Intelligentsia: Russian and Soviet Science on the World Stage, 1860-1960 International Conference at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA 29-31 October 2004

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Friday, 29 October

13:30-14:00 Reception

14:00-15:00

Welcome by <u>Betty Jean Craige</u> (UGA Center for Humanities and Arts) and <u>Margaret Paxson</u> (Kennan Institute) Keynote address by <u>Loren R. Graham</u> (MIT), "The Russian Academy of Sciences in Historical and Comparative Perspectives"

15:15-17:15

<u>Simon Werrett</u> (University of Washington), "Transits and transitions – Russian astronomy and politics in 1874" <u>Konstantin Ivanov</u> (Tula State Pedagogical University) "The First Steps of Astrophysics in the USSR: The Moscow Astrophysical Institute" <u>Joseph Bradley</u> (University of Tulsa), "Science in the city: The founding of the Moscow PolytechnicalMuseum"

Coffee break

17:30-19:30

Elizabeth Hachten (University of Wisconsin), "The Contested Legacies of Il'ia Il'ich Mechnikov/Elie Metchnikoff/Elias Metschnikov"

<u>Kirill Rossiianov</u> (Institute for History of Science and Technology, Moscow), "Taming the Primitive: Elie Metchnikov and his discovery of Immune Cells"

<u>Lloyd Ackert (</u>Yale University), "A 'classic' in émigré status: The curious intellectual authority of Sergei Vinogradskii in the 1930s"

Saturday, 30 October

9:30-11:00

<u>Olga Valkova</u> (Institute for History of Science and Technology, Moscow), "Struggle between 'national' and 'international' parties in Russian scientific community in the second part of the 19th century" <u>Elizabeth Haigh</u> (Saint Mary's University, Canada), "Nationalism and the Foundation of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences"

Coffee break

11:15-13:15

<u>Daniel Todes</u> (Johns Hopkins University), "Laboratory Life before and after 1917: the Case of Ivan Pavlov" <u>Nathan Brooks</u> (New Mexico State University), "Chemistry in the Soviet Union under Stalin" <u>Olga Elina</u> (Institute for History of Science and Technology, Moscow) "The Nazis, Lysenko, and Seeds: Devastation of Soviet Plant Breeding Institutions during World War II"

13:30-14:30 Lunch served. Lunch-time lecture and discussion <u>Jonathan Coopersmith</u> (Texas A&M University), "The dog that did not bark during the night: The "normalcy" of Russian, Soviet, and post-Soviet science and technology"

14:30-15:50

<u>Anna Krylova</u> (Duke University), "Organic Bolshevism: Beyond Marx and the Enlightenment, 1880-1920" <u>Olival Freire Jr.</u> (Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, and Dibner Institute, MIT), "Marxism and Quantum Controversy: Responding to Max Jammer's Question"

16:00-18:00

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<u>James T. Andrews (</u>Iowa State University), "Envisioning and Mythologizing the Cosmos: K. E. Tsiolkovskii, Russian Popular Culture, and the Roots of Soviet Cosmonautics, 1880-1935"

<u>Asif A. Siddiqi (Carnegie Mellon University)</u>, "Science outside the Academy: Konstantin Tsiolkovskii and his Alternative Discursive Network"

<u>Slava Gerovitch</u> (MIT), "The New Soviet Man in a Man-Machine System: The Technical Intelligentsia, Automatic Control, and the Space Race"

Coffee break

18:10-19:30

Susan Smith-Peter (The College of Staten Island / CUNY), "Statistics as Social Criticism in mid-Nineteenth Century Russia"

<u>Benjamin Nathans</u> (University of Pennsylvania), "A. S. Esenin-Vol'pin and the origins of the Soviet Human Rights Movement"

Sunday, 31 October

9:00-11:00

<u>Trude Maurer</u> (Universität Göttingen, Germany), "Russian and German Universities during World War I" <u>Baichun Zhang</u>, with Fang Yao and Jiuchun Zhang, (Institute for History of Natural Sciences, China), "Technology transfer from the Soviet Union to P.R. China in the 1950s" <u>Elizabeth Bishop</u> (University of Texas at Austin), "From the USSR to the Nile Valley: Landscapes from Above"

Coffee break

11:15-13:15

Elizabeth English (Louisiana State University), "Vladimir Shukhov and the invention of Hyperboloid Structures"

<u>Chris Bissell</u> (Open University, UK), "Ebbs and flows: international communications in the Russian and Soviet control engineering communities 1890 to 1960"

Sonja Schmid (Cornell University) "Setting the stage for nuclear power: how international arguments shaped the identity of Soviet technical intelligentsia"

13:30 Lunch and concluding discussion for those who have time

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and three pre-circulated papers by **Bishop**, **Coopersmith** and **Freire**

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