

Submitted by: Boris DENISOV

Visit to: Barcelona, Spain

Inclusive travel dates: July 8-15, 2008

Purpose/Objective of Travel:

Participation in European Population Conference, a biannual meeting of European Association for Population Studies

Summary:

European Population Conference (EPC) is a biannual meeting of European Association for Population Studies (EAPS). The meeting of the year 2008 took place in Barcelona, Spain. EAPS unites individual demographers of the world in order to promote studies of demographic developments as well as the causes and consequences of population trends. Personal face to face communications are very important for professional growth. The conference in Barcelona included the 10th General Assembly of EAPS. Francois Heran (France) replaced Janina Józwiak (Poland) in the president's chair. EAPS members elected a new ruling council of association. This year EPC does not have a plenary session, only a set of various simultaneous sessions, although migrants' subpopulations were a major topic of the conference.

Demographers from all over the world uploaded more than eight hundred submissions to the conference site, 720 of them registered for participation, i.e., paid a registration fee. According to closing speech by Prof. Heran this meeting was record high in participation.

The conference revealed not only real population growth in demography, moreover community of demographers is no longer aging, and lots of young men and women took part in EPC-2008. Many esteemed professionals presented their mutual work together with their undergraduate and PhD students. Contrary to this overall European trend Russian demographic community suffers from rapid aging partly due to higher mortality, but more due to deficient supply of new young specialists. Russian demographic community keeps on shrinking. Many demographers work outside of their country of origin, and Russia is not exclusion. EAPS remains keeping global vector of development.

To have look on agenda visit EPC website at <http://epc2008.princeton.edu/>

Output:

Two presentations had been made. New professional contacts had been established and old ones – maintained. The participation in three interesting discussions (migration-mortality, causes and futures of abortions, and HIV in migrant population) was interesting and fruitful.

Both presented papers had been uploaded to the conference website, and thus are in public domain with easy access.

Activities:

Two presentations had been made before the conference sessions:

1. Mortality-Migration Interplay Case of Russia after the USSR (session: Data Collection and Analysis)
2. The future of abortions in Russia (session: Contraception and Induced Abortion in Europe)

For details see attachment (two pages)

Action:

Russia is a country with big migrant population, but little is known about it. Thus, I suppose, more effort should be done to study demography of migrant populations, with special attention to HIV demography. Since revival of migration count is a long story, more attention should be paid to accurate sample surveys now. UNFPA Moscow office may carry out a worldwide (but Russian speaking) meeting on this topic.

Distribution:

Russia:

Dept of Economics, Moscow University; Institute of Demography, Higher School of Economics; Moscow Medical Academy; Rosstat

Outside of Russia:

WHO office in Bratislava; UNAIDS; Population Division; World Bank; EAPS