CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, 27 June 2004*

17:00-17:10 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
- Charles Cadwell, Director, The IRIS Center
- Annette Brown, Manager, BearingPoint, Inc.

17:10-19:00 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Think Tank Partnership in Transition Region: Synergies, Sustainability, Lessons Learned

19:30 CONFERENCE OPENING DINNER AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANT

Monday, 28 June 2004

Policy Seminar I: Macroeconomic Policy Issues

9:00-9:55 POST-TRANSITION MACROECONOMIC PROBLEMS
Presenting team:
- New Economic School, Russia
- Tinbergen Institute, The Netherlands
- European Center of the International Center for Economic Growth, Hungary

9:55-10:50 MECHANISMS OF LONG-TERM GROWTH IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES: CASES OF RUSSIA AND ROMANIA
Presenting team:
- Center for Macroeconomic Analysis and Short-Term Forecasting, Russia
- Institute of Economic Forecasting, Romania
- DRI-WEFA, USA

10:50–11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:10–12:05 TIMING OF MONETARY POLICY AND INFLATION MONITORING
Presenting team:
- Laboratory of Macroeconomic Analysis, European University at St.Petersburg, Russia
- Gdansk Institute for Market Economics, Poland

12:05-12:30 GENERAL DISCUSSION

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

* A sightseeing trip to Ljubljana will be organized on Sunday, 27 June 2004 (from 9:30 till 16:00).
Policy Panels

14:00-14:55  PANEL 1: GOVERNMENT REVENUE STRUCTURE AND SPENDING TARGETS IN RUSSIA AND HUNGARY
Presenting team:
- Center for Fiscal Policy, Russia
- Budapest Economics, Hungary
- Center for Development Research, Germany

14:55-15:50  PANEL 2: FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN POST-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: CASES OF RUSSIA AND HUNGARY
Presenting team:
- Center for Independent Social Research, Russia
- Foundation for Market Economy, Hungary
- American University, USA

15:50-16:10  COFFEE BREAK

16:10-17:05  PANEL 3: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AS DRIVERS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN POST-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
Presenting team:
- Central Economic and Mathematical Institute of the Russian Academy of Science, Russia
- The Conference Board, USA
- Transformation, Integration and Globalization Economic Research, Poland

17:05-18:00  PANEL 4: PARTNERSHIP MODEL FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES
Presenting team:
- Russian-American Economic and Business Institute at Urals State University, Russia
- Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economic Institute, Czech Republic
- William Davidson Institute, USA

18:30  DINNER AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANT

Tuesday, 29 June 2004

Policy Seminar II: Corporate Governance in Transition Economies

9:00-9:55  INSIDERS, OUTSIDERS AND GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES: CASES OF RUSSIA AND BULGARIA
Presenting team:
- Institute for Industrial and Market Studies, Higher School of Economics, Russia
- Center for Comparative Studies, Bulgaria
- Timothy Frye, Ohio State University, USA
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Kranjska Gora, Slovenia

9:55-10:50 OWNERSHIP CONCENTRATION AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE: CASES OF SLOVENIA AND RUSSIA
Presenting team:
- REB-Monitoring (Russian Economic Barometer), Russia
- Institute for Southeast Europe, Slovenia
- Center for East European Studies, Denmark

10:50-11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:10-12:05 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SECONDARY PRIVATIZATION IN TRANSITION
Presenting team:
- Institute for the Economy in Transition (IET), Russia
- Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE), Poland
- Staffordshire University Business School, UK

12:05-12:30 GENERAL DISCUSSION

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

Policy Panels

14:00-14:55 PANEL 1: MORTGAGE AFFORDABILITY IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES
Presenting team:
- Institute for Urban Economics, Russia
- Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary
- Urban Institute, USA

14:55-15:50 PANEL 2: POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
Presenting team:
- Center for International Investments in Agri-Food Sector, Russia
- Foundation for Development of Polish Agriculture, Poland
- Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, USA

15:50-16:10 COFFEE BREAK

16:10-17:05 PANEL 3: ACTIVE LABOR MARKET PROGRAMS IN TRANSITION ECONOMIES
Presenting team:
- Center for Economic and Financial Research, Russia
- IMPAQ International LLC, USA
- National Research Institute for Labor and Social Safety Nets, Romania

17:05-18:00 PANEL 4: GLOBALIZATION, ETHNICITY, AND FOREIGN LABOR MIGRATION
Presenting team:
- Center for Ethnic Relations and Nationalism, Helsinki University, Finland
- Demographic Research Institute, Hungary Siberian Center for Applied Research in Economics, Russia

18:30 CLOSING RECEPTION
INVIITED SPEAKER: Professor Dusan Mramor, Minister of Finances of Slovenia:
“Slovenian inclusion into ERM2 and EURO zone”