

ILO study room opened at the Academy of Labour in Moscow

MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 29 APRIL – Festivity was in the air today at the Russian Academy of Labour and Social Relations - the academy hosted the ILO90 anniversary event.

A few weeks earlier, on 26 March, the academy also marked its 90th anniversary. As the academy rector Professor Alexei Shulus noted, that was a symbolic coincidence: the academy is not only the same age with the ILO, it also fully shares and actively promotes the ILO values.

Alena Nesporova, ILO Deputy Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, sounded the keynote for the discussion. She made a presentation entitled 'ILO: 90 years working for social justice'.

Mikhail Shmakov, chairman of the Federation of Independent Trade Unions of Russia, stressed the need to further promote the ratification and implementation of the international labour standards.

Marina Moskvina of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs dwelled upon the role of tripartism and social dialogue. She described the recent initiative of the Russian Tripartite Commission to hold hearings on the most important social and labour issues, such as national employment strategy or private company policies in the times of crisis.



A lively and informal moment during the anniversary celebration was the opening of the ILO study room at the academy. The ILO officials and other distinguished guests were invited for a few minutes to become students and to sit at the classroom desks. Alena Nesporova was given an honourable duty to click on the professor's computer – and the ILO website appeared on the screen.

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The ILO classroom is equipped with modern computers and Internet access. It also has a rich collection of ILO publications presented by the Moscow Office.