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**Center for Independent Social Research and Education (CISRE, Irkutsk)**

International seminar

**"The role of Think Tanks and NGOs in Developing Anti-Corruption Policy"**

Irkutsk, pansionat "Yolochka"

July 9-11, 2004

The participants of the seminar:

project participants - researchers from CISR, FME and American University  
researchers and NGO representatives from Irkutsk, researchers from the regions,  
representatives of the USAID

The purposes of the seminar:

1. to spread the outcomes of the Think Tank Partnership project "Prospects for Fighting Corruption in Post-Socialist Countries: Cases of Russia and Hungary" conducted by CISR, FME and American University in 2003-2004 to the areas of Russia where the corruption is an extreme problem (Siberia), to demonstrate different research methods in studying corruption used by CISR and FME.
2. to discuss with the scholars and NGOs' representatives relevant problems encountered by researchers and NGO's in their studies on corruption and anti-corruption activities.
3. to organize the exchange of information regarding situation with corruption in different regions of Siberia, and to discuss problems of studying and fighting corruption in these regions.

The duration of the seminar was planned for 3 days:

1<sup>st</sup> day: *July 9, 2004*

14:00 – 17:00 *Analyzing corruption in state-business relations in Russia (CISR) and in public procurement in Hungary (FME)*

The first day was devoted to presentation of the main results of Think Tank Partnership project. The follow-up discussion included also the issues of different research approaches used by CISR, FME and AU in their studies of corruption – advantages and limitations of different methods

2 day: *July 10, 2004*

10:00 – 13:00 *Corruption and Anti-corruption in Siberia.*

During the morning session presentations were made by the CISRE team (Irkutsk) and representatives of the regions with the follow-up discussion.

14:00 – 17:00 *Civic activism in anti-corruption field*

The afternoon session was organized in the form of round table discussion with NGOs representatives and scholars from different Siberian regions. The main question the role of NGOs and think tanks (analytical centers) in developing of anti-corruption measures

3 day. *Working sessions*

10:00 – 12:00 Working session of the project "Mobilizing social support to fight corruption in post socialist countries" (*working language – English*) Questions to be discussed:

1. The progress of the study – brief reports by project participants
2. The preparation of the final report on supplemental project – structure, content, etc.
3. The discussion on the structure and content of the joint article.

12:30 – 13:30. Working session on the project "Informal economy of logging in Irkutsk region: social dimension - planning of working activities of the two teams (CISR SPb and CISRE Irkutsk) within the frame of the project, discussion on possibilities of collaboration between AU, CISRE and CISR (*working language – Russian*)