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Results of the Best Scientific Book – 2015 All-Russian Competition

The All-Russian contest for the best scientific book has been held since 2003 among university professors and the staff of research institutions. The organizer of the contest is the National Education Development Foundation and the Russian Academy of Education. The main objective of the contest is to support scientific research in the field of economics and management, law, humanities, pedagogics and psychology and engineering. Scientists from the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of the Russian Academy of Sciences take an active part in the contest and, judging by the results of another stage of the contest announced in June 2016, their participation once again became successful.

Laureate's diplomas in the category "Economics and Management" were awarded to:

- **A.A. Shabunova, Doctor of Economics; T.A. Guzhavina, PhD in Philosophy;**



I.N. Dement'eva, T.P. Kozhina, D.A. Lastovkina; D.A. Afanas'ev, PhD in Sociology, for the monograph "Regional Civil Society: Development Dynamics".

The monograph covers the theoretical and methodological basis, the social relevance and importance of the civil society development at the present stage. The integrated characteristics of civil society at the regional level are presented (through the example of the Vologda Oblast). Based on official statistics and sociological research, the analysis of public institutions' activity has been conducted, the categories of the population which make up the core and the periphery of the civil society have been distinguished, the peculiarities of

institutional and interpersonal trust and population's protest behavior have been revealed.

The monograph is intended for researchers, specialists of regional and municipal authorities, university professors, students, as well as for a wide range of readers interested in the issues of regional development.

- **Professor V.A. Ilyin, Doctor of Economics, for his book “Public Administration Efficiency: Chief Editor's Point of View”.**

The book contains the articles of Professor V. A. Ilyin, Doctor of Economics, Chief Editor of the journal “Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast” issued by ISED T RAS, which headed the Journal's issues in the period from 2012 to 2015. The key topic of these publications is the problem of improving the efficiency of public administration at all levels of authority in modern Russia: federal, regional and local. The articles present extensive materials on the solution to this problem based on the research of the author and the staff of the research team, which he has headed for 25 years. The author justifies the urgent necessity for the real transition of the country to innovative development and the creation of conditions for this transition. The author also characterizes the aspects which slow down the process of economic and social transformation in the country: the commitment of the power elite to the comprador oligarchic capital; corruption which has infiltrated all government

levels; the growing differentiation of the population's standard of living. Specific measures are offered to provide the security of the country and its regions and support the principles of social justice and the constant increase in the human capital in the Russian state. The articles are accompanied by tables and charts which illustrate the characteristics of the dynamics of the population's attitudes to various branches of government, and are compiled according to the results of long-term monitoring studies conducted by ISED T RAS.

The book will be useful and interesting to the officers of the government authorities, specialists of research institutions, teachers, postgraduates, and students of the economic and social specialty.

- **T.V. Uskova, PhD in Economics, N.V. Voroshilov for the monograph “Regional Policy of Territorial Development”.**

The monograph is devoted to the topical issues of the regional policy of municipalities' development. The proposed rating methodology of its evaluation is aimed at the improvement of its effectiveness, in particular, the creation of six administrative districts, the coordination Council for the development of municipal units, as well as the algorithm for choosing the form of the implementation of territorial transformations. The book summarizes the recommendations on the harmonization of strategic documents of the subject of the Russian Federation and municipal units.

The book is intended for scholars and specialists state and municipal administration, teachers, students of educational institutions in disciplines and areas “State and municipal management” and “National economy”.

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It should be reminded that in 2010 laureate’s diplomas were awarded to L.V. Kostyleva for the book “Socio-Economic Inequality of the Region’s Population” in the category “Economics” and to K.A. Zadumkin for the book “Strategic Life Management: Manager’s Advice” in the category “Marketing and Management”.

In 2013, the Foundation’s experts recognized the monograph “Human Capital of the Territories: Problems of Formation and Use” edited by A.A. Shabunova one of the best scientific books in the category “Economics and Management”.

The laureate’s diplomas in 2014 were awarded to V.A. Ilyin and A.I. Povarova for the monograph “Public Administration Efficiency. Market Transformation Trends. Crisis of the Budget System. Role of Private Capital. Strategy-2020: Implementation Issues”, and to T.V. Uskova, R.J. Sulimenkov, A.N. Anishchenko and A.N. Chekavinskii for the book “Food Supply Security of the Region”.