



REPORT FORM FOR NETWORK ACTIVITIES

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Present appointment and employing institution

Chairman, Management Committee for REES and Co-Director, CEELBAS Project

Role in activity

Administrative support for Main Conference Organisers, who are Paul Chaisty and Alex Pravda
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2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

CEELBAS Public Policy Conference: Russia Beyond 2008
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Location

University of Oxford

Date

From: 15 December 2007	To:
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Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

In this one-day conference, the impact of Putin's presidency on Russia's post-Soviet transformation was assessed and the likely consequences of the presidential succession were considered. The conference was organised to coincide with Russia's parliamentary elections. It provided up-to-date analysis of the election results and covered trends that are likely to shape Russian politics for many years to come.

The conference was organised around four panels: 'Economic Developments in Putin's Russia'; 'Politics in the Putin Era and Beyond', 'Russia's Resurgence as a Major World Power under Putin', and it concluded with a roundtable discussion led by Rodric Lyne, the former UK Ambassador to Russia. Each session lasted for one-and-a-half hours, which provided sufficient time for three presentations and questions. Papers were presented on a wide variety of topics by speakers from different CEELBAS institutions: Oxford, Birmingham, Kent, London and Warwick. The conference also involved two leading specialists from Russia: Fyodor Lukyanov (Editor of Russia in Global Affairs) and Vladimir Mau (Institute of Transitional Economics).

A copy of the programme is attached.

3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

The public policy conference was organised to communicate the results of CEELBAS teaching and research activities to relevant user groups in government, business, banking and the journalistic communities. The conference attracted an audience of over one hundred. This number included leading figures from the relevant user communities: business (DBS bank, TNK-BP), international economic organisations (EBRD), policy analysis/think tanks (Chatham House, Oxford Analytica, Risk Advisory), non-governmental organisations (Hill Foundation, Russo-British Chamber of Commerce, Ford Foundation), UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, NATO, foreign embassies (Ukrainian, Polish, Slovakian), and the media (The Independent).

The conference succeeded in attracting the leading authorities in Russian studies. In addition to the twelve speakers, many established Russia scholars from CEELBAS and non-CEELBAS institutions attended. Such participants added extra weight to the panel discussions.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

Conference papers

The feedback that we received both formally (from questionnaires) and informally was

very positive. Attendees remarked on the quality of both the papers and the discussion. To make the information accessible to user groups, the conference papers were made available on the CEELBAS website. This facilitated the dissemination of information and helped participants become more acquainted with the activities of CEELBAS.

The conference was most successful in cementing contacts between scholars at different CEELBAS institutions, and in establishing linkages between the CEELBAS community and user groups. In both panel discussions and during tea and lunch breaks there were many opportunities for dialogue. Our questionnaires suggest that attendees found the conference very useful in this respect.

Preparation for this event enabled the organisers to identify systematically key user groups. The contact details of these individuals have been used in follow up events. This public policy conference has therefore provided a catalyst for other related conferences, and it has established a group of scholars that is likely to continue co-operating in this field.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)	£41.15 ✓ £513.91 ✓ £39.50 ✓
Postgraduate participation	
Room/equipment hire	
Administration costs	
REES Administrator Contribution to St. Antony's College for the work of one of its RFs as the conference administrator	£127.57 ✓ £ 500
Printing and publicity (including conference packs)	
Conference packs: 60 x £ 3	£180

Other (please specify)	
Lunch	£38.89 ✓
Conference Reception and Dinner: Loch Fyne	£ 444.50 ✓
Total expenditure	
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	£1885.52

6. Breakdown of total costs for projects (please attach evidence of expenditure)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff costs	
Equipment/technical costs	
Administration costs	
Other (please specify	
Total expenditure	
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	

7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

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8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature

<i>CM Davis</i>
Date: <i>28/4/09</i>

Institutional authorisation (if required)

Position:
Date:

Institutional CEELBAS Network Primary Contact

Date:

This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

Please send the completed form to: CEELBAS Administrator, SSEES, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT and by email to: ceelbas-network@ssees.ucl.ac.uk.

