



ULYANOVSK REGIONAL INFORMATION NODE

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Ulyanovsk State Technical University

- 52 Departments
- 81 Bachelor's, Master's and Engineer's Degree Programs
- More than 16 000 students and more than 500 professors
- 2nd place among all Russian enterprises and 1st place among technical universities in the number of patents assigned
- 3367 intellectual property certificates
- More than 30 gold, silver and bronze medals on **International Exhibitions** in Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Nuremberg
- The largest regional scientific library which contains over 1,500,000 books
- Comprehensive academic training system with 29 programs in different areas and 3 Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Problems

1. Structure and organization
2. Language and communication
3. Differences in mentalities, cultures, and traditions
4. Financial obstacles
5. Multinational Europe



Structure and organization

- Russia and other European countries have different structures of government, education, science and business. There are no full equivalents.
- European and Russian scientific and educational management systems are different. Peculiarities can be revealed only in practice, which is very time-consuming.
- Different priority areas of scientific research.



Language and communication

- Many Russian researches with great scientific prospects have poor English skills.
- Interpreting makes the process of communication longer. It becomes an obstacle for “real” communication between researchers which is crucial for fruitful scientific collaboration.
- Most information sources (e.g. web sites, application documents) are designed for English-speaking audience. Language barriers may prevent Russian researches from meeting certain deadlines.



Differences in mentalities, cultures, and traditions

- Mentality. Finding the best way of communication with a certain foreign researcher takes much time. There are no common profiles for different nations.
- Peculiarities of cross-cultural communication. Interacting with foreigners (round tables, dissertation defense, presentations, approval, etc.), we should consider many things which may seem insignificant. However, these things influence communication and understanding.
- Traditions.



Financial obstacles

- Unequal financial opportunities. Visiting conferences and exhibitions usually is not a problem for European researchers, while Russian researchers may find financial obstacles insuperable.
- Bank transfer problems.
- European researchers are not financially interested in collaboration.



Multinational Europe

Europe has heterogeneous structure due to integration of states and nations. This fact complicates the following problems:

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Thank you for attention