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Invitation to Attend the Youth Congress of the International Student Associations at National University of Science and Technology "MISiS" (Moscow, Russia)

Dear colleagues!

From November 19-22, 2014 the National University of Science and Technology "MISiS" (Moscow) through the support of Rossotrudnichestvo (Russian Centers for Science and Culture), the Russian Ministry of Science and Education, and other ministries and agencies, will hold the Youth Congress of the International Student Associations "Networking Cooperation of Student Associations."

The main objectives of the Congress are to improve upon the network of cooperation and interaction among student organizations, to share experiences and to develop contacts through the implementation of programs of international youth exchanges, and establish the International Youth Association for development of student associations within the partnership network of partner universities.

Within the framework of the Congress there will be organized a gala concert with participation from a variety of international performance groups devoted to the International Student Day. The topics on science, leisure, sports, media, international student organizations and more will be discussed. Key student association issues will be discussed, such as:

- · Goals and objectives of student associations
- · Self-government mechanisms
- Teamwork and leadership development
- · Cultural adjustment issues and programming for international students,
- · Employment assistance
- · Other topics that are of interest to Congress participants and connected to the main theme of the Congress

Through the results of the sectional round tables it is planned the development of provisions for the International Youth Association, the creation of a permanent international patterns of student associations, aimed at the development of their activities in the international arena, the organization and carrying out of joint activities and exchanges of best practices.

During the Congress participants will be offered a cultural program with visits to Moscow's main attractions.

The Organizing Committee will cover the cost of holding the Congress (including the cultural programming and coffee breaks during the breakout sessions). The cost of travel to the venue of the Congress, as well as food and accommodation in Moscow are at the expense of the sending party. The Organizing Committee is ready to assist in visa issuance (invitation letters), as well as in the organization of temporary housing accommodation for the participants of the Congress.

We are pleased to invite representatives of the student organizations from your University to participate in the Congress!

Applications for participation in the Congress must be received by November 12, 2014. Please submit completed applications (see attachment) via e-mail to e.shevchenko@misis.ru . Phone for contact is +7(499) 236-7467

Best regards,

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