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**Scientific-practical seminar " Emergency procedures"
9-14 June 2015, St. Petersburg. The Russian Museum**

The purpose of this workshop was to train the museum staff practical skills of action in emergency situations for the reducing the risks of damage or loss of the museum values. The priority task is the preservation of human life and health.

Therefore the professionals in the museum area and the security staff have to cooperate with each other. It all comes down to the interaction inside the museum and between the museums to use the most modern security system.

The following themes were considered and trained by the practical exercises:

- * Analysis and evaluation of risks.
- * Determination goals and methods of protection.
- * Structural and technical measures for the risks reduction.
- * Organizational measures for reducing risks or damage in the case of disaster.
- * Preparation of museum staff and security personnel.

The group of the foreign experts who participated at the seminar: ICMS President Willem Hekman (Canada), ICMS members Sergiu Bercovici (Israel) and Michael John (Germany), a representative of Interpol Stefane Thefo (France).

The audience was more than 50 representatives from museums of Russia and professional security specialists from other industries. They came from such cities as Arkhangelsk, Barnaul, Belgorod, Vladivostok, Volgograd, Donetsk, Kazan, Kaliningrad, Kaluga, Kemerovo, Krasnoyarsk, Moscow, Murmansk, Murom, Velikiy Novgorod, Omsk, Orel, Polenovo, Petrozavodsk, Moscow, Saransk, Sevastopol, Simferopol, St.Petersburg, Staraya Ladoga, Surgut, Taganrog, Tambov, Tosno, Chelyabinsk, Yaroslavl, Yakutsk.

The event was hold in the Russian Museum mostly for the museum professionals, but the list of the participants is much broader: they are the stuff of Custom Service, Federal Protective Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Russian cultural and educational centers. The program included presentation material and practical training from the Russian Museum, the Hermitage and the Peter and Paul Fortress. For the first time in the history of such forums the broadcast of presentations to virtual branches of the Russian Museum across Russia via videoconferencing (VKS) was hold. It was the unique opportunity to increase the number of participants geographically and quantitatively outside of the audience of the hall, for the more than 20 regions of Russia.

The partners of this event were the leading manufacturers of equipment that had been proven to ensure the safety of Museum complexes. These companies are: "Pozhtechnika", "Ista Systems", "Viking", "Abloy", VIT-Center, ITV, TSB, "Frame". Information support was provided by the leading industry publication - the magazine "Security algorithm " which reflects on its pages the problems of museum security.