

## International conference “KORS D” in Vilnius

Recently a fifth International Conference – “Knowledge-Based Technologies and OR methodologies for Strategic Decision of Sustainable Development” (<http://www.mii.lt/korsd-2009/>) took place in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference aimed to explore Operational Research methods and tools for supporting decisions on sustainable development.



Many scientists have participated in it from various European countries such as Austria, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, and Portugal, even from such distant countries as Mexico, Australia, and Vietnam. Ukrainian group has also contributed to this diversity of cultures.

Specially invited speakers have taken part in the Conference as well. In their reports they raised the problems of sustainable development in European countries, discussed the questions of developing countries and suggested the solutions using modern IT systems. The researchers from different scientific disciplines had an effective dialogue and promoted better understanding of widespread change of environmental indicators.

We, four members of Student Science Association of the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” (SSA of NTUU “KPI”) and of The Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO (<http://www.iam.metu.edu.tr/EUROPT/>), also had a chance to deliver reports concerning the state of a program on sustainable development in Ukraine and in the NTUU “KPI”, about the researches that are being done in World Data Center for Geoinformatics and Sustainable Development (<http://wdc.org.ua/>) – WDC-Ukraine is a part of World Data Center System of the International Council of Science). We did not pass over mentioning an annual educational project Summer School “Achievements and Applications of Contemporary Informatics, Mathematics and Physics” (<http://summerschool.ssa.org.ua/en>) that serves as a contribution to dissemination and popularization of the newest achievements in the domain of sustainable development and operational research.



One of the official events in the Conference was a meeting with vice mayor of Vilnius who in his speech emphasized on the importance of organizing events like this. It enables scientists from various countries get together and solve urgent social problems.

Although the conference schedule was busy, still everyone could enjoy the beauty of Vilnius, its sceneries that can be viewed from the Gedymina's Tower and the majesty of the Cathedral church. In restaurants and cafes we tasted traditional dishes made of potato - tsepeliny, pancakes and many others.

Undoubtedly, the conference has successfully united young, dynamic and experienced researchers and practitioners from disciplinary and inter-disciplinary areas and contributed to sustainable development with models, solutions.

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