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Russian policy in the sphere of historical heritage: 20 years of hopes and disappointments

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Preamble

- This will be probably sad, but instructive story of numerous and varied attempts at forming an effective national policy of conservation and efficient use of cultural and natural heritage of Russia.
- Particular attention should be paid to the analysis of the causes of weakness of civil society in this field, their failures in building the new format of heritage management in post-Soviet Russia.

National heritage: scale of phenomena

- ~ 80 000 historical monuments
- 140 national parks and state nature reserves
- 24 world heritage site





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State of historical heritage in Russia

There is an increasing concern over the state of historical heritage in Russia among the professional community.

The country has discarded the old ways of management in this sphere without offering new ones in their place.

Degradation of heritage which is becoming more and more abandoned and ownerless threatens to assume the scale of a national disaster.



Heritage in a crisis

Crisis had been largely caused by the withdrawal of the state with all of its organizational and financial potential from heritage preservation.

As a result of it, the nation continued to lose hundreds of its natural, historic and cultural monuments every year, the centuries-old cultural layer crumbled and the natural and spiritual potential of its development was clearly disintegrating.



Russia:

1991 – 2011 in the field of heritage

- Soviet order \ system of heritage management was not able to act successfully in new historical (market) conditions and finally was destroyed
- But what should be instead of it?
- Huge national heritage needs adequate policy (conservation, preservation, restoration, vitalisation, ...) at any conditions
- Russian reformators had no clear reply on the question. For everything was defined an universal approach (solution, ...) - transition

NB!

- Russian conservation community was not happy with a state of national heritage policy, particularly at the late soviet period (a lot of bureaucracy, a few possibilities for social initiatives, ...).
- This community has accepted idea of transition as that of from bad to better in national heritage policy
- Subsequent events showed: it as a big delusion.
 Heritage was important point in political discussions but not in field of real national policy.

Private initiatives

- But any way, that period was a time of a lot of initiatives in field of conservation, both cultural and natural, tangible and intangible.
- Many new conservation NGO's were established
- Many new ideas how to use the best from national and foreign experience were proposed
- Some of them were realized, fully or partly, fast or slow.
- Some examples (the most familiar for the author) as illustrations follow up.

Example 1 (positive)

Environmental Monitoring of Cultural Heritage

- National project (since 1994)
- On federal and regional levels
- Fully private initiative
- The aim of the project is to gather, process and use environmental data for government reports.

Environmental Monitoring of Cultural Heritage: basic project idea

The past few decades have seen cultural heritage properties become one of the main victims of "environmental aggression" as a result of extensive economic development and lifestyles that are so typical of modern man's life as a whole. This has resulted in many valuable monuments of history and culture being lost.

The scope and scale of this phenomenon are such that "cultural heritage loss" has been named among the main modern environmental issues.

Environmental Monitoring of Cultural Heritage

The great relevance of this issue for Russia is reflected in the inclusion of a new special section Impact of Environmental Factors on Cultural Heritage Preservation in the annual government reports on the environmental situation. Beginning from 1994, the Russian Heritage Institute has been engaged in carrying out an openended project on the environmental monitoring of the condition of the country's immovable cultural heritage at a regional level. The project is adopted by the RF Ministry of Culture and the State Environmental Agency.

Environmental Monitoring of Cultural Heritage

Highly efficient and yet simple methods have been worked out and put into practice within a very short period of time in Russia both nationally and regionally.

The project has drawn the attention of professionals, politicians and the general public to the cultural heritage preservation issue in our country.

Министерство природных ресурсов и экологии Российской Федерации



ГОСУДАРСТВЕННЫЙ ДОКЛАД

О состоянии и об охране окружающей среды Российской Федерации в 2009 году The last issue of the Russian Annual State Report with a section on a state of cultural heritage Properties.

Also on website: www.mnr.gov.ru

Development of Heritage Monitoring System

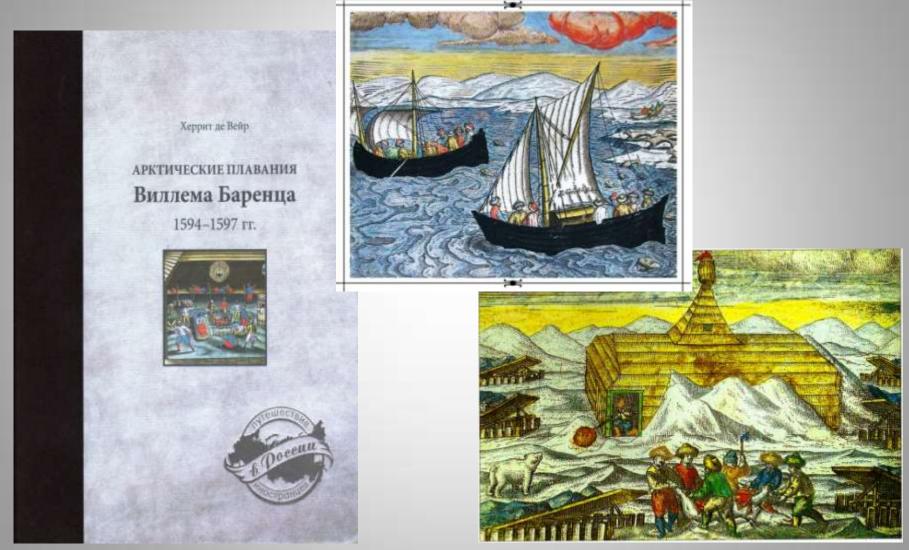
Special attention should be given to the study of the phenomenon of climate change effects for cultural heritage properties in order to improve management in this sphere at every territorial level - from global to local.



Example 2 (also positive)

The Russian Arctic National Park: from idea and project (1999) to implementation (2009)

Barents story: Novaya Zemlya



Historical Heritage of the Newly Established Russian Arctic National Park







The Russia Arctic National Park \
The first tourist season \
Summer 2011





Arkhangelsk, 22 September 2011: International Arctic Forum (heritage conservation as a priority)







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V. Putin (Arctic Forum):

 It is great that the society's glorious Arctic traditions live on, as this forum bears out. The first forum held in Moscow exactly a year ago sparked a great deal of interest among all those who care about Arctic problems, exploration of Russia's Far North, its environment, ethnography, historical heritage and the building of trust and partnership in this region. This is exactly why we decided to hold it every year.

Putin (cont.)

 Our goal is to use all our resources to study the current state of the Arctic in detail and to develop effective instruments for reducing already inflicted damage and preventing new risks. I'd like to hope that the current forum will become a venue for discussing and finding solutions to all the problems I have mentioned. Therefore, I propose that we devote the next forum to environmental protection.

Example 3 (contradictory)

- Several attempts to arrange trusteeship movement in Russia (since 1995 – The 7th INT Conference)
- The most successful one: Russian National
 Center for Heritage Trusteeship (since 2004)

The Russian National Center of Heritage Trusteeship (NCHT)

- Russian NGO in field of heritage policy, was founded in 2004
- Founders the country's leading heritage professionals scientists, teachers, practicians, politicians, ...
- Focus on introducing direct trust management of cultural and natural heritage in Russia



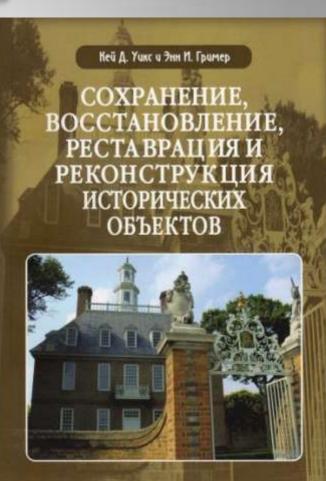


Basic Ideas of NCHT Activities

- Traditions, both national and international
- Innovations, both from science and practice
- Partnership, both with persons and institutions (organizations)

Book Publications





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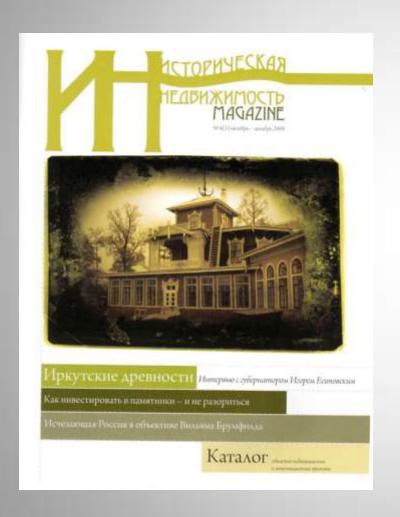
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To the Russian National Trust

Strategic solution to the above problem could be to adopt a mechanism of trust management of heritage in addition to the public forms of regulation in this sphere.



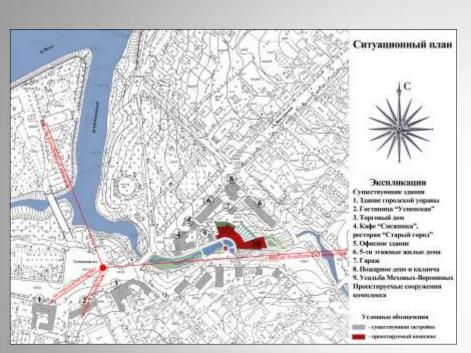
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Project: Creek Kamensky, Uglich,

- ancient Russian town 120 km North to Moscow, Iaroslavl' Oblast









Project in progress: Valday, Tver' Oblast







Project in progress:

Forts of Kalinungrad







Рис.5.1. Схема расположения объектов музейно-туристического комплекса



Рис.5.2. Общий вид гостиничного комплекса с восточного фасада

Pilot Project in Torzhok





Pilot project on trust management in Russia: from sunrise to sunset

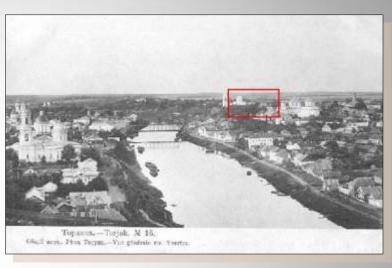
- A model agreement on trust management was developed
- The Imperial Road Palace in Torzhok was selected for the pilot project, a private investor was found
- An agreement with the administration on the transfer in trust of a number of monuments in Torzhok was concluded
- a series of works on the renovation of heritage sites, investments totaled 25 million rubles were carried out

Pilot Project: Torzhok, Tver' Oblast – ancient Russian town between Moscow and Sankt-Peterburg











But...

- A year ago, prosecutors challenged the Tver Oblast Agreement of the Trust Deed.
- Lasted about one year trial in Torzhok to terminate the contract of trust management.
- Road palace by the court returned to public ownership.

Typical case (Церковь Воскресения Христова в Кадашах), **Moscow**





The planned future





Angry people of Moscow

Only a few losses in Moscow in 2011:

- Roundhouse of the Nicholas Railroad,
- home of Kolbe at the Grand Yakimanka,
- a Glebov- Streshnev-Shakhovskoy wing-estate in Kalashny Lane,
- home of the Grand Ordynka Feoktistova,
- historic Vypolzovo Lane Mosque

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Against of new wave of neglection and vandalism: Moscow, October 1, 2011



Protecting the historic Moscow!

Angry people put questions and insist

- Why in the old Moscow Sobyanin break no worse than Luzhkov? What prevents the authorities to put the historical center of Moscow for protection?
- The historical center of Moscow needed a single conservation status and a special program of revival and renovation.
- Major urban development decisions can not be made by small circle of officials, without an independent professional and public review.

Conclusions

- Current heritage protection in Russia rests primarily on the inertia of the traditions of the Soviet era, achievements in education and the enthusiasm of individuals.
- However, these circumstances can and should play a role of launching mechanism for the formation of modern policy, a fully adequate to the challenges of time.
- A special place in this policy must take adaptation of the most valuable achievements of foreign countries and the international community as a whole in the sphere of heritage.

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Thank you for attention!

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