

**CHRONOLOGY OF THE RUSSIAN MEDICAL PROJECT ( RAMPartners.org website)  
March 2005**

**July 1995: Orenburg, Russia – 7 days: USC Visiting Professor  
St. Petersburg – 2 days: met Russian internist**

**June 1996: St. Petersburg – Lecturer at Russian Medical Society  
Russian colleague discussed collaboration with Western experts**

**March, 1997: Los Angeles – Benefit for Project**

**June 1997: St. Petersburg – 1<sup>st</sup> Western-Russian Seminar at the Medical Academy for  
Post-**

**Graduate Studies (MAPS)**

**Mitchell Halperin, M.D. Professor of Medicine from the University of  
Toronto, Canada**

**October 1997, May 1998, October 1999: St. Petersburg  
Seminars with Western experts – topics picked by Russian physicians;  
Speakers picked by Western experts**

**Faculty team formed: 2 Yale, (Dr. Asghar Rastegar; Dr. Fred Finkelstein)  
1 Univ. Toronto, 1 UCLA (Dr. Arthur Cohen) and 1 USC (Dr. Ellin  
Lieberman-coordinator)**

**Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Sister City Committee (LASPCC) – sponsor  
International Society of Nephrology (ISN)- sponsor**

**March 1998: Los Angeles – Presentation to the Harvard Club**

**September 1998: Durham, New Hampshire – Presentation to group working with  
Russians in**

**Archangel, Russia**

**June, 1999: St. Petersburg – MAPS Seminar included Western experts**

**Table of Organization developed**

**October 1999: ISN –sponsored seminar in St. Petersburg; satellite with a few speakers  
in Novosibirsk**

**June 2000: St. Petersburg – MAPS Seminar with Western participation + Site Visit**

**October 2000: Miami,Florida: Team reported to International Society of Nephrology  
(ISN ) on project**

**June 2001: Russia – Senior Visiting Scholar supported by the ISN ( 17 days)  
Visits to Moscow, Omsk and St. Petersburg  
Participation in MAPS Seminar: St. Petersburg**

**October 2001: ISN - Toronto: Presentation of educational components for fellowship curriculum for MAPS**

November 2001: South Pasadena, CA: Benefit - Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Sister City Committee

**2002: ISN supported 2 – 4 month fellowships for Russians at Univ. of Toronto and at Yale**

**2003: 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Sister City Fellowship for St. Petersburg mid career physician to study with Dr. Arthur Cohen, UCLA**

**2003: Team members attended and presented at joint conference in Kazan, Russia they also attended International Society of Nephrology World Congress in Berlin and  
2 others spoke at the MAPS St. Petersburg Seminar in late June**

**2003: the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of an approved ISN fellowship program with Art Cohen for 4 months**

**2004: The group met in San Diego with Russian counterparts and planned participation in a joint workshop and a traditional medical meeting in ISN Moscow meetings in 2004. Dr. Natalia Tomilina indicated the outline for the meetings. Dr. Arthur Cohen organized the workshop to highlight the importance of renal pathology ; Dr. Ellin Lieberman and Russian faculty participated. Dr. Fred Finkelstein and Dr. Cohen participated in the ISN Moscow meeting that followed.**

**2004. The Medical Academy for Postgraduate Studies held their yearly Seminar in mid-June;  
Dr. Lieberman and Dr. Michael Kasgarian ( Yale- ) participated with counterparts in St.Petersburg .**

**With the support of COMGAN) an active Russian-Western project has been developed in partnership with Russian faculty leaders in St. Petersburg, Russia**

**2005. XIII Seminar at MAPS ( June 14-17, 2005) St.Petersburg Russia**

**The Organizing Committee has invited the following experts to participate:**

**Dr. Ellin Lieberman – will lead 2 workshops in up-to-date pediatric nephrology topics**

**Dr. Lilly Barba – Associate Professor of Medicine – Harbor UCLA has been invited to speak on Clinical Nephrology topics and present a plenary session on Renal Transplantation**

**Dr. Alex Gershman – Adjunct Professor of Surgery ( Urology) at Harbor-UCLA will present an up to date plenary session on renal calculi as well as present “ Urology for the Nephrologist”**

**( MAP is separated from the main hospital for urology in St.Petersburg)**

**In addition, Dr. Lieberman will meet with the Fellows who have been trained in the West as well as the 6 Special Fellows now undergoing full Fellowship Training.**