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**Monsieur Etienne Schneider,  
Vice-Premier ministre  
Ministre de l'Économie**

*Dear Etienne,*

Dear Mr. Schneider,

Since it has already become a tradition I write to you as the President of the Russian Club of Luxembourg a.s.b.l. to provide you with last information regarding the activities of our associations since past October. All previous information was described in the previous letter. I hope this information will help you with our general development strategy.

This 2018 year was rich for events in our society. All last years especially after FIFA 2018 we noticed constant increasing interest to our society from local population, for example, we have a lot of requests for Russian language courses as more and more people want to get information about Russia, especially its traditions and culture. We are open and very happy to provide it through our activities and events in Russian Club in Luxembourg.

Just to remind you that all activities of the Russian Club of Luxemburg take place in accordance with two principles, reflected by the statutes:

1. Activities promoting the development of the relations between Luxembourg and Russia to deepen the intercultural dialogue and to contribute to a mutual understanding between Luxembourg and the Russian speaking community living in the country.
2. Activities promoting the Russian language, history, traditions and culture for all citizens of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg interested in a cultural approach towards Russia.

Since its foundation the Russian Club of Luxembourg became the center uniting related non-profit Russian organisations and activities aimed at promoting huge Russian culture heritage and strengthening ties with the Grand Duchy Luxembourg.

Below you will find the most important projects and events of the Russian club during past half a year.

1. Russian Club continues to be as an umbrella organization for all affiliated members, namely: the Russian School "Kalinka", the Russian stands on the International Bazar, Festival of Migration, Culture and Citizenship, the Russian Women's Club, the "Rythmo-Cats" Club, "Rythmica-Lux Schuttrange" (rhythmic gymnastics), the Tennis Club "Raketka", "Russian Charity Ball", the youth association "NiBeNiLux", event and singing group VIA "Inspiration", "Gala des Etoiles" ballet. This year we contribute to concert of Russian artists organization.

2. Although our Russian community is not so big as others, but we are very friendly and connected. Our coordination council unites Russian-speaking associations and we continue to help organize many traditional events together, such as a special day out to celebrate the international workers' day of May this year «Mayovka» was organized as disco, the Family Day (dedicated to the traditions of Family, Love and Faithfulness), the 1<sup>st</sup> Russian-Luxembourgish festival in Bofort, traditional winter event for children was held in December: the New Year's Eve and Russian Christmas holiday.
3. For helping to integrate Russian speaking population in Luxembourgish society this year we have improved the content and continue the maintenance of Wel2Lux.com website in Russian language, also to inform them about Luxembourgish and Russian cultural activities for adults and kids.
4. The strong support of the Russian school "Kalinka", established in 2009, the actual number of pupils for 2018-2019 is about 200 children. "Kalinka" is opened in two locations: Luxembourg and Esch-Sur-Alzett. As we know Kalinka school is considered as one of the best Russian schools among nearest cities in the bordered countries. Kalinka held such annual events as Festive performance «Maslenitsa» on March 9, 2019 and is going to hold film Festival «Children's Kinomay» in Russian school Kalinka. All events became powerful uniting events for all parents of Kalinka's pupils.
5. We continue to notice an increasing interest in the great heritage of Russian traditions, culture, food and we are ready to share it with all people here. We are very pleased to participate on a regular basis in all international events in Luxembourg, such as Festival of Migration, Culture and Citizenship this March and the Bazar International Charity past December.
6. This year we are continuing to help in organization of "Gala des Etoiles" Ballet, one of the most beautiful and loved ballet events in Europe continues bringing a breeze of Russian ballet season to Luxembourg for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
7. In collaboration with the commune of Strassen on a monthly basis we continue to hold and support the table for Russian speaking participants in "Cafe des langues" in Strassen.
8. Of course we honor Russian history and this May singing group VIA «Inspiration» participated in song recording and dubbing roles of main actresses to the French film «Rodina», which is planned to be shown this May in Luxembourg additionally.
9. Russian club tries to transfer to Luxembourg all the best and in the sports field. Rhythmic gymnastics is historically a strong side of Russian sport. Also Rythmica Lux, Rythmo-Cats organize every year tournaments and competitions, such as the Rhythmic Gymnastics "BeNeLux and Grand Region Cup" and International Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournament "Luxembourg Trophy", master classes, training camps.
10. Also we support our comrades and delegate our Luxembourgish participants to the International Educational Youth forums, such as BaltArtek: event that gathered around 350 participants from 72 countries of the world; Eurasia: 800 participants from 70 countries, International forum in Sofia: 250 participants from 60 countries including Luxembourg.
11. We also work with Russian-speaking students and youth and constantly support the youth organization "NiBeNiLux" in their activities.

12. With aim that everybody has access to the activities conducted under the auspices of Russian Club we developed, continuous improving and supporting the websites of the Russian Club of Luxembourg ([www.rusски.lu](http://www.rusски.lu) and <http://club.rusски.lu>), and the websites of associated members: [www.kalinka.rusски.lu](http://www.kalinka.rusски.lu), <http://www.rythmocats.lu>, <http://www.raketka.lu>, <http://www.nibenilux.eu>, <http://www.school.rusски.lu/>, <http://rwc.rusски.lu/>, <http://ball.rusски.lu/>, <http://rythmica.lu>, <http://www.wel2lux.com/>. Moreover all associations additional "Facebook" pages have been created that have amassed more than 9200 'likes'.
13. The disk of piano music written by Luxembourgish composers and played by Russian pianist Nikolay Saratovsky was issued together with piano event past November.
14. Past November at the Thermal Complex Mondorf together with the Aviation Museum of Luxembourg was opened the bust of the first cosmonaut in the world Yuri Gagarin and after to hold a Space Day dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the International Space Station.
15. Past November a musical evening devoted to the Day of National Unity and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Russian writer I.S. Turgenev.
16. On December 2018 Russian Club of Luxembourg invites all at the pre-premiere of the famous Russian comedy film «The last Christmas trees» by Russian director and producer Timur Bekmambetov, the founder of «Podsolnukh» Foundation for children with serious immune diseases.
17. On December, before Christmas we will continue to entertain the youngest citizens. Our singing association VIA Inspiration prepares for children a musical on the famous fairy tale «Buratino» (Pinocio).
18. Celebration of the International Women's Day in Cercel Munster and Strassen commune with the participation of the music group ARTNOVI BAND form Moscow March, 8-9, 2019. They accompanied to the the great movie City Lights.
19. And at the end is the most significant and beautiful event of the year, annual Russian Charity Ball of Luxembourg, a charity project of paramount importance. We are glad to state that during last 8 charity events a total amount of **374,000 €** was raised from the participants' donations. All collected funds are fully donated to the association SOS Villages d'Enfants Monde and to the Russian foundation "Podsolnukh" (Sunflower). This year the ball was devoted to famous Russian poet Pushkin Aleksander. The next one is planned on January 18, 2020.

For upcoming half a year we have following planned activities and events:

20. Tour of the "Theater of Taste" with the play "The Dreamer, or Why Me?"  
March, 23
21. Creative evening for the World Day of Poetry March, 22
22. We also promote of international sport activities carried out by the affiliated members of the Russian Club. Four years already we have been participating in the World Wide Junior games of Russian compatriots in Russia. This year 10 juniors will represent Luxembourg by competing in chess, swimming and rhythmic gymnastics for the 5<sup>th</sup> World games of young compatriots in Khanty-Mansiysk in June.
23. Immortal regiment. Wreath-laying ceremonies at the World War II memorials in May

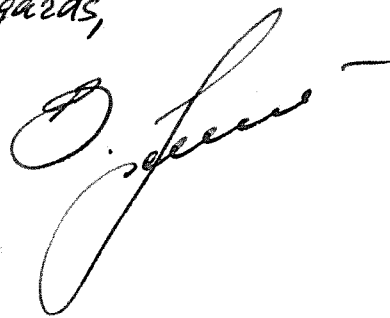
24. Kids festival and Day of Russian language in June
25. One of the most beautiful and loved ballet events in Europe continues bringing a breeze of Russian ballet season to Luxembourg for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row Ballet show «Gala des Etoiles» in Grand Theatre in June 05-06
26. Due to previous huge interest this year we are organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> Russian-Luxembourg Festival in Beaufort. This year we decided to hold it during 2 days. In program there is: Russian and Luxembourgish culture program, food and activities for children.

We would be pleased to see you on our events and provide you with any required additional information.

*with kindest regards,*

Yours sincerely,

Vsevolod Iampolski,  
President of the Russian Club of Luxembourg a.s.b.l.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Iampolski', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.