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INTRODUCTION

The processes of transformation that have been unfolding for over 20 years now have brought about deep changes in the political, economic and social life of Central and Eastern European countries. While all of them are building market economies, each is doing it in a slightly different way from the others. This is documented by the conditions specific to particular countries, their intellectual and capital resources, possibilities of tapping European Union funds, ability to attract foreign investment, etc. Due to the above, changes in the various countries are proceeding at different rates and progress in particular fields varies.

An important role in this transformation is, or at least should be, played by the economists and their intellectual potential. The change of the political and economic system posed a tremendous challenge to the economists in our countries. The beginning of the transformation turned out to be particularly difficult. We were forced to take a crash course in many areas of economic education in which we lagged behind. Schools of economics introduced new curricula based on the experiences of Western countries. An increasing number of business practitioners have been educated along these lines.

The development of market economies in Central and Eastern European countries has placed economists in a special position. They ought to be in the vanguard of the ongoing changes. Furthermore, they should be able to influence the real economic processes, which is largely dependent on the consolidation of the economic circles. This is a factor that affects their position in society, their opinion-shaping role, their ability to exert pressure on policy-makers, etc. One of the ways leading to such a consolidation is through economic organizations. However, the situation in this respect differs between countries. In some Central and Eastern European countries such organizations practically do not exist.

This is especially visible in the international arena, where our economists do not have a major presence. For example, they rarely participate in the congresses held by the European Economic Association or the International Economic Association. This in particular concerns young economists, who do not take part in such international events due to a lack of financial resources, and often also due to the absence of information on the subject. However, they could be helped to make their voices heard on the international forum by the economic organizations in their countries. The Polish Economic
Society has certain experiences in this respect. Taking the above into consideration, the National Board of the Polish Economic Society has launched an initiative to hold in Warsaw the Forum of the Presidents of Economic Societies in Central and Eastern European Countries. The Forum is meant to help establish contact between economic societies in this part of Europe, increase awareness of their activity and role in particular countries, etc. It is also designed to facilitate exchange of experience concerning all aspects of their activity. The main objective is to establish cooperation between our societies, define forms of such cooperation, undertake common initiatives, etc.

The Polish Economic Society as the host of the Forum proposes the following forms of cooperation:

1. Organizing conferences, seminars, symposia, etc. with other economic organizations
2. Inviting representatives of other organizations to events (e.g. congresses, conventions, etc.)
3. Exchanging academic publications, mostly in the English language
4. Posting information about the planned events and cooperation opportunities on websites in English
5. Establishing direct cooperation between the branches of our societies, facilitating and fostering such cooperation
6. Exchanging delegations between our organizations
7. Assisting in obtaining internships, grants, PhD supervisors, etc.
8. Presenting jointly formulated positions at the international forum (e.g. to international organizations such as the IEA, EEA, etc.)
9. Undertaking international ventures, e.g. joint applications for grants from the European Union, conducting joint research, summer schools, etc.
10. Organizing a special forum for young economists (under 35) from Central and Eastern European countries. The forum might be held on a regular basis, e.g. biannually, each time in a different country. Such a forum might complement congresses of the European Economic Association, as those are attended by very few persons from this part of Europe. The forum would have an open formula, which means that there would be no restrictions concerning the subject matter of papers, which would be qualified for presentation based only on their academic merit, as decided by an international Program Board. Prospective participants would be incentivized by low registration fees and low accommodation costs (e.g. in dormitories). All papers would be published in book form.
Discussions during the Forum of the Presidents of Economic Associations should enrich and elaborate the ideas for cooperation between our societies presented above. Directions of development should be delineated and a work schedule drawn for the nearest feature. We postulate that the next forum be held next year, with a greater number of economic associations participating. It would summarize the results of our joint activities and set goals for the future. Such a forum may be combined with a conference, e.g. on the subject of “Positive and negative effects of the transformation.” Every society could present 2 to 3 papers at the conference, which would be published in book form in the English language. Next year’s forum (and perhaps yet another one the year after) would constitute the next stage in the preparations for the above-mentioned Forum of Young Economists.

The Polish Economic Society has published this “Vademecum” to provide an information database facilitating cooperation between economic societies in Central and Eastern European countries. The publication contains detailed information concerning the societies participating in the Forum. Also some data about other societies have been included. The “Vademecum” should make it easier for our societies to come into mutual contact, both at the national level and at the level of their particular branches. To make it more accessible, the “Vademecum” is also going to be posted on our web site.

The Polish Economic Society, being the initiator and host of the first forum, emphasizes its wholehearted support for the integration of our societies and will spare no effort to continue this process. We are convinced that this initiative is going to succeed, which is corroborated by the fact that the first Forum is now under way. At the same time, we would like to encourage all societies to play an active part in initiatives aiming at the integration of economists.

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Number of members
The IEA is a world federation of economic associations. Membership can be institutional only. All associations seeking to promote the scientific advancement of economics can become members. This also includes associations focusing on specific areas of economics. Currently, the IEA has a membership of 71 associations. We attach the highest priority to incorporating associations that have not joined us yet.
The IEA aims to promote the advance of economic science and policy, especially on issues of global import, through enhanced contact and understanding among economists from different parts of the world. Its mission is accomplished through the organization of scientific meetings, joint research programs and publications on issues of critical importance. To this end, the IEA holds a triennial world congress and smaller workshops and roundtables bringing together the world’s leading economic experts that examine particularly pressing policy and analytical issues of global significance.

For the years 2011–2017, the IEA has made a commitment to strengthen links among its diverse body of members in order to achieve a more integrated international community. Particular emphasis will be placed on enhancing the visibility of academic communities in those developing countries with weaker access to frontier research. To this end, the IEA will strive to make more widely available the forefront research produced in different world regions, organize summer schools and promote greater synergies and strengthened communication among its federation of diverse economic associations and their members. In addition, the association has re-launched the series of roundtables that sit together scholars, distinguished economists and policy makers. This series will cover topics such as sovereign debt restructuring, the global reserve system, nuclear energy and its aftermath, demography and aging populations, economics of natural disasters, etc. In addition, the IEA will strengthen the link between economic researchers from developed and developing countries by facilitating dissemination of the research of the latter among the more integrated scientific community of the developed world. This action will be supplemented with the promotion of regional labor markets coordinating various national academic communities. We shall cooperate with the national associations to help to create markets for academic positions for Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Central and South East Asia, Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The IEA has a newsletter informing of our activities and will soon start a working paper series on specific topics considered to be of particular strategic interest.


Another core activity is the organization of roundtables. IEA roundtables bring together leading economists from around the world to discuss important advances in economic science. The majority of our roundtables are linked to some major policy issues, and many of these deal with issues of global and/or regional importance, extending beyond the boundaries of a single country. We are committed to a diversity of participation, including economists from different regions of the world. We have been particularly successful in identifying some of the rising stars in the profession and giving them an opportunity to interact with more established scholars.

In 2012 the IEA has organized four roundtables –“Industrial Policy I” (Washington), “Industrial Policy II: Africa” (Pretoria), “Sovereign Debt Management” (Buenos Aires), and “Capital Inflow and the Current Account” (Izmir). For 2013/14 we are planning conferences on inequality, energy, new measures of well-being, natural resources, etc.

The IEA has published the proceedings of its World Congresses and Roundtables in over one hundred and fifty volumes, including four volumes of proceedings of the 2012 Congress: http://www.palgrave.com/products/SearchResults.aspx?s=IEA&fid=3910&sort=or_0.
Many of these volumes have been very influential in the development of seminal ideas and their dissemination.

The association does not organize any other type of meetings. Yet, we consider one of our missions to cooperate and help with the organization of regional conferences. We are open to e.g. sponsoring IEA lectures. The IEA is especially interested in promoting international meetings that could help the development of academic job markets.

Structure of the organization

The highest governing body is the Council. This is made of one representative per member association. It meets in person at every World Congress and holds virtual meetings through internet whenever necessary. The Council appoints officers and members of the Executive Committee (EC) and approves the strategic plan. The EC approves the budget and the roundtables, and proposes to the Council the candidates for officers and EC members.

Cooperation with other economic organizations

The IEA’s main goal is to cooperate with all organizations of economists. The IEA is open to any useful form of cooperation.

Main sources of funding for the organization

The main source of funding consists of annual contributions from the member associations. There are three levels of contributions, depending on the number and per capita income of its affiliates.
THE POLISH ECONOMIC SOCIETY

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Number of members
2907

Main objectives of the organization
- To disseminate economic ideas and support the creation of favorable conditions for the development of economic sciences and the presentation of their achievements.
- To promote economic knowledge and disseminate economic culture in society.
To enhance the qualifications of economists in their various areas of professional specialization.

To initiate and support activities aimed at social, economic and regional development of the country in an environmentally friendly manner.

To seek the integration of economists representing academic science as well as business activities.

History of the organization

The Polish Economic Society (Polskie Towarzystwo Ekonomiczne) and the social economy movement have a history of over 200 years, with the roots dating back to the Renaissance period in 16th century Europe. Today, in the 21st century, when we are once again starting to think about the future in terms of common European benefits, historical reflection gains additional social significance.

Against this background, the PES is undertaking efforts to describe the history of the social economy movement of Polish economists and to shape its future.

Within the existing historical framework, we assume that there were three historical cornerstones of the mainstream social economy movement of Polish economists:

- The scientific one is linked to the economic work of Nicolaus Copernicus, the 1515–1517 reform of the monetary system, and the relationship between the theory and practice of economic activity and the need for social economic education in Poland.

- The economic one is connected to new forms of organized professional and business activity reflected in the movement of entrepreneurs and merchants formed at the turn of the 18th century, one of its early associations being the Międzyrzeckie Society [Towarzystwo Międzyrzeckie], established in 1802.

- The congressional one consists of the first congress of Polish economists held in 1887 with participants from all the three zones of partitioned Poland. That congress became the inspiration for the 5th Congress of Polish Economists, held in Cracow in 1987 on the centenary of the social economic movement and of the PES.

The need to act for public benefit and for professional development determines the mainstream social economy movement. Within the
“systemic” approach, one can assume that the mechanism of the functioning and development of the social economy movement understood in this way came into existence at the turn of the 18th century, and the establishment of the Międzyrzeckie Society in 1802 became a reference point for the organization of the social economy movement at the PES.

Activities

- Publishing a leading scientific journal in the field of economics entitled “Ekonomista”
- Publishing the “Bulletin of the PES”
- Publishing scientific books, including a series by Nobel Prize winners
- Scientific conferences (national and international), symposia, congresses (The First National Congress of Economists and Lawyers was organized in Cracow in 1887, The 8th Congress of Polish Economists was held in Warsaw in November 2007);
- Research projects (under the auspices of the Research Council of the PES) including reviews and assessments of the economic situation of the country and special annual reports devoted to selected problems of the economic development of Poland
- Training programs (seminars, courses, training sessions and lectures)
- Consulting, advisory and information activities related to social and economic issues
- Running post-secondary schools and colleges with an economic profile (i.e. the College of Management and Finance in Bydgoszcz, “Oeconomicus” College in Szczecin, the Małopolska School of Economies in Tarnow);
- The annual National Economic Contest for high school students (in co-operation with the Ministry of National Education).

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- The Congress of Political Economists
- The Free Economic Society of Russia
- TNOIK
- The Federation of Engineering Associations – NOT
- The Association of Polish Lawyers
- The Accountants Association in Poland

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The Hungarian Economic Association has approx. 5,500 members.
Main objectives of the organization

The Hungarian Economic Association is an independent non-profit organization that seeks to create a forum for all economic theories and schools. The association aims to support the development of economic science and its practical application through its membership and by all available means, to maintain contacts with specialists in related sciences, to strengthen the economic way of thinking, to contribute to the prosperity of the nation and to represent and safeguard the interests of the profession.

History of the organization

The Hungarian Economic Association is one of the oldest NGOs in Hungary. The organization was founded on May 27, 1894. The establishment of the association reflected the development Hungary underwent both economically and socially after the 1867 Compromise with Austria, which brought about much more favorable conditions.

Activities

The association operates 15 special divisions (controlling, IT, industry and entrepreneurship, commerce, environment-economy, foreign economy, logistics, finance, etc.) in Budapest.

- It has 14 local departments, in almost all counties, which organize lectures and debates on a regular basis.
- The association’s most important event is the Congress of Economists, which is held in a different town every year, in co-operation with the local county unit. This year we are holding the 50th Congress in Eger from September 27th to 29th.
- The annual Meeting of Young Economists organized each spring by the Youth Committee of the Association is also a prominent event.
- In September 2009, the Hungarian Economic Association started an interactive, Internet television-based series of debates on public policies on the website www.beszelgetnikell.hu.
Cooperation with other economic organizations

- The International Economic Association
- The Hungarian Economists’ Association of Romania
- The Hungarian Economists’ Association of Slovakia
- The Hungarian Economists’ Association of Vojvodina
- Riihirnäki-Hyvinkää Chamber of Commerce (Finland)

Main sources of funding for the organization

Membership fees
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ECONOMISTS ASSOCIATION 2010

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Number of members
Economists Association 2010 has 24 members

Main objectives of the organization
To promote economic freedom, economic thinking and long term sustainable development.

The primary aims of the association are:
- Promotion of continuous development of the Latvian economy and its integration with European and global institutions
- Organization of think-tanks and economic discussion
- Development and implementation of an economic program
- Organization and promotion of economic education and research
The Economists Association 2010 was founded on October 18, 1994. Before that, in January 1992 a working group for the creation of Latvia’s long-term economic development program “Latvija 2000” was established by the future founders of the association. Many of the declarations of the first governments were based on this program. It was clear that it is necessary to explain economic reforms and their meaning to the citizens and to inform them about the results of every reform made. It was also deemed important to collect and codify the opinions of entrepreneurs, consumers, producers and politicians concerning the economic development of Latvia. That is why the authors of the program “Latvija 2000” decided to establish an organization that would promote the economic ideas developed within this project.

Activities

- Publication of programs, books, materials, etc.
- Conferences, workshops, forums, etc.
- Conferences in other countries that have economic experiences interesting for Latvia
- Evaluation of programs of political parties and the government, estimation of the development of society and the state’s economic policies
- GDP forecasts three times a year
- Annual “Spidola Award in Economy” – the most prestigious award for achievements in the national economy in Latvia

Structure of the organization

President – Board – members

Cooperation with other economic organizations

Exchange of ideas and opinions about the economy and political processes in particular countries. Exchange of strategic documents and information. Participating in each other’s events.

Structure of the organization

Membership fees, attracting funds (sponsors) to implement the Association’s projects.
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Main objectives of the organization:
The General Association of Economists from Romania has the following objectives:
- Promoting micro- and macroeconomic research, promoting deeply humanistic economics
- Working with economic institutions, public education, research and trade unions to promote the development of national economic interest and a new economy
- Organization of training courses for its members to increase their efficiency and their regular professional certification
- Contributing to improvement of economic legislation by formulating proposals for amendments as well as regulations
Financial and accounting expert work, management auditing, property evaluation and financial auditing at the request of individuals, legal persons, judicial bodies and public administration – carried out by the association’s members, individually and collectively

Defending the prestige and professional interests of economists

“Economist” daily, “Info – China – Europe – Romania” trilingual weekly, Journal of Theoretical and Applied Economics (ECTA) and other economic and professional publications

Fostering economic development and improvement of higher and secondary education

Annual prizes and scholarships for mobility, documentation and research in the country and abroad

Other activities decided by the General Assembly, in accordance with the statutes of the law in relation to the Association.

With a history that started in 1913 and was reactivated in 1990, the General Association of Economists from Romania (AGER) is a nongovernmental, independent and apolitical organization. By its actions, AGER members work to create a current of opinion in order to develop a functioning and competitive market economy in Romania.

Activities

“Economist” daily, “Info – China – Europe – Romania” trilingual weekly, Journal of Theoretical and Applied Economics (ECTA), and other economic and professional publications

Publications:

“Economist” daily

Journal of Theoretical and Applied Economics (ECTA)

Articles and Studies AGER members

Books published by members AGER
Cooperation with other economic organizations

Academy of Economic Studies – www.ase.ro
Romanian Academy – www.acad.ro
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House Savings – www.cec.ro
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**Number of members**

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Main objectives of the organization

- Promoting economic reforms as the main means of development of the world’s community;
- Participation in the development and implementation of national and international projects and programs aimed at the acceleration of economic growth and stabilization of the economic situation in different countries, and fostering integration processes in different regions of the world;
- Ensuring broad international exchange of information in various fields of economy, science, technology and other fields of activity;
- Rendering practical assistance in the development of small and medium businesses;
- Identifying and implementing new forms of international collaboration;
- Expansion of collaboration with national and international organizations, unions, and associations in the field of socio-economic, scientific and technical ideas.

We believe that the mission of our union is to consolidate intellectual resources, make them available, and offer ways of effectively using them for people of different countries.

History of the organization

The International Union of Economists is an independent international non-governmental public organization. The International Union of Economists was founded by economists – scientists and practitioners alike, public figures, bankers and entrepreneurs from different countries in Bulgaria (Sandansk) in 1991. When we established the IUE, we sought to combine the intellectual prowess of professionals from different countries, making them an active resource for global development. We sought to engage scientists, politicians, business people and public figures who were interested in radically cutting economic and social costs in a serious dialogue on critical issues of the modern global economic system. The International Union of Economists collaborates with departments of the UN, European Union, UNESCO and other international organizations, and holds events under the patronage of these organizations. Members of the IUE are national and regional unions and associations of economists, outstanding economists.
(scientists and practitioners alike), public figures, public agents, and representatives of business circles of different countries of the world. The International Union of Economists has General Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. The IUE is a member of the United Nations’ Department of Public Information, Non-Governmental Organizations (DPI NGO UN). Its main headquarters are in Moscow (House of the Economist) and in New York (in the UN Building).

The International Union of Economists holds international forums, conferences, roundtables, seminars, symposiums, meetings, and international congresses on regional development. In its work the International Union of Economists uses the principles of sustainable development to create the basis for scientific, technical and socio-economic progress, to ensure a high quality of life and spiritual development of the population and strengthen national and international economic security through the development and implementation of programs in the following areas:

- Modernization of the global economy;
- Globalization and the world’s progress;
- Distribution of anti-crisis measures of international experience;
- International experience and economy of Russia;
- Economic security;
- Energy development: energy efficiency and new sources of energy;
- Innovation in education;
- Ensuring environmental sustainability;
- Effective development of cities and capitals.

The International Union of Economists is a constantly developing system. Some programs and projects have been continued for 20 years, others are being constantly reorganized. A number of programs are held jointly with the Free Economic Society of Russia, Russian Academy of Sciences, International Academy of Management, and authoritative Russian and Foreign social organizations. Statesmen, entrepreneurs, businessmen and bankers as well as eminent Russian and foreign economists participate in the implementation of the programs. In its activity, the International Union of Economists follows the goals determined in its Charter and the “Main Trends” that are approved by IUE members every five years.
The International Union of Economists holds annual meetings of its members concerning urgent questions related to the development of the economy:

- 1992 — “Promotion of Economic and Social Progress of the World Community” (Warsaw, Poland);
- 1993 — “Key Aspects of Global Economic Development” (San-Francisco, USA);
- 1994 — “Regional Economy” (Barcelona, Spain);
- 1995 — “Non-Governmental Forms of International Economic Cooperation” (Sidney, Australia);
- 1996 — “IUE Goals Related to Global Development Trends” (Paris, France);
- 1997 — “Man in Business and Economy” (Jerusalem, Israel);
- 1998 — “The Financial Market. The Capital Market. The Present and Future of Investments” (Miami, USA, Mexico);
- 1999 — “Economics of the Non-Productive Sphere: Aspects of International Cooperation” (Limassol, Cyprus);
- 2000 — “Strategy of the Economic Development of Russia in the 21st Century” (Moscow, Russia);
- 2001 — “Global Economy and International Economic Relations” (Dubrovnik, Croatia);
- 2002 — “Industrial and Social Policy in the Countries with Transition Economies” (Cape Town, Republic of South Africa);
- 2003 — “Role and Place of European Cooperation in the Development of the World Economy” (Regensburg, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; Budapest, Hungary);
- 2004 — “Globalization and Economic Development” (Varadero, Cuba);
- 2005 — “Questions of Financing of Human Settlements and Urban Development” (Nairobi, Kenya);
- 2006 — “Strategy of Social and Economic Development of Countries with Transition Economies in Correspondence with the Millennium Declaration” (New-York, USA);
- 2007 — “Special Economic Zones – World Experience” (Shanghai, Sanya, China);
- 2008 — “Energetics of Future: Economic Problems” (Aqaba, Jordan);
- 2009 — “The World Economy until 2020: Forecast and Reality” (Miami, USA);
- 2010 — “The World Experience of Anti-Crisis Measures: Peculiarities of Economic Globalization” (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil);
Within the scope of its Publishing Program, the International Union of Economists publishes newspapers, journals, bulletins and other literature, amounting to 11 million copies annually. The main publications are “The Scientific Transactions of the International Union of Economists and the Free Economic Society of Russia,” the journal “Econom,” which is the “Information Bulletin of the International Union of Economists,” and the newspaper “Economic News of Russia.”

**Structure of the organization**

Nowadays the International Union of Economists’ membership includes representatives from 48 countries of the world. It has representative and branch offices in 21 countries.

**Cooperation with other economic organizations**

The Union is open to everyone who shares its aims and the principles of its activity. It is ready for mutually beneficial cooperation with all progressive forces aimed at economic and social development of the Russian Federation, other regions, and other countries. We invite you to join efforts for the development and implementation of key programs of the International Union of Economists.

**Main sources of funding for the organization**

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Number of members

The NEA has 28 collective members: 11 institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2 research institutes outside of the Academy, 15 higher educational establishments.
Besides, the NEA’s membership includes over 450 individual members from more than 45 cities of Russia.

Main objectives of the organization

To bring together economists of different schools of thought across the Russian Federation; strengthen ties between the Academy’s institutes, educational establishments and economic research centers.
Improving the quality of Russian economic research and education; integrate economic sciences and education; speed up the integration of Russian economic science with the global mainstream economic research.

**History of the organization**

The predecessor of the New Economic Association (NEA) was the Association of Economic Scientific Institutions (AESI) established in 1956, which became a member of the International Economic Association in the same year. In 1992, the 10th World Congress of the International Economic Association was held in Moscow, and the AESI was the local organizer of the congress.

In 2009, the NEA was founded on the initiative of academic institutions which were former members of the AESI. Victor Polterovich was elected President of the New Economic Association; Valery Makarov, Nikolai Petrakov and Ruslan Grinberg were elected Vice-Presidents. Ruslan Grinberg also acts as Chairman of the NEA Executive Council.

**Activities**

Since 2009, the NEA has published the Journal of the New Economic Association. The journal comes out four times a year, each issue consisting of 12 to 15 press sheets. In 2009–2012 fourteen issues of the JNEA were published.

The journal contains both theoretical and empirical papers dealing with all aspects of economic sciences. It welcomes high-quality interdisciplinary projects and economic studies employing methodologies from other sciences such as physics, psychology, political science, etc. Special attention is paid to analyses of processes occurring in the Russian economy.

All papers (except for short roundtable presentations) are subject to a double-blind reviewing process.

In 2009–2012 NEA and the Journal of the NEA held (in some cases jointly with other organizations) the International Symposium on Evolutionary Economics, 9 research conferences and 12 roundtables on a wide range of economic issues.

At the first annual thematic conference of the NEA “Education, Science and Modernization” (December 2010), 198 presentations were given. The conference attracted over 400 participants from 46 cities of Russia and other countries.
In late 2011, the NEA and the Journal of the NEA held a roundtable entitled “The Mission of an Economic Journal,” where in particular the results of the special sociological study “The Journal of the New Economic Association and its Readership” were presented. In April, 2012 the regular annual thematic conference of the NEA “Current Issues of the Economy and Sociology of Culture” was held. On the NEA website, http://www.econorus.org/forum.phtml, there are three discussion forums (in Russian) concerning problems of the organization of economic sciences and economic education in Russia, methodology of economic analysis, and economic modernization issues. The NEA holds congresses (once every three years). The First Russian Economic Congress (REC) was held on December 7–12, 2009 at Lomonosov Moscow State University. Over 2,000 economists from academic institutions, higher educational establishments, and independent research centers took part in the activities of REC-2009. They came from 71 cities of Russia and 31 foreign cities. Approximately 1,300 papers were presented. A youth conference, which had about 400 participants, was also held within the framework of the REC. The Second Russian Economic Congress is scheduled for February 2013. The city of Vladimir is to provide the venue. In September 2010, the NEA Expert Council on Economic Reforms was established. Grigory Yavlinsky was elected Council Chairman. The NEA maintains its own website and the website of the NEA Journal in Russian and English versions.

**Structure of the organization**

No branches

**Cooperation with other economic organizations**

The NEA intends to expand its participation in international associations and in international research projects. Now the NEA is a member of the International Economic Association.

**Main sources of funding for the organization**

The NEA is a nonprofit organization. It is funded through sponsorship of various organizations, admission and membership fees, as well as voluntary charitable donations.
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