

# APRU STUDENT LEADERS FORUM 2013

## **APRU**

Association of Pacific Rim Universities

APRU Student Leaders Forum 2013 initiated by the FEFU president Sergey V. Ivanets and APRU Secretary General Christopher Tremewan aims at promotion and stimulation of young leaders activity in the field of construction and development of common university space, the spirit of cooperation and friendship of young people in Asia-Pacific region.



FEFU President Sergey V. Ivanets



APRU Secretary General Christopher Tremewan

"We support the initiative of FEFU students' organizations to further develop the student dimension of APRU and to foster relations between student organizations. For this purpose FEFU students plan to hold the first APRU Student Leaders Forum back-to-back with APM 2013.

Our host city of Vladivostok offers a vibrant environment for international cooperation with the dynamically developing countries of the Asia-Pacific region, and provides a modern infrastructure that will assist all APRU member universities reach their strategic potential.

I greatly look forward to welcoming APRU's leaders to FEFU in June."

Best regards, Sergey V. Ivanets

#### TARGET PARTICIPANTS

We invite the undergraduate, postgraduate and graduate students of APRU member-universities – the leaders and members of student organizations to take part in the Forum.









#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Preliminary Program of events of the APRU SLF 2013 and detailed description of the working groups will be available soon on the official website of FEFU <u>fefu.edu.ru</u> or <u>fefu.asia</u>.

Please, NOTE: The official working language for the APRU SLF 2013 is ENGLISH.

#### **DATE AND VENUE**

The APRU Student Leaders Forum 2013 (APRU SLF 2013) will take place on June 24-28, 2013 at the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) campus on the Russky Island in the city of Vladivostok, the Russian Federation.



APRU SLF 2013 will take place at **FEFU Conference Center**, which hosted most of the APEC-2012 Summit events, Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum 2013 and many other remarkable international events.



#### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

All SLF participants must be registered by the APRU SLF 2013 Host Secretariat in accordance with the following procedure:

## Step 1:

## The University:

- fills up **Form#1** and chooses the priority working groups: 3 committees to share experience in and 3 working groups to gain experience in;
- sends the completed form to APRU SLF 2013 Host Secretariat e-mail: <a href="mailto:youthapru@gmail.com">youthapru@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:no later than May 10, 2013.">no later than May 10, 2013.</a>

**Secretariat** sends back a confirmation of registration in 2 working groups in 24 hours.

## Step 2:

## The University:

- chooses 1 student per working group to represent the University;
- fills up **Form#2** with personal information on each student and essay on the agenda of the working group;
- sends the completed form to APRU SLF 2013 Host Secretariat e-mail: <a href="mailto:youthapru@gmail.com">youthapru@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:no later than May 20, 2013">no later than May 20, 2013</a>.

**Secretariat** sends back a confirmation in 24 hours.

## Step 3:

**Students** become SLF participants and join the **on-line discussions** on the working group agenda organized by the SLF Secretariat and share ideas and experience on the issues. The invitation to the chat will be sent by the Secretariat personally to the registered participant.

## Step 4:

Upon arrival to FEFU campus in Vladivostok SLF participants are invited to register at the Registration Desk: **get a delegate's kit and an ID badge\*.** 

\*For security purposes **all delegates** and participants are kindly requested to wear ID badges throughout the event for admission to all conference activities and functions.

**The Registration Desk service** will be available from 1:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. on 24 June 2013 and from 09:00 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. on 25 June 2013 at the Entrance Hall of the Conference Center.

**NOTE:** Late registration is subject to availability. Please, send a request to the SLF Secretariat (<u>youthapru@gmail.com</u>).

Application forms will be available soon on FEFU web-site.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation of the SLF participants during the Forum (June 24-28, 2013) is sponsored by FEFU and includes **Twin Occupancy** (2 students per room) in FEFU dormitories at the Russky Island.



There is an option for **Single Occupancy** 

USD 35 = 1000 RUR per room per night (on request, subject to availability).

Each additional night of stay at the dormitory will costs around 35USD per night.

Each room is equipped with 2 beds, wardrobe, work tables, armchairs, bathroom/shower and toilet.\*

## \*Please, pay attention:

Participants are to pay for all additional hotel services, including laundry, dry-cleaning, mini-bars, etc. Payment is acceptable either in cash (Russian Rubles) or by credit card upon arrival. Bank services and currency exchange facilities will be available on the spot.

The Hotel Reservation Form should be sent to the Host Secretariat e-mail: youthapru@gmail.com no later than June 10, 2013.

#### **INTERNET SERVICES**

Internet access for delegates will be available at FEFU Conference Center during the working days June 25 – 27, 2013.

#### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

First-aid will be provided during the conference.

#### **MEALS**

Participants will be provided with three meals a day in accordance with the program.

All delegates are cordially invited to the Farewell Party on June 27, 2013.

Vegetarian food will also be available.



#### TRAVELLING TO VLADIVOSTOK

Participants can fly directly to Vladivostok via Beijing, Hong Kong, Seoul, Tokyo and some other cities. The most convenient hub is Seoul with 3 daily flights to/from Vladivostok.



#### TRANSPORTATION

SLF participants will be provided with free transfers from/to the Vladivostok International Airport and the FEFU campus upon arrival and departure by university shuttle busses.

As well participants may use **AEROEXPRESS** (1 way trip - 200RUR)

Train timetable: http://vvo.aero/en/passazhiram/transport/aeroexpress.html



In case of necessity the organizing committee will help to arrange a taxi.

## An average taxi price:

- a trip "FEFU-Airport" 1500 RUR
- a trip "FEFU Vladivostok downtown" 600 RUR

#### PASSPORTS AND VISAS INFORMATION

To visit Russia, citizens of foreign countries need to have an original, signed **passport** <u>valid</u> <u>for 6 months</u> beyond the expected stay in Russia. Most foreign nationals also need to have a <u>valid</u> <u>Russian</u> <u>visa</u>. Citizens of several states enjoy a special regime for short trips (normally, up to 30 days) with no visa requirement.

While the full list of visa-exempted countries may be found with any Russian diplomatic mission abroad, with regard to APRU member universities, citizens of Thailand and Chile do not need visas to visit Russia.

## There are two ways to receive a Russian visa:

- (A) The most common way includes the following steps:
- 1. A participant provides FEFU's APRU SLF 2013 Secretariat with personal data by e-mail (Visa Application Support Form and passport copy);
- 2. FEFU will then apply for **the official Letter of Invitation** issued by the Russian Federal Migration Service (FMS), and it normally takes **3-5 weeks** to get the "Letter of Invitation";
- 3. APRU SLF 2013 Secretariat will send the "Letter of Invitation" by express mail to the participant (another several days);
- 4. Upon receiving the "Letter of Invitation", the Delegate will apply for the Russian visa at the nearest Russian Embassy or Consulate (3-15 days depending on the location of the Consulate General; the visa application process may vary in some other ways depending on their workload, etc.).

## Approximately it takes from 6 to 9 weeks from step 1-4.

While this way is definitely time-consuming, it may be relevant for countries with special internal regulations concerning going abroad (for example, when the "Letter of Invitation" issued by the Russian

FMS is needed to apply for permission to go abroad). The most convenient and fastest way consists of the following steps:

- 1. A participant provides APRU SLF 2013 Secretariat with personal data by e-mail (Visa Application Support Form and passport copy);
- 2. FEFU sends back a personal invitation via e-mail to the participant.
- 3. A participant applies for **a tourist visa** at the country of stay via Russian Embassy or Consulate.

The period and terms of a tourist visa issuing process depends on the visa regulation regime between Russia and the country of stay.

**NOTE:** Visa Application process may be initiated at any moment convenient to Delegates, but we recommend **April 15, 2013** as the deadline.

## Visa Application for Delegates living/working outside their home countries

Delegates working or living outside their home countries should clearly indicate the Russian Consulate General where they will be applying for their visa (i.e. in their country of residence). As not all nationalities are able to do this outside their home country, we will be arranging with the relevant Consulate so that Delegates will be given special permission to apply for their visa in their country of residence.

#### **INSURANCE**

Participants are responsible for their own insurance.

#### **CONTACTS AND USEFUL LINKS**

### 1. APRU SLF 2013 Secretariat:

e-mail: youthapru@gmail.com

#### 2. Infrastructure:

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#### **ANNEX 1**

#### VISA SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return this form with attached copy of your passport

Destination (city & country):		
Visa appli	cation lodged a	ıt
(Embassy / C	Consulate):	
PERSONAL DETAILS		
Mr. Ms. Surname		e
First Name		e
Nationality, state of residence		e
Date and place of birth		
Permanent business address		s
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T	elephone /fax numbe	r
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Number:		Type
	(dip	plomatic/official/ordinary):
Issued on:		Valid until:
		JOURNEY
Dates of journey:		
Itinerary (d	cities to visit in Russia	1)
Please note, that the first, last and middle (if any) names must be give		

Please note, that the first, last and middle (if any) names must be given exactly as they appear in the passport. Discrepancies may result in visa issuing delay or even denial.

Also note that this is not the Visa Application Form, and does not substitute it. Visa Application Form is available at the relevant Consulates of the Russian Federation.

Please complete and send the form to <youthapru@gmail.com> no later than <15th of April, 2013>