

CONFERENCE IN SOCHI IN RUSSIA

The undersigned visited Sochi in Russia at the invitation of the Kuban State University where the international scientific-practical conference Economic Development of Russia: Traps, Fork and Redefining Growth was held from 26 to 28 January 2017. The conference was conducted under the leadership of the Kuban State University, with a number of leading Russian universities and organisations as co-organisers.

The conference started with the plenary meeting of about three hours which included eight presentations. It focused above all on the situation that has developed and on how realistic is any development and growth of Russian economy in the next few years. The subject of the presentation by Matti Raudjärv was – Opportunities for Business Development and Achievement of Economic Growth in Estonia (with the Support of the State Reform and Administrative Reform).

The Sochi Conference was rich in content and involved a lot of work and was carried out in a relatively critical-constructive spirit which provided a rather good overview of the current economic situation and expected prospects in Russia. There were approximately 100 participants in the conference, with many doctoral students among them, and the organisation and reception were excellent.

There were also numerous interesting meetings and talks with existing and new colleagues from Russia. In addition to everything else it was possible to visit briefly some of the Olympic sites and buildings and structures at Sochi-Adler and Krasnaya Polyana.

Sincerely,
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