



On October 3, 2019, the Energy Law Centre was presented and launched during the St. Petersburg International Gas Forum. The center will operate under the Saint-Petersburg State Economic University.

The Energy Law Centre was set up by the resolution of GAZPROM PJSC to conduct research, educational, and expert activity in the fields of energy, corporate, and competition law.

GAZPROM PJSC's Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee, Director General of the Corporate Security Service S.F. Khomyakov opened the ceremonial meeting. In his welcome speech, S.F. Khomyakov underlined the relevance of the Energy Law Centre's establishing, noted goals and tasks set by GAZPROM PJSC for the Center regarding implementation of research and educational

programs, and wished the Center's team success in their work.

Director of the Energy Law Centre V.V. Romanova thanked GAZPROM PJSC's management and team for the decision to set up the Center, for their support and assistance in that process, for good memories of Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Law, and Professor Valery A. Musin, and presented the multi-author monography dedicated to his 80th anniversary and titled Legal Support of Energy Security and Protection of Rights of Energy Market Participants. She also thanked the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation for signing the agreement of cooperation in the sphere of energy law with the Saint-Petersburg State Economic University.

During the meeting, welcome speeches and addresses were delivered by: I.A. Maksimtsev,



Rector of the Saint-Petersburg State Economic University; A.P. Dolzhikov, Acting Secretary General – Head of the Secretariat of the Council of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States; V.S. Gruzdev, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Association of Lawyers of Russia; Yu.A. Scherbuk, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences; V.P. Chichkanov, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences; S.I. Kuznets, Member of GAZPROM PJSC's Management Committee; I.Ya. Blekhtsin, Research Supervisor of GAZPROM PJSC's Specialized Department at the Saint-Petersburg State Economic University; V.G. Yaroslavtsev, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation; V.Yu. Gusakov, Deputy Chairman of the International Union of Lawyers; R.N. Salieva, Head of the Laboratory of the Legal Problems of Subsoil Use, Ecology, and Fuel and Energy Sector of the Institute for Environmental Problems and Subsoil Use of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan; L.I. Shevchenko, Professor of the Department of Legal Regulation in Fuel and Energy Industry of the International Institute of Energy Policy and Diplomacy (MIEP) of MGIMO University, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation; F.J. Säcker, Professor (Germany); Dr M. Frommann (Germany); Şirin Elif Öztürk, Manag-



ing Partner at Tunca Hukuk Burosu (Turkey); E.G. Chernova, Senior Vice Rector of the Saint-Petersburg State University; S.A. Belov, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Saint-Petersburg State University.

Deputy Directors of the Energy Law Centre S.V. Vasilkova and G.V. Sevastyanov, Valery A. Musin's students, delivered welcome speeches on the relevance of establishing the Energy Law Center and its objectives, as well as on the tasks of the new branch of science.

Summing up the event, the participants underlined the importance of setting up the Energy Law Center for the development of legal regulation in the sphere of energy on the national and international levels and highlighted the need in fundamental and applied legal research and the relevance of international cooperation in the field of energy law. ■

More information on the Center's activity is available at:

<https://unecon.ru/centr-energ-prava>

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