



***Newsletter of the Jean Monnet Centre at Volga Tech***  
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**News and events**

Continues [the registration and call for papers](#) on the international conference «*Forest ecosystems in the conditions of climate change: regional and international dimensions*» to be held in Yoshkar-Ola 17-19 May 2017. The main objective of the conference is to consider different aspects of climate changes impact on the forest ecosystems, to exchange experiences in the field, to define values and problems and suggest measures for prevention of negative consequences of the climate change on the society at large.



The Jean Monnet Center of Excellence SUFEX at Volga State University of Technology announces [the 5th Russian Studies Summer School](#). The program features both indoor and outdoor activities including workshops and training sessions, cultural visits and small trips. Students practicing the Basic Russian language are sure to gain invaluable international experience this summer by making a trip to Russia, learn and feel the cultural diversity of the language and peoples residing in the Middle Volga Region.



The Information day of the *Erasmus+ Rebus project* took place in Volga Tech on 1 March 2017. The event was carried out during the traditional meeting of the University staff and students regarding the international collaboration activities. Prof. Eldar Kurbanov (contact person in REBUS from Volga Tech) made presentation about the REBUS objectives and activities. The project will provide excellent internship opportunity for the staff and students in the partner Universities of the Rebus consortium. The info day participants expressed their high interest on the comprehensive cooperation in the realization of the Rebus project by the interpenetrating of the accumulated experience in the universities of Russia and EU during the mobility and retraining.



[International compendium of research articles](#) “Forest ecosystems under climate change: biological productivity and remote monitoring” was published. This year the collection received the status of a periodical edition with the assignment of ISSN number. In 2017, its publication is scheduled for November, so the collection of articles will begin in April or May. The compendium, which includes articles of foreign and Russian authors, is published by the newly created Jean Monnet Center. The articles of this collection will be registered in AGRIS.



### [Volga State University of Technology Opens Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence](#)

The project, prepared by the team of the International Cooperation Department of Volga State University of Technology and the Centre of Sustainable Forest Management and Remote Sensing, provides for the opening of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in Volga Tech. The new Centre will work together with the European partners on research in the field of forestry and ecology, on study of the European experience in environmental policy and "green" diplomacy, on development of new courses and modules, conferences and summer schools. A key success of the application was a long-term experience of the International Cooperation Department in realization of projects of university cooperation between Russia and Europe in the Tempus program, the high international reputation of the University, as well as the availability of the Centre of Sustainable Forest Management and Remote Sensing headed by Professor Eldar Kurbanov.

