

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE RUSSIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 21 April 1954
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (2015-2019)
  - Representative: Ambassador Alexander Igorevitch Kuznetsov
  - Previous terms: continuous member since 1954
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme. Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme. Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport. Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication. Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Legal Committee. Member elected by the General Conference at its 37th session - Member of the Legal Committee from the beginning of the 38th session (2015) until the beginning of the 39th session (2017).
  - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee. Member (term expires in 2019)
  - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Vice-President. Member (term expires in 2017)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Vice-President: Dr Alexander Postnov.
  - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education. Member: Mr Eugeny Ugrinovich
4. **The Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 8**
  - 14-15 December 2015: to Chair the 4<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Board and attend the IV St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum. Also met with President Putin and the Governor of St. Petersburg.
  - 8-10 May 2015: invited by President Vladimir Putin to attend the ceremonies on the occasion of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War in Moscow
  - 6-9 December 2014, sixth visit to the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg
  - 19-21 August 2014: first visit to the Republic of Tatarstan on the occasion of the celebration of the inscription of the "The Bolgar historical-architectural complex" on the World Heritage List in June 2014
  - 20-22 April 2014: official visit, on the occasion of celebrations for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country's membership in UNESCO
  - 24-27 June 2012: official visit, on the occasion of the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in Saint-Petersburg
  - 6-10 September 2011: official visit, on the occasion of the Global Policy Forum in Yaroslavl
  - 26-30 September 2010: official visit, on the occasion of the First World Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education in Moscow.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the Russian Federation: 9**
  - 20-23 July 2009: Moscow
  - 9-12 June 2008: Moscow, on the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Russian Press

- 23-26 July 2006: the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)
  - 16-17 July 2006: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the G8 Summit
  - 9 May 2005: Moscow, on the occasion of the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II
  - 23-25 September 2004: Moscow, on the occasion of the World Congress of Information Agencies
  - 24-26 November 2003: Moscow, on the occasion of the Presidential Council on Culture and Arts
  - 30 May-3 June 2003: St. Petersburg, on the occasion of the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city; the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania; and the Republic of Tatarstan
  - 30 July-2 August 2000: Moscow and St. Petersburg
- 6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
- H.E. Mr Alexander Igorevitch Kuznetsov, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (presentation of credentials - 6 October 2016)
  - Staff: Mr Alexander Boldyrev, Deputy Permanent Delegate; and 13 other staff
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova (March 2009 – September 2016); H.E. Mr Vladimir Kalamanov (June 2002 – January 2009); H.E. Mr Evgeniy Sidorov (March 1998 – June 2002)
- 7. UNESCO Office in Moscow:**
- Office was closed on 24 September 2015.
- 8. UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) :**
- Date of establishment: 26 March 1998
  - Member States serviced: all
  - Officer-in-Charge: Mr Alexander Khoroshilov
- 9. Commission of the Russian Federation for UNESCO:**
- Date of establishment: 1955
  - President: Mr Sergei Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs (since 16 April 2004)
  - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Vladimir Fortov (since 2004)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Grigory Ordzhonikidze (since 2003)
- 10. Russian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
- Mr Zurab Tsereteli, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (1996)
  - Mr Ara Abramyan, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2003)
  - Mr Vitaly Ignatenko, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2008)
  - Ms Alexandra Ochirova, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for 2012-2014 (designated on 4 June 2012)
  - Mr Denis Matsuev UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (designated on 2 April 2014)
  - Mr Valery Gergiev, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2003)
  - Mr Sergey Markarov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2002)
  - Mr Vladimir Spivakov, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2006)
  - Ms Alsou Abramova, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2011)
  - Ms Zarifa Mgoyan, UNESCO Artist for Peace (will be designated on 5 December 2016)
  - Mr Vyacheslav Fetissov, UNESCO Champion for Sport (2004)
  - Mr Vladimir Fortov, President of the Russian Academy of Sciences
  - Mr Hegumen Philip Riabykh (Vice-Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations (DECR) of the Moscow Patriarchate), participant in the High Panel on Peace and Dialogue among Cultures (18 February 2010)
  - Prof. Vitaly Naumkin, Member of the High-Level Group of the Alliance of Civilizations
  - Mr Rem Petrov, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (elected in July 2009)

- Prof. Olga Kubar, Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) (term 2008-2015)
- Mr Konstantin Khudoley, Member of the United Nations University Council
- Ms Vera Zvonareva, UNESCO-Sony Ericsson WTA Tour “Promoter of Gender Equality”
- Prof. Tatiana Birshtein, Laureate of the 9<sup>th</sup> L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science (2007)
- Ms Alexandra Shatkovskaya, Laureate of the 2012 Young Scientists Awards of the UNESCO MAB Programme (July 2012)

**11. UNESCO Chairs:** 58 Chairs and 6 UNITWIN Networks

**12. Associated Schools:** 342 (4 nursery and pre-schools, 11 primary, 130 primary and secondary, 172 secondary schools, 7 teacher training, and 18 vocational and technical institutions). The Russian Federation joined the ASP Network in 1966.

**13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 2

- International Sustainable Energy Development Centre, Moscow (2008)
- Regional Centre for Capacity-Building in Museum Studies, Moscow (2009)\*

**14. UNESCO Clubs:** 32 Clubs and 1 Federation

**15. Biosphere Reserves:** 41

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| • Bashkirskiy Ural (2012)  | • Katunskiy (2000)              |
| • Volga-Akhtuba Floodplain (2011)  | • Daurisky (1997)               |
| • Altaisky (2009)  | • Teberda (1997)                |
| • Rostovsky (2008)   | • Ubsunorskaya Kotlovina (1997) |
| • Great Volzhsko-Kamsky (2007)<br>- composed of the Raifa and Sarali BRs | • Taimyrsky (1995)              |
| • Middle-Volga Integrated (2006)   | • Chernyje Zemli (1993)         |
| • Khankaiskiy (2005)   | • Barguzinskiy (1986)           |
| • Kedrovaya Pad (2004)   | • Baikalskiy (1986)             |
| • Kenozersky (2004)  | • Tzentrlnosibirskii (1986)     |
| • Valdaisky (2004)   | • Tsentral'nolesnoy (1985)      |
| • Far East Marine (2003)   | • Astrakhanskiy (1984)          |
| • Commander Islands (2002)   | • Kronotskiy (1984)             |
| • Darvinskiy (2002)  | • Laplandskiy (1984)            |
| • Nijegorodskoe Zavolje (2002)   | • Pechoro-Ilychsky (1984)       |
| • Smolensk Lakeland (2002)   | • Sayano-Shushenskiy (1984)     |
| • Ugra (2002)  | • Sokhondinskiy (1984)          |
| • Nerusso-Desnianskoe-Polesie (2001)                                     | • Voronezhskiy (1984)           |
| • Visimskiy (2001)   | • Kavkazskiy (1978)             |
| • Vodlozersky (2001)   | • Okskiy (1978)                 |
|  | • Prioksko-Terrasnyi (1978)     |
|  | • Sikhote-Alin (1978)           |
|  | • Tsentral'nochernozem (1978)   |

**16. World Heritage Sites:** 26 (16 cultural and 10 natural)

Cultural sites:

- Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex (2014)
- Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl (2005)
- Ensemble of the Novodevichi Convent (C1097) (2004)
- Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent (2003)

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\* Approved at the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference in 2009, but since having lost the support from the Russian Federation due to legal and financial constraints for its realization.

- Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin (2000)
- Ensemble of the Ferapontov Monastery (2000)
- Church of the Ascension, Kolomenskoye (1994)
- Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad (1993)
- Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings (1992)
- Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands (1992)
- White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal (1992)
- Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments (1990)
- Kizhi Pogost (1990)
- Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow (1990)

Cultural transnational properties:

- Struve Geodetic Arc (with Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Ukraine) (2005)
- Curonian Spit (transboundary with Lithuania) (2000)

Natural sites:

- Lena Pillars Nature Park (2012)
- Putorana Plateau (2010)
- Natural system of "Wrangel Island" Sanctuary (2004)
- Central Sikhote-Alin (2001)
- Western Caucasus (1999)
- Golden Mountains of Altai (1998)
- Volcanoes of Kamchatka (1996, 2001)
- Lake Baikal (1996)
- Virgin Komi Forests (1995)

Natural transboundary property:

- Uvs Nuur Basin (transboundary with Mongolia) (2003)

**17. Tentative List:** 21 properties

- Testament of Kenozero Lake (2014)
- Virgin Komi Forests (re-nomination) (2014)
- Western Caucasus (re-nomination) (2014)
- Mamayev Kurgan Memorial Complex "To the Heroes of the Battle of Stalingrad" (2014)
- Bashkir Ural (2012)
- Bikin River Valley (Extension of the "Central Sikhote-Alin") (2010)
- The archeological site of Tanais (2009)
- Ensemble of the Astrakhan Kremlin (2008)
- The Ilmensky mountains (2008)
- Krasnoyarsk Stolby (2007)
- The Great Vasyugan Mire (2007)
- Daurian Steppes (Daursky State Biosphere Reserve) (2005)
- The Commander Islands (Comandorsky State Nature Reserve) (2005)
- Magadansky State Nature Reserve (2005)
- Petroglyphs of Sikachi-Alyan (2003)
- Great Pskov (2002)
- Historic Center of the Yenisseisk (2000)
- The ensemble of former city building of Sviyazhsk (1998)
- Centre historique d'Irkoutsk (1998)
- Rostov Kremlin (1998)
- Historical and Cultural Jeyrakh-Assa Reservation (1996)

**18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2 elements on the Representative List

- The Cultural Space and Oral Culture of the Semeiskie (2008)
- The Olonkho, Yakut Heroic Epos (2008)

- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 13 inscriptions
- The Sobornoye Ulozheniye of 1649 (2015)
  - The Laurentian Chronicle 1377 (2013)
  - Ostromir Gospel (1056–1057) (2011)
  - Tolstoy's Personal Library and Manuscripts, Photo and Film Collection (2011)
  - Radzwill's Archives and Niasvizh (Nieśwież) Library Collection (2009) (submitted by Belarus in cooperation with Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine)
  - "Codex Suprasliensis – Mineia četia, Mart (The Supraśl Codex – Menology, March)", jointly with Poland and Slovenia (2007)
  - Historical Collections (1889-1955) of St. Petersburg Phonogram Archives (2001)
  - Archangel Gospel of 1092 (1997)
  - Khitrovo Gospel (1997)
  - Slavonic publications in Cyrillic script of the 15<sup>th</sup> century (1997)
  - Newspaper collections (1997)
  - Maps of the Russian empire and its collection of the 18<sup>th</sup> century (1997)
  - Russian posters of the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries (1997)
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** 1
- Ulyanovsk – Literature
- 21. Legal instruments:** 23 ratified and 16 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable. Considering ratification.
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: unfavourable.
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (29 December 2006).
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017:** 4
- 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Aivazovsky, painter (1817-1900) (joint nomination by Armenia, with the support of Italy)
  - 250th anniversary of the birth of Nikolay Mikhailovich Karamzin, writer (1766-1826)
  - 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory (1866)
  - 150th anniversary of the birth of Wassily Wassilyevich Kandinsky, painter (1866-1944)
- 23. Participation Programme**
- Since 2008: no requests presented
  - 2006-2007: 7 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,000
  - 2004-2005: 10 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 121,000
- 24. Fellowships Programme:**
- 4 fellowships awarded to Russian nationals since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 56,080
  - UNESCO/ISED (Russian Federation) Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme: Initiated in 2008, the UNESCO category II International Center for Sustainable Energy Development (ISED) in Moscow, offers 20 fellowships per year of 1 month duration with an estimated value of US\$9,000 per fellowship. To date, a total of 130 fellowships awarded for a total estimated value of US\$1,170,000 with UNESCO's seed money under the Regular Programme towards travel grants amounting to US\$325,000.

**25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016:** fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016: 3.088%
- Contributions assessed for 2016: US\$ 10,082,320

**26. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO's activities** (expressed in US\$):

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	163,935	325,964	372,416	880,543	1,739,120	1,662,805

**27. Representation within the Secretariat:** under represented – 7 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 9, max. 14)

- *International Professional Staff at Headquarters in Geographical Posts: 5*
- *International Professional Staff in the Field in Geographical Posts: 2*