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**UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress Report**

**Period of activity: August 2007- July 2008**

**UNESCO Chair in Learning Society and Social Sustainable Development**

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## **I. Activities**

### **1. Academic activities**

#### ***Education***

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered courses on:  
Prediction of Geotechnical Conditions and Regional Development.  
Target group: postgraduate students at Astrakhan State University.

#### ***Research***

Modernization of Information Systems; Archaeological Research.

#### ***Trainings***

Workshops on Hydraulics, Computer Science, Public and Local Management.  
Target group: university teachers.

### **2. Conferences/Meetings**

The Ecology of Biosystems: Study Issues, Indication and Prediction  
Date and Place: August 2007, Russian Federation

New Materials and Technologies  
Date and Place: September 2007, Russian Federation

Biological Resources, Biotechnologies, Environmentally Sound Development of the  
Regions in the South of Russia  
Date and Place: October 2007, Russian Federation

The Water Resources of the Volga: Present and Future, Control Problems  
Date and Place: October 2007, Russian Federation

Environmental and Biological Problems of the Caspian Sea Basin and Internal Drainage Basin of Eurasia

Date and Place: April 2008, Russian Federation

### **3. Partnerships**

Russian Humanitarian Scientific Foundation, Russian Federation

Chechen State Teachers' Training Institute, Chechen Republic, Russian Federation

Aktau State University, Republic of Kazakhstan

Atyrau State University, Republic of Kazakhstan

Ingush State University, Republic of Ingushetia, Russian Federation

Kalmyk State University, Republic of Kalmykia, Russian Federation

Kuban State Technical University, Russian Federation

### **4. Publications**

#### **Books**

Authors: L.Baeva, A.Romanova

Title: *Astrakhan of the 21st Century: Social and Cultural Regional Science*

Publisher: Astrakhan University

Year: 2007

Language: Russian

Author: E.Khlytscheva

Title: *Astrakhan Region as a Model of Multicultural Society*

Publisher: Astrakhan University

Year: 2007

Language: Russian

Author: I.Petrova

Title: *Innovative Technologies of Management, Education and Industry*

Publisher: Astrakhan University

Year: 2007

Language: Russian

## **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Learning Society and Social Sustainable Development promotes the development of innovative educational programs and projects, as well as the implementation of UNESCO's ideas and values at Astrakhan State University. The Chair organizes research programs on the management of natural resources for the sustainable development of the Astrakhan area.

## **III. Forthcoming activities**

The Chair will create a regional system of continuing education through the development of international cooperation with other UNESCO Chairs in the field of innovative development. The Chair will participate in initiatives to promote research on new

information and telecommunication technologies, which will improve the quality of life in the region of Astrakhan.