

The WTI in Russia

Pierre Sauv , the WTI's Deputy Managing Director and Director of Studies, was in Moscow on 14-17 September, where he spoke on WTO accession-related issues at the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and lectured on the future of the multilateral trading system at the State University - Higher School of Economics (HSE), Russia's premier economics faculty. His trip came in the wake of the recent visit to the WTI of a delegation of senior Russian trade officials led by Dr. Maxsim Medvedkov, Russia's chief negotiator for WTO accession and a faculty member at the HSE. The talk at the Ministry of Trade featured a lively discussion on some of the lessons deriving from the recent WTO accession of China and Vietnam, with particular emphasis laid on the post-accession implementation challenges arising in regulated industries.



The HSE visit featured further explorations on the scope for collaborative academic exchanges between the WTI and HSE, a topic first broached by Dr. Medvedkov in his June 2008 exchange with WTI Managing Director Prof. Thomas Cottier in Berne. This was followed by a presentation on the key findings of the recently released Warwick Commission Report on “The Multilateral Trade System: Which Way Forward?”, for which Pierre Sauv  served as a Commissioner.



A copy of his power point presentation at HSE and pictures of his visit are attached.