Russian Telemedicine Consortium

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Press Release

Founding of Russian Telemedicine Consortium

The constituent assembly of the Russian Telemedicine Consortium (RTC) took place in Moscow on 22.01.2016. The participants in the assembly focused on the realization of the international project “Compatible integrated telemedicine systems in the regions of BRICS countries” including the Russian part.

During the fruitful meeting, the Russian Telemedicine Consortium was established. The RTC Board and the Executive Secretary were elected and the working plan for the year 2016 was accepted.

The founders of the RTC are leading Russian companies and organizations in the field of development and operation of integrated telemedicine solutions, stationary and mobile equipment, research dedicated to innovative clinical methods, as well as medical and technical education:

- Central R&D Institute of Organization and Informatization of Health Care (Ministry of Health Service of the Russian Federation),
- Federal Research Center “Informatics and Management” (Russian Academy of Science),
- Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (State University),
- Research & Production Union "National Telemedicine Agency",
- Peoples' Friendship University of Russia,
- JSC “Orion”.

The RTC is open to collaboration with medical organizations and industry for large-scale development and usage of telemedicine as a tool for delivery of consistent, timely, and high-quality health care.

Some of the Russian largest medical centers are planning to join the RTC in the next few months. They will provide a clinical basis for national and international (BRICS countries) teleconsultations services.

The founders of RTC are recommending to create similar organizations in BRICS countries and an international union for coordination of telemedicine activity and joint preparation of an application for financing to New Development Bank BRICS.

The members of the Board of the Russian Telemedicine Consortium are:

- Igor Sokolov (Director of Federal Research Center “Informatics and Management”),
- Vladimir Starodubov (Director of Central R&D Institute of Organization and Informatization of Health Care),
- Vasily Slobojanov (General Director of JSC “Orion”),
- Angela Doljikova (Pro-rector at Peoples' Friendship University of Russia),
- Michael Natenzon (Chairman of the Board of Research & Production Union "National Telemedicine Agency”),
- Alexander Melerzanov (Dean at Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology),
- Georgy Lebedev (Deputy Director of Central R&D Institute of Organization and Informatization of Health Care),
- Constantine Sidelnikov (Head of Chair at Peoples' Friendship University of Russia),
- Vladimir Tarnapolskiy (President of Research & Production Union "National Telemedicine Agency”),
- Vladimir Tsygankov (Deputy Director of Federal Research Center “Informatics and Management”).

Academician Igor A. Sokolov was elected as the Executive Secretary of the Russian Telemedicine Consortium. In his speech he told about the complexity of the project, its knowledge intensity, social importance and compliance with the criteria of strategically important directions of long-term scientific and technological development formulated by the Russian President's Council for Science and Education.

Other participants in the assembly included representatives from the Ministry of Health Service of the Russian Federation, the Federal Medical&Biological Agency, the Federal Financial Monitoring Service, Moscow Regional R&D Clinical Institute named after M.F.Vladimirskiy, First Moscow State Medical University named after I.M.Sechenov, A.N. Bakulev Scientific Center for Cardiovascular Surgery, Research Center for Obstetrics, Gynecology and Perinatology named after V.I.Kulakov, Moscow Technological University, Medical Information and Analytical Center of Khanty-Mansiysk, and Medical Insurance Company “Medstrakh”.

The assembly discussed further expansion of RTC, improving its organizational structure, and interaction with government bodies of BRICS countries.

All participants supported the creation of RTC and expressed readiness to promote its successful activity and growth.