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RUSSIAN LEADERS EXAMINE INNOVATION AND IDAHO'S ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT IN Boise, Idaho

Boise, Idaho — Seven Russian leaders participating in the Open World Program will spend October 7-15, 2016, in Boise, Idaho examining Innovation and Idaho's Entrepreneurial Spirit. The Rotary Club of Boise Metro will host the delegation. Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center, Open World introduces rising leaders of emerging democracies to legislative functions essential to democracy. Open World maintains a network of leaders who have gained significant, first-hand exposure to America's democratic, accountable government and free-market system. Funded almost entirely by the U.S. Congress, Open World links Members to their counterparts and is an instrument for Americans engaged in citizen diplomacy.

While in Boise, Idaho the delegates will meet with Boise State University, elected officials, attend events such as, The City Club of Boise, and a Buy Idaho reception, tour the Idaho State Capitol, Idaho Bureau of Laboratories, Micron, St. Alphonsus, Trailhead, and JUMP.

The visiting delegates are Viktoriia Chebodaeva, Evgeny Kulikov, Ivan Tolmachev, and Denis Tyufilin from the Siberian State Medical University of the Russian Ministry of Public Health, along with Alexander Ratkin, Greenol Company; and Uliana Zakharova, Tomsk State University. Denis Burakov from Siberian State Medical University of the Russian Ministry of Public Health accompanies them as a facilitator.

The following event is free and the public is encouraged to attend:

Who: **Visiting Russian Delegates** and a **panel discussion** on entrepreneurs with disabilities will include: Sean Burlile, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Federal Vocational Rehabilitation Program; Beth Cunningham, Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Jane Donnellan, Vocational Rehabilitation; and Judy Charney, Inclusion Idaho

What: Special presentation by Russian Delegation focused around fostering opportunities for people with disabilities in Russia: academic mobility, business initiatives, and technological infrastructure, and an **Entrepreneur Abilities Forum** panel discussion

Where: Bardenay Boiler Room, 610 W. Grove St., Boise

When: Tuesday, October 11 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

“Our Rotary Club is thrilled to host the Russian delegation and show them the entrepreneurial spirit of Idaho. We’ve put together a week of events and programs that not only highlight our Rotary values of *Service Above Self*; it also engages the Russians’ desire to see how people with disabilities are pursuing their dreams of independence through working in a trade and building their own businesses,” said Boise Metro Rotary Club President Scott Swan.

Homestays will allow the Open World delegates to experience American family life. They will also take part in several cultural and community activities, including biking the greenbelt, touring the World Center for Birds of Prey, The Urban Worm, and an Idaho Vodka Tasting reception presented by 44 North.

Open World has introduced more than 24,000 current and future decision makers from Eurasia and other countries to American political and civic life, and to their American counterparts. Open World delegates range from first-time mayors to veteran journalists, from nonprofit directors to small-business advocates, and from political activists to judges at all levels.

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About Rotary International

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated human rights purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a secular organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference.

The Rotary Club of Boise Metro meets weekly on Tuesday’s at noon at the Stonehouse Restaurant located at 709 E Park Blvd., Boise.

About Open World

Open World supports Congressional outreach to their counterparts abroad. It conducts exchanges that establish lasting professional relationships between the up-and-coming leaders of Open World countries and Americans dedicated to showcasing U.S. values and democratic institutions. The U.S. Congress established Open World in 1999. For more information contact Maura Shelden at mshelden@openworld.gov or visit their website at www.openworld.gov. Follow on Twitter @OWprogram and Facebook.