Suvorov Award: Cooperation between Switzerland and Russia in the Field of Innovation

The 7th Award Ceremony of the Suvorov Prize for the best Swiss-Russian innovative project took place in Moscow November 13th. The event was organised by the Swiss-Russian Forum (SRF) with the kind support of the Russian Foundation of Innovation Support (FASIE), the Swiss Embassy in Russia and the Canton of Zurich.

Moscow, November 13, 2017. – The 7th Suvorov Award Ceremony, dedicated to support Swiss-Russian innovative projects and stimulate the technological collaboration and knowledge exchange between Russia and Switzerland, took place in Moscow on November 13.

This year the winner of the Award, which was launched by Swiss-Russian Forum in 2010, was the company MaxBionic from for its technology for upper limb prostheses with microprocessor control system. Among other finalists were the companies from NeyroCode with its technology in the field of IT, and Antibacterial photoactive nanocomposite materials for interior decoration from the field of biotech.

First place (the WINNER)

Max bionic (Bionic prosthetics) – upper limb prostheses with microprocessor control system. Timur Saifutdinov, General Director, "Max bionic".

Second place

NeyroCod next-generation information collaboration system for non-limited number of users. Alexander Khrebtov

Third place

Antibacterial coatings with photoactive nanocomposite materials for interior finishing works.
Anton Mayeuski, General Director, «Functional Materials and Coatings SPbU» LLC

Special award: Contribution to the next generation - investing in the future

Time to Say. Project aimed at updating and improving the most important feature in a phone – call.
Andrey Izmailov, General Director, "IT Progress 2" LLC

EurAsiaHeart A project of a Swiss foundation with a new department of cardiac surgery for neonates, infants and children at the St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University and Northwest Academy of Medical Sciences based on a successful model of close Swiss-Russian cooperation.
Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. Paul R. Vogt, President of the Board of the EurAsia Heart Foundation

The winners of the first and second prize receive priority opportunity to participate in the program "Start" and "UMNIK" lead by Fund of assistance to innovation. All the three
finalists will also have the opportunity to get free promotion support for the projects with the help of the business network for startups and investors InnMind from Lausanne.

During the selection period the jury received a great number of applications from Swiss and Russian innovative entrepreneurs. The most significant project applications were included in the so-called “long-list”, which finally included 50 projects. Among those companies, which were included into the long-list, were innovative startups committed to contribute significantly to the economies of Russia and Switzerland. Among the basic criteria there were: connection between Switzerland and Russia, ready-to-market stage, innovativeness, social impact, competitiveness and business prospective. As a result, three finalists were chosen in the fields of MedTech and IT technologies.

Jury members:

- Dr Thomas Frick, partner, Niederer, Kraft & Frey, Zurich
- Henning Grossman, entrepreneur, Zurich
- Andri Manachal, partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Zurich
- Galina Sato, President Granite Group, Zurich;
- Sonia Mervar, project coordinator, EUREKA Switzerland, State Secretariat for education, research and innovation (SERI), Berne;
- Michael Lifshith, Director of the High-Tech Assets Development of the Renova Group and Board Member of the Swiss Russian Forum Foundation.
- Beatrice Lombard-Martin, executive president, Swiss-Russian Forum, Zurich
- Ivan Bortnik, Member of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE), Moscow
- Nelli Orlova, founder of Global startups and investors direction InnMind.com, Lausanne
- Andrei Mikitas, Deputy General Director, Foundation for the promotion of innovation (FASIE), Moscow.

Among the participants of the ceremony were prominent members of the scientific and business communities, opinion leaders, political and social figures, who have made a significant impact on innovation, economic and international collaboration. Among them were: Yves Rossie, Ambassador of Switzerland in Russia; Fabio Abate, a member of the Cantonal Council of the Parliament of Switzerland, Ticino; Bruno Sauter, Deputy Minister, Department of Economy, Labour and Employment of the Canton of Zurich; Beatrice G. Lombard-Martin, President and founder Swiss Russian Forum, Alexander Sigov, President of Moscow Technological University, Moscow; Sonia Mervar, Manager, the Swiss Program "EUREKA"; the State Secretariat for education, research and innovation (SERI), Berne.

The finalists were honored and the prizes were awarded by:

- Mikhail Lifshits, Director for development of high-tech assets "group of companies Renova", the General sponsor of the event;
- Pavel Gudkov, Deputy General Director of Fund of assistance to innovation FASIE;
- Galina Sato, President of the "Granite Group" and the General sponsor of the event;
- Nelly Orlova, founder InnMind, Zug.
The co-founder and the Board Member of the Crypto Valley Association in Zug (Switzerland), Soren Fog, spoke about Crypto Currencies, attempts to regulate, and changes in the legislation of the countries in this direction.

Beatrice Lombard-Martin, Executive President of the Swiss-Russian Forum: "The quality of projects submitted to the competition is growing year by year, which does not make it easier for the jury to choose the winner. However, the concept of "Innovation" is gaining more and more visible outlines."

Sponsors, donors and partners of the award this year were influential Russian and Swiss companies and organizations.

The general sponsors of the Prize were Group of companies “Renova”, Moscow and Granite Group, Zurich.

The sponsors of the Prize were Swiss International Airlines; Switzerland Global Enterprise; PWC; QUORUS; Inn Mind.

Support for the Suvorov Prize: Foodland Russia, Biblio-Globus bookstore, Rocket ICO Moscow, Burnie Wine House, Delovaya Rossiya.

The partners of the Prize: the Foundation for the Promotion of Innovation (FASIE), the Federal Chamber of Advocates of the Russian Federation (FPA RF) and VEB Development Bank.

The event was held under the auspices of the Swiss Embassy in Russia and the Department of Economics, Labor and Employment of the canton of Zurich.

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