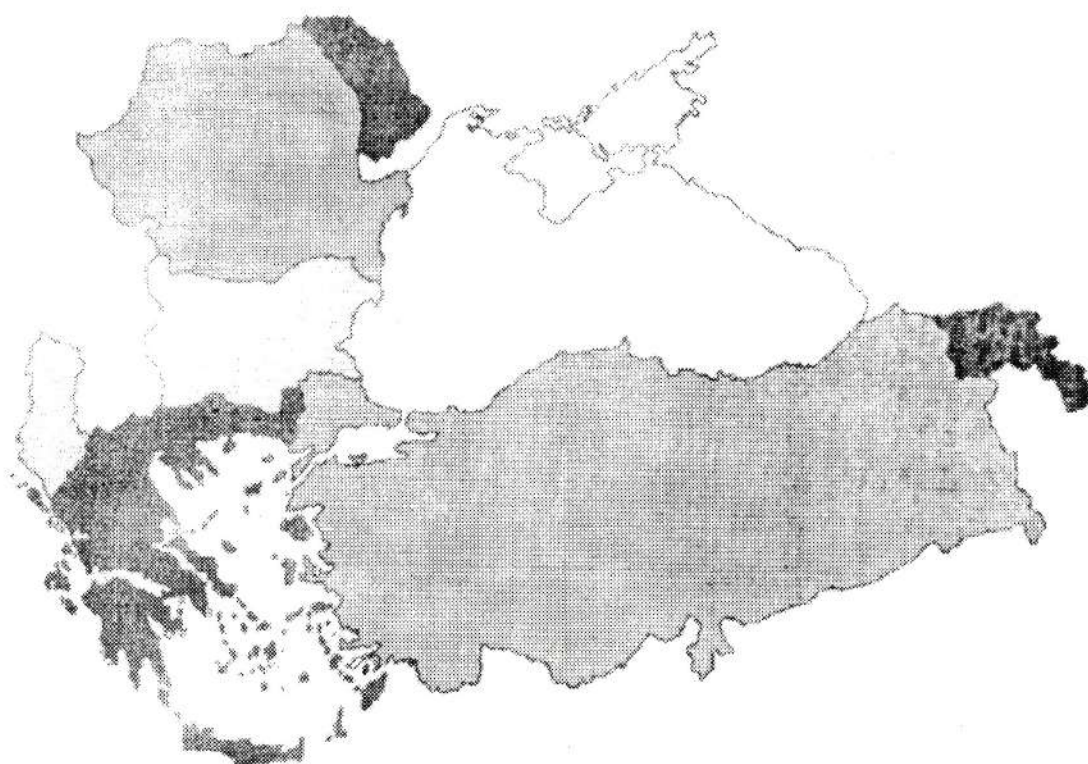




NATO Advanced Research Workshop



The New Role of the Academies of Sciences in the Balcan Countries



BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

**Athens, Greece
November 19 to November 23, 1996**

17:00 - 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 - 18:30 **Round Table Discussion**

Representatives: Albania, Armenia, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom

Coordinator: V.N. Constantinescu

Friday 22 November 1996

Chairmen: E. Pungor, E. Malitikov

9:00 - 9:30 **I. Bostan, Technical University of Moldova**

“Inventions as Promoters of Scientific and Technical Progress”

9:30 - 10:00 **A. Goncharenko, Academy of Sciences of Belarus**

“The Role of the Academy of Sciences of Belarus in Science and Reformation of Economy”

10:00 - 10:30 **S. Andronati, A.V. Bogatsky Physico-Chemical Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine**

“Some Aspects of Reformation of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine”

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Chairmen: S. Andronati, A. Goncharenko

11:00 - 11:30 **B. Paton, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine**

“The Role and Place of the International Association of the Academies of Sciences in Creating Common Research Space”

11:30 - 12:00 **V. Paces, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic**

“Transformation of Research in the Czech Republic: The Role of the Academy of Sciences”

12:00 - 12:30 **E. Malitikov, International ZNANIE Association, Russia**

“A Strategy for Knowledge Diffusion”. Project “I am the Man of the Earth”

12:30 - 13:30 Discussion

13:30 - 15:30 Lunch

Charmen: Ch. Proukakis, F. Tanasescu

**A Strategy for Knowledge Diffusion.
Project "I am the Man of the Earth"**

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Intellectual community is joining efforts for no less than the sake of humanity. Changes are taking place in all spheres: political, economic, scientific, and others. Scientists of the former Soviet Union had the possibility of sharing their knowledge not only via different meetings and publications. There was a way of popularizing scientific achievements in the framework of Znanie (in English "knowledge") association. The aim of it was dissemination of knowledge among students, industrialists and other non-scientists. It was established in 1947 on the initiative of prominent workers in science and technology.

Recently, it has been transformed in the international association Znanie headquartered in Moscow. It plays an essential role in the integration process between the countries of the CIS, whose non-governmental scientific and educational organizations and those of the Baltic countries, still constitute the core of the association. The motto of this association is "Knowledge is the Bedrock of Accord, Security, Progress and Prosperity", its main aim is to promote science and education [1]. It cares for environmental problems [2], publishes the ecological bulletin *Contact* jointly with UNESCO and UNEP, etc.

Russia has always been an equal partner with other countries of the world in fundamental sciences. In applied research, however, innovations and their prompt utilization in production processes have been and continue to be the Achilles' heel of the Russian economy.

Indeed, transition to a market economy requires decisive breakthroughs in all areas, from production to science. Such breakthroughs are possible only if the intellectual community is not merely preserved, but its effectiveness increased. This is the key task of united educational forces of various levels. With this aim in mind, a fundamentally new governing body for Znanie - the Presidential Council, composed of the heads of the similar scientific-educational societies of the CIS and Baltic countries was formed.

Znanie participates in the joint national and international projects under the aegis of UN, UNESCO and other international organizations. One of them is "I am the Man of the Earth". It relates to the sphere of social sciences and is aimed at the shaping of a new personality - a man of the future, and at the ethical improvement of society. The details of this project and some others will be given in the report.

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