

Moscow October 7. PIR PRESS. The annual meeting of the members of the Centre russe d'études politiques – the European office of the PIR-Center – took place in the “National” hotel, Moscow.

Participants of the meeting heard the report of Dr. Vladimir A. Orlov, head of the PIR Center and its European office on the work done since the foundation of the Centre russe d'études politiques two years ago and on the projects for 2009. Special attention was paid to the research projects, meetings and workshops which are to be held in the framework of the Center's activities in Geneva during the next year. Participants discussed new approaches to publish and promote the international publication of the *Security Index* journal which is disseminated over Europe and all over the world from Geneva. This issue was introduced by Dmitry V. Polikanov, editor of the international publication and the chairman of the International club Trialogue.

Participants of the meeting, including Yury A. Ryzhov, Academician of the Russian Academy of Science, Ambassador Roland M. Timerbaev, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, Yevgeny P. Maslin, Colonel General (retired), Konstantin P. Eggert, BBC Russian Service Bureau Chief, Dr. Vadim B. Kozyulin, Director General of the Trialogue company and others, have indorsed the activities of the European office of the PIR Center and expressed their thoughts concerning further steps of Centre russe d'études politiques.

At present, Centre russe d'études politiques brings together 58 individual and 4 corporate members from Switzerland and Russia, USA and Great Britain, Japan and Latvia, Jordan and Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Australia and other countries. They are diplomats, financial and foreign policy experts, journalists interested in the foreign and security policy of the Russian Federation, relationship between Russia and Europe.

The next annual meeting of Centre russe d'études politiques will take place in autumn 2009 in Switzerland.