## 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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