

MEMO IN THE INTERNATIONAL RANKING OF RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

A presentation of the 8th most authoritative annual ranking of leading think tanks “The Global Go to Think Tank Index” took place in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2015. The ranking is published by the University of Pennsylvania (United States) with the support of the United Nations in the framework of the research program “Think tanks and civil society”.

The methodology of the ranking’s compilation is based on a multi-tier examination of the results of an in-depth polling of 3 572 experts in various research fields from different regions of the world. 1950 professionals have been engaged in the expertise. The ranking covers more than 6 618 analytical centers from 182 countries.

For several years MEMO is consistently included in the list of 50 global leaders. In 2014, MEMO retained its position among the leading think tanks in the world (ranked 32 in a single integral rating). The first place in the ranking is traditionally assigned to the Brookings Institution (USA). The second place was taken by one of the oldest think tanks of the world – the British Royal Institute of International Affairs, known as Chatham House.

MEMO took high positions in several thematic categories. It improved its performance in the nomination “Top International Economic Policy Think Tanks”: the 8th place against the 11th place, immediately after the Chatham House and outstripped by only 6 US-based research centers (among them the Brookings Institution, the RAND Corporation, the US National Bureau of Economic Research) and another EU think tank – the Bruegel Institute (Belgium).

MEMO took the 19th place in the world among all non-private think tanks. It rose in this nomination by one position against the previous year and replaced the Development Research Center of the State Council of PRC.

In the regional category “Central and Eastern Europe” MEMO took the 4th place. The 1st place in the region was attributed to the Carnegie Moscow Center and the 2nd and 3rd – to Polish institutions.

The MEMO’s annual report “Monitoring of mutual investment in CIS 2014” edited by A.V. Kuznetsov, a corresponding member of RAS, was named among the best academic studies and reports in the world in 2013-2014: the 27th ranking in the nomination “Best Policy Study/Report of Produced by a Think Tank”. It was the only Russian publication in the list of 47 leaders. It is worth to note that in 2013 the 15th place in this nomination had been won the the monograph “Russia in the polycentric world” edited by the RAS academicians A.A. Dynkin and N.I. Ivanova.

Separately, the ranking assesses the quality of the research center management (Best Managed Think Tanks). IMEMO took the 38th place in the list of 65 world leaders.

In addition, IMEMO became one of 50 leading research centers in several other directions. In particular, it was ranked 24th in the list of “Think Tanks to Watch”:

- MGIMO (University) of the Russian Federation Ministry of foreign affairs – the 12th place among university research centers, 46th – in the study of international economic policies and 102nd – in the ranking of integral world indicators;
- Institute of United States and Canada – ranked the 25th place in Eastern Europe and 30th place in the field of studying international security;
- Analytical center of the Government of the Russian Federation and the Institute of Europe of RAS – respectively 15th and 62nd places in the list of “Think Tanks to Watch”;
- The Council on foreign and defense policy – the 98th place in the overall ranking and 38th place in the study of foreign policy and international relations;
- The Sociological Institute of RAS (St. Petersburg) – the 34th place in the field of social studies;
- Russian council on international affairs (RCIA) – the 55th place in Eastern Europe;
- Carnegie Moscow Center – the 1st place in Eastern Europe and 26th in the integral world ranking.

Full text of the ranking “2014 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report”:

http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1008&context=think_tanks