

8th January 2012

Dr Pavel Chernykh
The Centre for Development of Skills Training and Collaboration

Dear Dr Chernykh

Thank you for your letter dated 3rd January 2012.

I would be delighted to accept your kind invitation to visit you and the Ministry of Education and Science in Moscow to discuss the development of vocational education & training, and skills competitions together with the possibility of Russian joining WorldSkills International. In addition I would happily share my knowledge of skills competitions, both international and national, with you and your colleagues.

I note below all those slots in my diary when I am free between now and Easter (in mid-April). I will do everything possible to keep these dates free but I would appreciate you letting me know as soon as possible if any of them are definitely not applicable and then keep me in the picture about the likely, and then actual, date of my visit. If I have to alter my availability I will advise you immediately.

I have generally assumed that the minimum duration of any visit would cover 3 days (2 nights and 2 complete working days), with me flying to Moscow late afternoon/early evening on day one and (normally) returning on the evening of day three. You might feel that a longer stay would be advisable and this would be possible where I have indicated more than two working days of availability.

Sunday 28th January (arriving at 2035), Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th (leaving at 2155) – gives 2 clear working days.

Sunday 12th February (arriving at 2035), Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th (leaving at 1800) – gives almost 2 clear working days.

Sunday 18th March (arriving at 2035), Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th (leaving at 2155) - gives 2 clear working days.

Thursday 22nd March (arriving at 1640), Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th, Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th (leaving at 0635) – gives a number of options.

Tuesday 3rd April (arriving at 1640), Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th (leaving at 2155) – gives 2 clear working days.

I would bring to your attention that WorldSkills International has a Board Meeting from the 5th to the 8th of March at which any application to join WorldSkills International could be discussed (but only if you had satisfied the requirements set down in our rules (copy on the WorldSkills International website)) and that WorldSkills International has its annual General Assembly from 15th to 19th May (which would be the first occasion at which Russia could become a Member of WorldSkills International).

Thank you for your offer of covering my expenses (travel and accommodation), which I gratefully accept, and for which I will invoice you when appropriate.

Yours sincerely

SIMON BARTLEY

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President, WorldSkills International