3 Expo) was held June 28-30, 2005 in New York. MARBC, partnering with the C3 Expo, presented a Russian Conference and a Russian Pavilion in the exhibit hall...[\(see article\)](#)

Upcoming Events

MARBC Calendar of Major Upcoming Events

Month of Russian-American Venture Industry Cooperation (September 27 –October 21)

During the Month of Russian-American Venture Industry Cooperation, a Russian delegation of government and industry executives will participate in a number of venture capital business events and learn about the U.S. venture industry... [\(see article\)](#)

Looking Forward to the 3rd RANIT in November (November 7-15)

Based on the remarkable success of the inaugural RANIT, and the evident potential for tremendous growth of this undertaking, the decision was made to expand the event and make it semi-annual. The 3rd Semi-Annual RANIT will open on November 7, 2005... [\(see article\)](#)

Delegation to Arrive from Major Russian University

MARBC is delighted to announce the arrival in November of a delegation of faculty, students, and administrators from Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics, and Informatics (MESI). The leadership of the 40- member delegation includes the first-vice president of the university and the head of the international department...[\(see article\)](#)

5th Biennial Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Opportunities Symposium “Ten Years After

This year the 5th Biennial Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Opportunities Symposium marks the 10th anniversary of the MARBC’s first large scale event. Since 1995, the Symposium has been the region’s only major biennial event dedicated to promoting business opportunities with Russia and the NIS... [\(see article\)](#)

Upcoming Events in Russia :

Moscow Industrial Trade Fair (August 30- September 2) - The XI Moscow Industrial Trade-Fair, directed towards the promotion of national industrial production and technology in the Russian market and promotes new business contacts, increased economic linkages, and coordination between the regions and the capital... ([see article](#))

Robotics 2005 (October 18-21) -Robotics 2005 is major international exhibition designed to present the hi-tech, robotics, intelligent and mechatronic systems developed and used in Russia, and to select innovative projects to introduce to the world market of high-tech production... ([see article](#))

Safety and Security Technologies (February 7-10)- The International Forum “Security and Safety Technologies ” is the industry’s foremost exhibition and congress event, serving the security market in the territory of Russia, the CIS and Eastern Europe... ([see article](#))

Upcoming Cultural Events:

Bolshoi Ballet “Spartacus” at the Mann Center (August 2-3) -The Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council is pleased to join in announcing the arrival in Philadelphia of the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet, performing *Spartacus* at The Mann Center for Performing Arts. There will be two performances only – Tuesday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 3 at 8 p.m... ([see article](#))

Russian Mosaic Cultural Festival (August 7)-The Third Annual “Russian Mosaic” festival- a celebration of the third-biggest ethnic community in Philadelphia... ([see article](#))

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Calendar of Major Upcoming Events

August

2-3 Bolshoi Ballet “Spartacus” at the Mann Center

7 Russian Mosaic Cultural Festival at Penn’s Landing

30-9/2 **XI Moscow Industrial Trade Fair (in Russia)**

Month of Russian-American Venture Industry Co-operation Sept 27- Oct 21

September

27-28 World Venture Summit “Capital for International Innovation”

28- 30 National Association of Seed and Venture Funds Conference “Fostering Innovation Capital”

October

17-18 Mid-Atlantic Venture Conference

18-19 OutsourceWorld New York

18-21 **Robotics 2005 International Specialized Exhibition (in Russia)**

November

7-15 3rd Semi-Annual Russian - American Innovation Technology Week

5th Biennial Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Opportunities Symposium “Ten Years After”

February

7-10 **IX International Forum and Exhibition “Safety and Security Technologies (in Russia)**

Recent Events

“The Changing Face of Russia” Kickoff Seminar

Held on June, 6 in Malvern, PA, the kickoff seminar began the second series of “The Changing Face of Russia” seminars, a continuation of the highly successful 1999-2000 series hosted by MARBC, which reviewed the education of

regional companies with regard to the changing business environment in Russia after the financial crisis in 1998. This seminar marked the 10th anniversary of the first full-profile business event organized by the Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council. The geographical location was the same and many of the speakers in attendance at the first seminar attended this time to open the series and to celebrate the anniversary. We once again welcomed United States Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, Congressional point person on communication with the Russian Government, Chairman of the Russian Duma- U.S. Congress Study Group.

“The Changing Face of Russia” seminars are a great platform the Mid-Atlantic business community to learn how to adjust to the current conditions of doing business in Russia and meet those who have succeeded in this field. Look for additional events throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland.

Mid-Atlantic-Russia Business Council and Innovation Philadelphia Host 2nd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week

The 2nd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week opened in Philadelphia on June 18, 2005. The Russian delegation took part in several world-scale events, including BIO 2005 Annual International Convention and Corporate and Channel Computing Expo 2005. The week also included a seminar co-hosted by MARBC and the World Trade Center of Central Pennsylvania. Held on June 24 at the Harrisburg Hilton in Harrisburg, PA, the seminar was part of the MARBC’s “Business Opportunities in Russia” series and discussed various issues relevant to successful business partnerships with Russia, including regulation, law, finance, and accounting matters.

“The Changing Face of Russia” June 6, Malvern, PA

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Robert Powelson: President, Chester County Chamber
- Val Kogan: President, Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council

Keynote Speech

Introduction: Rob McCord; Chairman, Eastern Technology Council
Speaker: Curt Weldon, United States Congressman Chairman of the US Congress –Russian Duma Working Group

Panel Discussion

- John Gallagher; Chairman, United States Industry Coalition
- Michael Lally; Director, Philadelphia US Export Assistance Center
- Vladimir Kestelman; President KVN

The inaugural Russian-American Innovation Technology Week of 2003 was remarkable success. The event brought over 200 technology companies from Russia and the Newly Independent States to Philadelphia and made evident the potential for tremendous growth of this undertaking. We welcome the decision of the Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council to expand this event to a semi-annual basis beginning in 2005. As a result, it will now include even greater numbers of seminars, panel discussions, round-table meetings, trade shows, conferences, and networking events designed to establish partnerships and cooperation between Russian and American business and technology communities.

The city of Philadelphia is delighted to host delegations representing the leading Russian technology companies as they participate in the various technology events of the Russian-American Innovation Technology Week, including major conferences and exhibitions throughout the region.

We congratulate the Mid-Atlantic – Russian Business Council as it celebrates its tenth anniversary with this significant achievement, and hope that such initiatives will ultimately help to establish the Mid-Atlantic Region as a major partner for Russian technology companies and a premier center of Russian-American technology cooperation.

THEREFORE...

I, John F. Street, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim the last two weeks of June and second and third week of November in Philadelphia as

Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Weeks

and extend a warm welcome to all participants of the Council’s Semi-Annual Weeks, with best wishes for a successful partnership filled with innovation, ideas and exploration as we move into the 21st century together.



John F. Street

"The focus of Russian-American Innovation Technology Week is to help introduce Russian companies to the Mid-Atlantic Region's local technology, business and venture capital communities," said Val Kogan, President of the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council. "The Semi-Annual Russian-American Technology Week will help match advanced Russian technology and engineering talents with American entrepreneurial and managerial skills. We hope it will ultimately establish the Mid-Atlantic Region as a major partner for Russian technology companies and a premier center of Russian-American technology cooperation."

The Russian Pavilion at BIO 2005

From June 19 to June 22, the Russian delegation attending RANIT part in BIO 2005 Annual International Convention, a preeminent annual biotechnology convention. More than 18,000 biotech executives, investors, journalists, policy makers and scientists from more than 60 countries attended. The program included more than 150 educational sessions and workshops on topics including industrial and environmental applications, finance, science, manufacturing, food and agriculture, vaccines and business development, as well as over 1,000 speakers.

As the organizer for the official Russian delegation to BIO, MARBC will next year once again be bringing Russian biotechnology companies to the United States to participate BIO 2006 in Chicago, Illinois, and then to Philadelphia in April.



Seminar in Harrisburg

On June 24, the MARBC jointly with the World Trade Center of Central Pennsylvania, hosted “Business Opportunities in Russia,” a seminar in Harrisburg, PA discussing various issues relevant to successful business partnerships with Russia, including regulation, law, finance, and accounting matters. This year, the seminar included an extensive discussion of technological industries. Several leading Pennsylvania companies shared stories about their successful business experiences in Russia. Since 2004, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners officially has proclaimed the day of June 24th as “Business Opportunities in Russia Day.”



“Business Opportunities in Russia”

June 24, Harrisburg, PA

Welcoming:

- Tina Weyant, Executive Director, World Trade Center - Central Pennsylvania
- Val Kogan, President, Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council
- Dan Robinson, Director, Dauphin County Economic Development Corporation

Speakers:

- Peter C. O'Neill, Executive Director, Office of International Business Development, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development
- Paul Smith, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Moscow (Retired)
- Philip H. de Leon, Deputy Director, BISNIS, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Tama Copeman, Director of Future Energy Services, Air Products
- Arthur George, Partner, Baker & McKenzie
- John Gallagher, Chairman, United States Industry Coalition
- Charles J. Hooker III, CEO, Keystone Human Services International

Russian Program at C3 Expo

The C3 Expo Information and Communications Technology Trade Fair (C3 Expo) was held June 28-30, 2005 in New York. The Russian program at the show, presented by MARBC in partnership C3 Expo and sponsored by EPAM and Logrus, presented a Russian Pavilion featuring information on Russian science and technology capabilities, and a Russian Conference open to all event attendees.

Attended by a large number of qualified buyers and exhibitors, C3 Expo is the premier information & communications technology event for the enterprise business marketplace exploring the full range of next generation global technologies and solutions. The Russian Conference began with the kick-off seminar for the series “Russian Science and



Technology Opportunities for U.S. Companies,” discussing the current investment climate in Russia, and continued with a panel of speakers from Russian and American IT companies, and a panel devoted to technology opportunities in the Russian regions and in the countries of the former Soviet Union.

“Russian Conference at C3 Expo”

June 29, New York, NY

Welcoming:

- Dmitry Borisov, Deputy Trade Rep. and Consul Commercial of the Russian Federation in the USA
- Val Kogan, President, Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council

Russian Science and Technology Opportunities for U.S. Companies:

- Moderator: Paul R. Smith, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Moscow (Retired)
- John Gallagher, Chairman, United States Industry Coalition
- Patricia M. Cloherty, President and CEO, Delta Private Equity Partners
- Ellen Shapiro House, BISNIS, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Information Technology Panel:

- Moderator: John Gallagher, Chairman, United States Industry Coalition
- Julia Simonova, Vice President, Luxoft
- Boris Goldstein, President, ITV Group
- Alex Akerman, President, Greycourt
- Iakov Grinberg, Institute for Systems Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences
- Igor Zotov, Pulsar- Ecotech

Technology Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in the Newly Independent States

- Moderator: Paul R. Smith, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Moscow (Retired)
- Nikolai Lepeshko, Consul General of Belarus
- Ellen Shapiro House, International Trade Specialist, BISNIS/ U.S. Department of Commerce
- George Isayan, Representative, BISNIS in Yerevan, Armenia
- Mark Shulgov, Representative, BISNIS in Tomsk, Russia
- Azim Mamanov, Representative, BISNIS in Novosibirsk, Russia

Upcoming Events

Month of Russian-American Venture Industry Cooperation to be held in Sept/Oct 2005

During the Month of Russian-American Venture Industry Cooperation, a Russian delegation of government and industry executives will participate in a number of venture capital business events and learn about the U.S. venture industry. Events will include World Venture Summit “Capital for International Innovation”, September 27-28, 2005, National Association of Seed and Venture Funds Annual Conference “Fostering Innovation Capital”, September 28-30, 2005, Mid-Atlantic Venture Conference, October 17-18, 2005, and OutsourceWorld New York, October 18-19, 2005.

The most important event of the month will be Russian participation in the Mid-Atlantic Venture Conference (MAVC), organized by MARBC. MAVC showcases the best young companies of the region and provides companies with incomparable exposure to the region's top venture capitalists and private equity investors. Notably, MAVC features a technology track, presenting IT, nanotechnology, telecommunications, and other technology related companies. Returning to the other significant events of the month, the World Venture Summit “Capital for International Innovation” will bring together thought leaders, experts, and practitioners from the global venture community to share their ideas and valuable insights, and will feature networking opportunities and panel discussions with prominent venture capitalists across the world. “Fostering Innovation Capital,” is the Annual Conference of the National Association of Seed and Venture Funds, in which participants will share their knowledge of the seed and venture capital industry and discuss the best strategies and tools for building and managing strategic investment programs and institutions. The month long series of events will end with Russian participation at OutsourceWorld New York, the most important learning and networking platform in the US for the outsourcing sector. The event will include a teleconference with the [Robotics 2005](#) exhibition in Moscow.

Planning Underway for 3rd RANIT in November

Based on the remarkable success of the inaugural RANIT, and the evident potential for tremendous growth of this undertaking, the decision was made to expand the event and make it semi-annual. The 3rd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week will open on November 7, 2005 at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. RANIT activities will include numerous round table seminars and panel discussions. In addition, MARBC will organize Russian participation at the ITEC Conference in Valley Forge, PA from November 9-10, one of a prominent series of regional IT trade shows which bring together IT and business professionals.

One of the major themes of the 3rd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology week will be technology in education. The week will present multiple opportunities for furthering communication and cooperation between Russian and American universities, including a roundtable discussion with directors of technology transfer programs at Philadelphia area universities. Representatives from various Russian universities will arrive to participate in RANIT, including a 40- member [delegation of students and faculty from a MESI](#), a leading university in Russia in the field of distance education and e-learning. Several

panels and a roundtable discussion will also be held at the International Incubator in the University City Science Center and in the International House.

Alternative energy technology represents another major theme for the week, with events including a roundtable with the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Energy and Technology Development of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Other leading themes will include biotechnology, robotics, and safety and security technologies.

40-Member Delegation from Leading Russian University to Arrive in Philadelphia in November

MARBC is delighted to announce the arrival in November of a delegation of faculty, students, and administrators from Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics, and Informatics (MESI). The leadership of the 40- member delegation includes the first-vice president of the university and the head of the international department. Representatives of diverse aspects of the university from a mathematics professor, to a tennis team captain, to a student theater group will also be part of the delegation. Their visit will be an opportunity to connect with regional universities, not only on an official level, but also through informal contacts among the students.

Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics and Informatics (MESI) is one of the leading universities in Russia, offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in economics, information systems, statistics, management, and business administration. MESI was also one of the pioneer universities in Russia in the introduction of distance education systems to the study process and maintains its leadership in usage of e-learning technologies. 150,000 regional students participate in the MESI Open and Distant Education system.

The MESI delegation visit will take place within the framework of the 3rd Semi-Annual Russian-American Innovation Technology Week (RANIT) to be held from November 7-15, 2006. The MESI delegation will participate in a variety of events focused on furthering communication and cooperation between Russian and American universities, including meetings at Temple University, a roundtable with directors of technology transfer programs at Philadelphia area universities, and the week's concluding event at the International Incubator in the University City Science Center.

The 5th Biennial Mid-Atlantic - Russia Business Opportunities Symposium "Ten Years After – Russian-American Business Opportunities"

This year the 5th Biennial Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Opportunities Symposium marks the 10th anniversary of the MARBC's first full scale event. Since 1995, the Symposium has been the region's only major biennial event dedicated to promoting business opportunities with Russia and the Newly Independent States, as has received support from Mid-Atlantic state and local governments, economic development organizations, and regional chambers of commerce and business associations.

This year, the Symposium will feature discussion of:

- Opportunities through the Russian-American Regional Cooperation Initiative;
- Russian legal, accounting and financial systems, transportation and distribution, insurance and investment guarantees;
- Opportunities in specific industry sectors, such as agriculture, food processing, packaging equipment, consumer goods, information technology and telecommunications, cutting-edge technology, the medical and pharmaceutical industries, environmental industry, biotechnology, robotics, safety and security technologies, construction industry, transportation, media, travel and tourism, and other prospective exports to Russia; and
- New initiatives and projects, including the various trade missions to Russia organized by the MARBC.

This year's distinguished speakers include representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Mid-Atlantic States' Departments of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, U.S. Congressmen, and senior executives from American companies doing business with Russia. The keynote address will be given by United States Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania, Congressional point person on communications with the Russian Government, Chairman of the Russian Duma-U.S. Congress Study Group.

Events in Russia:

XI Moscow Industrial Trade-Fair

The XI Moscow Industrial Trade-Fair, to be held from August 30- September 2, is one of the central events organized around the celebration of City Day in Moscow. The exhibition, directed towards the promotion of national industrial production and technology in the Russian market, has an interregional character. The events promote new business contacts, increased economic linkages, and coordination between the regions and the capital.

Within the framework of the exhibition, a large number of business programs will take place with the participation of directors and specialists of the federal, Moscow city, and Moscow oblast levels of government.

The Moscow Association of Entrepreneurs will organize a roundtable in the business program portion of the trade fair on "Bank investment in Industry and High Technology: Experience and Problems." Speakers will address various topics related to investment in scientific projects, such as the role played by publication in scientific journals, and the problem of expert evaluation of high technology projects. Val Kogan, president of the Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council, will address attracting investment from the United States in science and technology projects. Within the framework of round table, exhibitions by the winners of the innovation competition "Leader in the Field of High Technology," an annual contest held of the Moscow Entrepreneurs Association and the government of Moscow, and co-organized by the MARBC, will be unfolded. Guests at the round table will include previous years' winners of the innovation Competition "Leader in the Field of High Technology," scientists, directors of innovation enterprises and organizations participating in the process of developing innovation, financial organizations, representatives of various levels of legislative and executive power, and members of the Moscow Association of Entrepreneurs.

Regarding other events in the business program, the main thematic division will be a conference on “Moscow City Procurement” devoted to familiarizing businesses with city procurement procedures, and exchanging information between regional suppliers and the organizers of government competitions and auctions. Other notable events will be roundtables on “Protecting the rights of consumers and development of events on the struggle against counterfactual and falsified output figures” and “Protection of Intellectual Property,” and the annual inter-regional conference “The experience of Moscow and Russian regions in the support of national production.” The Federal Department of State Services will also hold a “Fair of Vacancies” during the exhibition, in which more than 20 organizations participated last year. The trade fair will be covered widely in both city-wide and national news media.

Robotics 2005

The 3rd International Specialized Exhibition “Robotics 2005,” will be held October 18-21 in Moscow, Russia. Robotics 2005 is major international exhibition designed to present the hi-tech, robotics, intelligent and mechatronic systems developed and used in Russia, and to select innovative projects to introduce to the world market of high-tech production. Exhibition participants include industrial enterprises, educational and research institutions, and media and publishing houses specialized in the field of robotics. Innovative work will also be presented by small businesses and by students. Themes for the exhibition include: robotics, intelligent consumer goods, artificial intelligence, industrial electronics, specialized industrial computing systems, integrated robotic and mechatronic systems, nanotechnologies, optical recognition systems, measuring devices and observing systems, data transmission systems, and power supply systems and sources.

The exhibition is carried out within the framework of Russian Technological Seasons -2005. The exhibition organizers include the Federal Agency for Science and Innovation of Russia, the Russian Academy of Sciences, the State Research Center of Russia Central R&D Institute of Robotics and Technical Cybernetics, FRCEC, and “EXPODESIGN” Russian Exhibition Company. MARBC will be organizing American participation in the event.

Security and Safety Technologies XI International Forum & Exhibition

The International Forum “Security and Safety Technologies, ” to be held February 7-10, 2006 in Moscow, Russia, is the industry’s foremost exhibition and congress event, serving the security market in the territory of Russia, the CIS and Eastern Europe. The Forum successfully combines the largest specialized exhibition of technical security facilities and services with a broad-scaled congress program.

The Russian security industry today is a fast growing market with a \$4.5 billion annual revenue for security products and over 1500 companies. Exhibitors and participants in the congress program are Russian and foreign companies involved with the manufacturing and installation of security systems and equipment, state legislative and executive authorities, heads of entrepreneur companies, and associations of non-state security agencies, among others. The Forum attracts an audience of more than 28,000 trade visitors from 40 countries, with more than 80% of them decision makers and two-thirds CEOs. National pavilions of the USA, Germany, Korea, Taiwan will be present. Last year, representatives from 20 American companies and government

organizations participated as exhibitors. The Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council is currently leading the organization of the U.S. Pavilion for the XI International Forum.

Cultural Events:

Bolshoi Ballet to Perform “Spartacus” in Philadelphia

The Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council is pleased to join in announcing the arrival in Philadelphia of the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet, performing *Spartacus* at The Mann Center for Performing Arts. There will be two performances only – Tuesday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 3 at 8 p.m. With one of the world’s greatest ballet companies and symphony orchestras in the world both performing, this performance is considered to be the Philadelphia cultural event of the summer.

The Bolshoi is the only company in the world that performs *Spartacus*, choreographed by Yuri Grigorovich, choreographer-in-chief of the Bolshoi Theatre since 1964. Led by a highly qualified production team, including Alexei Ratmansky, the Bolshoi’s new Artistic Director, and the orchestra’s leading conductor, Pavel Sorokin, 175 artists will bring to life the epic story a hero-slave who led an unsuccessful rebellion against the Roman legions. The Philadelphia Premiere of *Spartacus* at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 and Wednesday, August 3 at 8:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$125, \$85, \$75, and \$45 and can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999 or visiting www.manncenter.org or the Mann Center box office.

3rd Annual “Russian Mosaic” Cultural Festival

Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council is proud to announce the Third Annual “Russian Mosaic” festival- a celebration of the third-biggest ethnic community in Philadelphia, which reflects the rich and diverse customs and contributions of the over one million Russian speakers who live and work from New York to D.C. This free event produced by Creative Collective Arts Center, Inc., and co-organized by Mid-Atlantic – Russia Business Council and Russian-Americans Chamber of Commerce will take place on Sunday, August 7, 2005 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm at the Great Plaza at Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia. NTV America and Western Union International are festival sponsors, and support is also provided by PECO Energy, sponsor of the Multicultural Series, and Independence Blue Cross, sponsor of the 2005 Summer Season at Penn’s Landing.

A myriad of festival participants will share various aspects of Russian culture with visitors. Six hours of non-stop concert programming will showcase original music and dance performances in styles ranging from folk, to ballroom dancing, to jazz. Artisans and craftsmen will present traditional Russian crafts such as woodcarving, painting, jewelry, needlework, and photography, and local businesses will present their achievements. Several social and religious organizations will represent different aspects of the rich and diverse spiritual life of the Russian community in Philadelphia. This year, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of victory in the Second World War, the community will honor veterans represented by Alliance of the Veterans of War and Labor.



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