ABSTRACTS

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DEVELOPMENT OF STATE STATISTICS

A. Surinov «On the performance of the state statistical offices in 2013 and the key goals of Rosstat for 2014-2016»

Results of the Federal State Statistics Service activities, main areas of work for 2014 and the planning period of 2015 and 2016, are viewed based on the priorities of transparency of national statistical offices' activities and the availability of state statistical resources. The emphasis was made on the information support of implementation of the Decrees of the President of the Russian Federation of May 2012 and Decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation. The author characterizes the 2014-2015 «Road map» for publishing official statistical information in the open data format. The importance of the changes made to the Law on Statistics in July, 2013 for the development of state statistics is underlined when for the first time national accounts are determined as a basis for organizing official statistical information using macroeconomic indicators. Directions for improvement of the legal and regulatory framework for effective performing functions of a subject of official statistics are analyzed.

STATISTICS AND SOCIETY

S. Egorenko, V. Korobov «The survey's target groups of users of official statistics in 2013»

The paper states results of the survey conducted to study the opinion of various categories of statistical information users concerning their satisfaction and confidence in official statistics. Representatives of federal and regional executive authorities, local self-government authorities, research and development organizations, large and medium enterprises, Mass Media are considered as major users of official statistical information. Their views on the quality, availability, efficiency, impartiality, relevance of statistical information were explored. Data of this survey is supposed to be used to improve the information activities of the Rosstat.

N. Dmitrieva «Confidentiality: blessing or evil?»

The author of this article summarized issues arising while providing users with official statistical information and which are associated with the data privacy status. A number of proposals to address them are made, to be specific, issues concerning time limits for preserving confidentiality status for various types of statistical information and declassification of primary data of selected categories of respondents are considered.

STATISTICS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

V. Mkhitarian, M. Polikarpova «Statistical analysis of Russian market of mergers and acquisitions in 2008-2012»

The article represents results of statistical analysis of the Russian market of merges and acquisitions in 2008-2012, some features of industry segmentation of deals are also viewed. On the basis of the suggested analysis methodology it is possible to form a qualitative market infrastructure of the corporate control and to work out effective measures belonging to the government policy for sectoral administration of integration activities.

V. Toreyev «Influence of small business on the development of constituent entities of the Russian Federation»

This article is devoted to analysis method for regional economic processes; in particular, the influence of small business on regional economic development is assessed. Uneven economic development of Russian constituent entities defines the uneven development of the small business. Although, small business as a whole has a very significant effect on the Russian economy, for every constituent entity it's different.

IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION

A. Dumnov, A. Romanov, A. Komyagina «Polluter pays» principle and statistics»

Keywords: negative impact on the environment, payments for negative impact on the environment, environment statistics reliability.
JEL: E01, F64.

This article is a continuation of the discussion held at the 4th All-Russian Congress of Environmental Protection (December, 2013), on issues of improving financing of environmental measures and instrument of payment for natural resource use. For the sake of solving this problem, suggestions for the development of statistical information and its quality analysis were made. The study of the dynamics and structure of payments for negative impact on the environment in Russia in recent years was carried out. Some bottlenecks for information support were revealed. On this basis, a range of issues, in need of immediate solutions, were defined.

Yu. Ivanov «On the issue of including the assessment of illegal activity into the GDP»

Keywords: SNA, production boundary, GDP, illegal activities, income from illegal activities, money laundering, economic operations.
JEL: E01, E26, K42.

This article indicates that the exclusion of the assessment of illegal activities from GDP complicates tracking of interrelated flows of goods, income and financial assets on a systematic basis, and therefore makes it more difficult to analyze the influence of illegal segment of the economy on the economy as a whole. The author gives consideration to the opportunities and limitations of assessment of illegal activities and their inclusion in the GDP estimate. Determining the proportion of the illegal economy in value added and GDP, expenditure on consumer goods and services, and by other macroeconomic indicators can be established, if the reflection of the SNA operations with goods (and services), income and financial assets, is based on common concepts, definitions and classifications.

RESEARCH OF INVESTMENT FLOWS

D. Kondratov «Russian capital in the system of global investment flows: new trends and possibilities»

Keywords: foreign economic relations of Russia, statistics of foreign economic relations, investment flows, export of capital, international reserves.
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The article highlights some relevant, causing fierce debates topic of the exports of financial capital from Russia, that is carried out by both national corporations, which in recent years has dramatically increased the volume of direct investment abroad, and by the government, which is rapidly increasing its international reserves. In this regard, today in Russia issues of increasing the efficiency of public and private investment abroad are more relevant than ever, as well as their use in high-priority areas of the national economy. The author's point of view, based on the modern statistical data of foreign economic relations, is reflected in the article

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