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**Progress Report**

**Period of activity: January 2007- April 2008**

**UNESCO Chair in Marine Ecology**

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## **I. Activities**

### **1. Academic activities**

#### ***Education and Research***

During the 2007-2008 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered seminars on marine environment, microbiological ecosystems.

Target group: postgraduate students and young scientists.

#### ***Training***

Workshops on microbiological methods in environmental research.

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

Interregional Science-Practical Conference on Environmental Education and Awareness.

Date and Place: May 2007, Birobidzhan

International Science-Practical Conference Marine Ecology.

Date and Place: October 2007, Vladivostok

### **3. Publications**

Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Microbiological School (20-28th of August 2004).

### **4. Partnerships**

Institute of Marine Biology, Russian Federation

Institute of Fish Industry and Oceanography of the Russian Academy of Sciences,  
Russian Federation

## **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Marine Ecology promotes environmental awareness activities among students in Marine Biology and Biotechnology. The Chair organized several international conferences on the topic of marine ecology and a series of events known as “microbiologic schools” for senior students, young teachers and researchers.

## **III. Forthcoming activities**

The Chair will organize a series of conferences on ecological issues in occasion of the tenth year anniversary of the Chair’s creation. Upcoming publications on marine ecology and a project of marine expeditions to the Gulf of Peter the Great are scheduled for next year. The development of an academic exchange project with universities in Japan, Korea, China and Vietnam is currently in progress.