

2006 NATO – RUSSIA RALLY
MURMANSK
22 May

Programme

9:00-10:00 **REGISTRATION**

10:00 – 15:00 **CONFERENCE**

Title: **“NATO-Russia Council: from bilateral to multilateral cooperation”**
Site: Murmansk State Technological University, Sportivnaya St., 13
Russian partner: Murmansk State Technological University
Co-organizers: Norway, Canada, Iceland
Working languages: Russian, English
Targeted audience: 120 students and academics (journalists will have open access)

10:00 – 10:50 **OPENING SESSION**

Chaired by: Aleksander Yershov, Rector of Murmansk State Technological University

- Welcoming from Yuriy Yevdokimov, Governor of Murmansk Oblast
- Introductory remarks by Aleksander Yershov, Rector of Murmansk State Technological University
- Introductory remarks by Isabelle Francois, NATO Information Office Director
- *“The High North – new challenges, great opportunities”* by Mr. Kjetil Skogrand, State Secretary, Deputy Foreign Minister, Norway

10:50 – 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:10 – 12:50 **PANEL ONE: “REGIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES”**

- *“Historical perspective on bilateral and multilateral cooperation”* by Hector Cowan, Consul of Canada in Saint Petersburg
- Speech by Vladimir Muzychenko, First Counsellor, European Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- *“From Northern Convoys to common interests in the Arctic”* by Russian representative
- *“NATO’s role in the 21st century - an Icelandic perspective”* by H.E. Benedikt Jonsson, Ambassador of Iceland to the Russian Federation
- *“Potential role for NATO-Russia cooperation”* by H.E. Igor Slobodnik, Ambassador of Slovakia to NATO
- Qs and As period chaired by Olga Buch, Pro-Rector for International Cooperation of Murmansk State Technological University

12:50 – 13:30

LUNCH BUFFET

Site: Murmansk State Technological University

13:30 – 15:00

PANEL TWO: “FUTURE PERSPECTIVE FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BALTIC SEA AND ARCTIC REGIONS”

- *"The environmental challenges of the nuclear legacy of the Cold War"* by Guy Roberts, NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary General for NATO Policy on Weapons of Mass Destruction
- *"Nuclear safety, active Western engagement and rapid progress"* by Robert Kvile, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway
- *"Canada's Global Partnership activity in Northwest Russia"* by Michael Washer, Senior Program Manager, Nuclear Submarine Dismantlement, Global Partnerships Program, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada
- *"NATO-Russia maritime cooperation - development and future perspectives – an Italian approach"* by Vice Admiral Ferdinando Sanfelice di Monteforte, Italian Military Representative at NATO
- Qs and As period chaired by Olga Buch, Pro-Rector for International Cooperation of Murmansk State Technological University

15:15

POINT DE PRESSE

Location: Adjunct room to the conference hall, Murmansk State Technological University

Officials: K. Skogrand (NO), V. Muzychenko, Consul Cowan (CA), I. Slobodnik (SK), G. Roberts, ADM Sanfelice di Monteforte (IT), I. Francois

Moderator: Irina Golovina, NATO Information Office Press Officer

ONLINE DEBATE (WEBSITE)

Format: Blog: www.natorussiarally.blogspot.com

Supervisor: Sergey Utkin, Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation

Contributor: H.E. Benedikt Jonsson, Ambassador of Iceland to the Russian Federation

15:00- 18:00

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

- Icelandic movie “*The Children of Nature*” with English subtitles (82 minutes)

Host: Embassy of Iceland
Site: Murmansk State Technological University,
conference hall
Time: 15:00
Audience: Participants of the conference but free entrance if
seats available

18:00 – 19:30

EVENING RECEPTION

Host: General Consul of Norway
Site: Consulate of Norway, Sofii Perovskoy St., 5
Guests: 80 guests - upon invitation only