

DEAR COLLEGUES!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

in the 6th Saint - Petersburg International Summer School

"TOWARDS HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE IN COUNTRYSIDE"

The course is carried out within the frames of the International State Program Baltic 21

Organizers:

- Russian Interregional Association for Assistance of Field Experiments and Investigation (AAFEI)
- Saint-Petersburg State Agrarian University
- Global Institute & Agricultural University Internet Hub (IAU)

Place for arrangement: Saint Petersburg & Leningrad Oblast

Duration of course: 4-17 July, 2004

Official language of the course: English



Participants: junior researchers, master and PhD students in agriculture and related sciences, and also architects, economists, ecologists, building engineers, tourism managers etc.

The course contains: lectures, seminars, round-table discussions, excursions, science research, project work in groups.

Main topics to be discussed:

1. Saint - Petersburg and Leningrad region. History, nature, current status of agriculture.
2. Problems of biodiversity preservation.
3. Main principles of sustainable development of rural areas.
4. Model of sustainable agricultural enterprise and settlement.
5. Agro/eco - tourism as one of perspective activity of countryfolk.
6. Experience of European countries in development of rural areas.
7. Problems of preservation, renovation and development of estates as historical centers of cultural landscape.
8. Role of landscape architecture and garden design in sustainable development of rural areas.

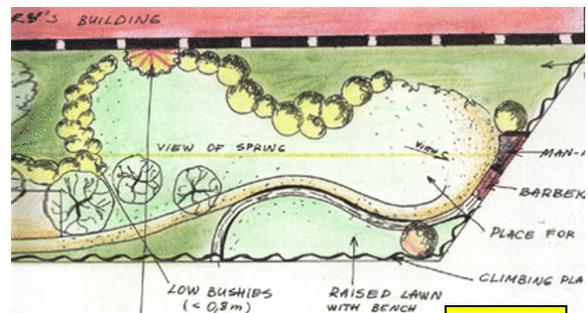
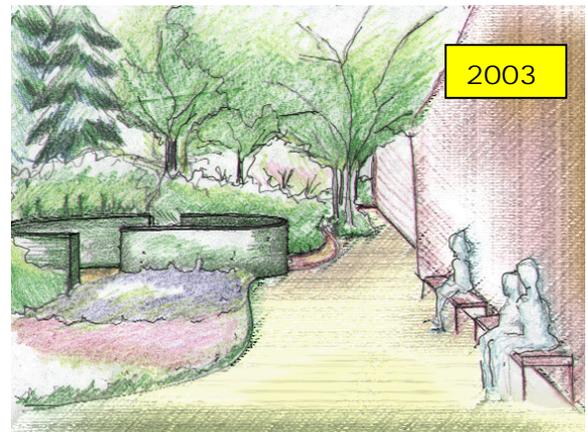
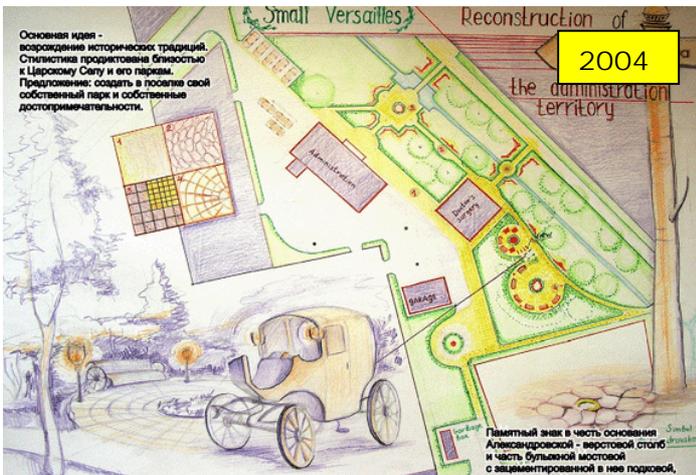
Tradition of Summer Schools goes from 1999, when our Association organized the first special course for agricultural students. The main topics of schools /1999 - 2002 were "Problems of Sustainable Development of Rural Areas" and "Ecological Safety of Agriculture". Next courses (2003 – 2004) were dedicated to landscape architecture and its role in environment revival.

This summer we are planning to begin "combined" course with more wide program and deep project work. Our participants will see different kinds of rural settlements, many agricultural enterprises, historical places, unique landscapes. They will live for 5 days in the village, recognize the problems of its inhabitants, the specific of rural life, meet the members of local administration. In the end of education program they will divided by some groups and could make their own project "Conception of welfare for selected settlement". The project presentation consists of two parts (demonstration of pictures and some reports). It must include all the specialists' points of view. The main aim is to create original, interesting, valid and chip conception for existent rural settlement. All the projects will be studied by local administration and residents, the best ones will be realized.

You are welcome to take part in our Summer School – 2005. We are waiting the students, practice specialists, and also teachers, who could give some lectures in related themes.

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The Main Points of Preliminary Program:

Excursions: 1. Gatchina Park and Palace, Residence of Emperor Pavel I. Gatchina town and Region as developing parts of Leningrad Oblast.

- 2. Russian wooden churches and traditional houses.
- 3. Agricultural enterprises of different status.
- 4. Local historical museums.
- 5. Unique natural places and forest parks.
- 6. Cultural landscapes: history and preservation.

Lessons: 1. Saint - Petersburg and Leningrad region. 2. Problems of biodiversity preservation. 3. Agro/eco – tourism. 4. Main principles of sustainable development of rural areas. Model of sustainable agricultural enterprise and settlement. 5. Experience of European countries in development of rural areas. 6. Old Russian estates as historical centers of cultural landscape. Model of modern estate. 7. Role of landscape architecture and garden design in sustainable development of rural areas. Good experience in creation of new landscapes.