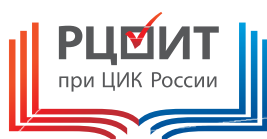




**Russian Center for  
Training in Election  
Technologies  
under the Central  
Election Commission of  
the Russian Federation**





Construction of the new democratic statehood and administration of free elections with a real alternative to the bodies of state power and to the local self-governments in the Russian Federations was followed by creation of a system of full-time election commissions. Regular elections required a system of on-going voter education, professional training programs for election administrators and other players, including candidates and their agents, political party representatives, observers, media representatives and many others.

With this objective in view, the Presidential Executive Order #558-рп of November 1, 1994 entitled the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation (CEC RF) to prepare a federal program in cooperation with the Russian bodies of state power for improving legal awareness of the voters, Russian citizens, election administrators and representatives of public associations of the Russian Federation. In line with the Executive Order it was decided to create the Election Technologies Training Center (RETC) under the Central

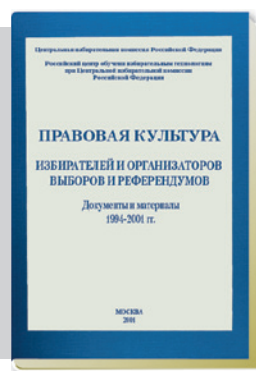
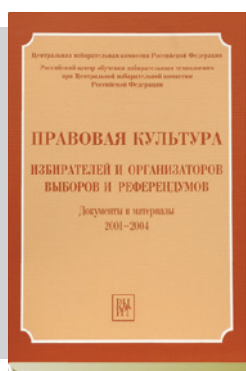


Election Commission of the Russian Federation, to coordinate and carry out the above program. The Federal Program for improving legal awareness of the voters and election administrators in the Russian Federation was approved by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation #228, of February 28, 1995. The Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation was appointed the ordering party while the Election Technologies Training Center (RETC) was vested with implementation of the Program. The main purpose of the Program became the creation of a unified system of quality legal education and awareness taking into account the needs of citizens, bodies of state power and public organizations. The Program also aimed at improving voters' civil responsibilities and election administrators' skill levels. Legal, management, informational, scientific and methodical grounds of the modern system for election administrator training in the Russian Federation were laid

during the operation of the first Program in 1995-1999.

The Federal Law "On the Basic Guarantees of Voting Rights and the Right to Referendum of the Citizens of the Russian Federation" assigns implementation of activities related to the voter education and to the training of members of election commissions and other election administrators to the jurisdiction of the CEC RF.

Starting in 2000, the main activity of RETC under the CEC RF has been centered in programming and carrying out activities to improve voter awareness and to train election administrators and other participants of election processes in Russia. This operation is conducted by RETC within the framework of activities developed in compliance with the schedule of federal and local elections in Russia as set in the CEC decisions. In 2011 in accordance in order of the Government of the Russian Federation RETC became a state-owned organization.



# Personnel Training System



As of today, a multitier system of personnel training has been formed in the Russian Federation



**Federal level:** CEC RF and RETC under CEC RF are in charge of training for the leadership, commissioners and staff of the Subject Election Commissions of the Russian Federation



**Regional level:** Subject Election Commissions are training the staff of the territorial, municipal and precinct election commissions using CEC RF and RETC training programs





Following the CEC RF decision, RETC has been developing its training for the federal elections of the Deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (December 2011) and election of the President of the Russian Federation (March 2012) for these categories:

- Leadership and lawyers, election commissions of the Subjects of the Russian Federation, election commissions of municipal units;
- Managers responsible for informational and outreach activity in election commissions;
- Personnel in charge of monitoring air time spent each month of campaigning as dedicated to political parties represented in federal legislative bodies of state power in the Subjects of the Russian Federation;
- Desk personnel for election commissions;
- Human resources personnel for election commissions;
- Chief accountants for election commissions.



Training is done in the CEC RF or in the leading educational centers defined on a competitive basis. Sessions are conducted by CEC Commissioners, staffers of the CEC, leadership of RETC and of the Federal Center for Informatization of the CEC, leadership of the Subject election commissions of the Russian Federation, highly qualified experts in election law and election processes, scholars and representatives of expert community, including members of the Public Scientific-Methodological Advisory Board in the CEC RF.



On-site and off-site training is available for many other categories of participants of election process, covering all the corners of the Russian Federation and a wide variety of subjects, e.g. training of media representatives in election coverage.



RETC under the CEC RF is developing targeted training programs and educational materials to better address the needs of different types of participants of election process, such as:

- Representatives of political parties;
- Candidates to elected office and their agents;
- Observers;
- Representatives of the media;
- Voters, taking into account age and social group requirements (youth, military, retired, handicapped voters).

To address the needs of ensuring the right to vote for those citizens who are abroad during elections RETC is developing training programs for the pollworkers of precinct election commissions created outside the territory of the Russian Federation, as well as for the respective territorial election commission created for managing such elections and for the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (MFA RF).

In order to create personnel reserve for the Russian election system the RETC is preparing younger specialists in election law based on leading educational centers defined on a competitive basis

In 2010-2011 academic years, the training is based on the following programs:



Election Systems, Processes and Technologies (Political Sciences Faculty, Moscow State University)



Election Law and Election Process in the Russian Federation (Moscow State Legal Academy named after O.Kutafin)



RETC is also assisting in administering an annual student and postgraduate student competition among higher educational centers (legal institutes and faculties and legal departments) in the Russian Federation for the best study of election law and process and improving voter education and training of election administrators. Winners of the competition are included in the personnel reserve for the system of election commissions of the Russian Federation.



All the materials prepared for the training of participants of election process are published on the RETC web page ([www.rcoit.ru](http://www.rcoit.ru)) developed along the guidelines for accessibility of information for different categories of citizens



# Outreach activity

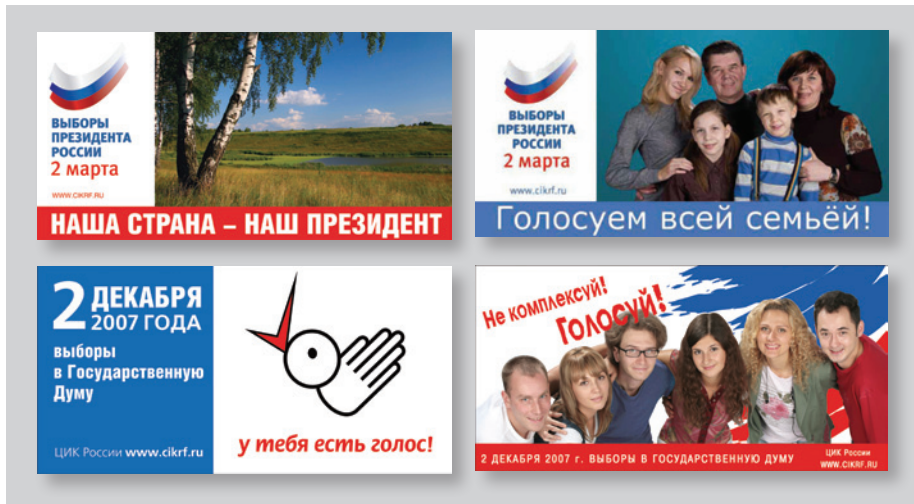
Outreach activity is one of the most important priority goals in election administration at different levels. Working on the cycle of federal elections jointly with Subject election commissions, RETC is putting into action the unified set of outreach activities aimed at active participation of Russian citizens in elections and their knowledge of how to use their voting rights. Highly trained professionals in election law and election process – leadership and Commissioners of the CEC RF, members of the CEC staff, leadership of RETC, scholars and public relations companies are taking part in this operation.

When carrying out RETC outreach activities the specifics of voter target groups (youth, military, retired, handicapped voters) are taken into account.

Both traditional (banners, posters, billboards) and modern (Internet, mobile phone) outreach technologies are used to deliver information to the voter.

RETC is developing video and audio clips for voter awareness detailing provisions of election legislation and informing about the course of election preparation and administration.

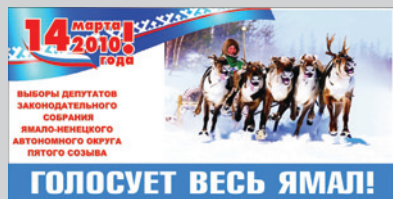
Digital copies of these materials are sent to the Subject election com-





missions which are adapting them taking into account regional specifics but keeping the overall design. During regional elections RETC is busy monitoring activities of the Subject election commissions in training pollworkers and also monitoring efficiency of providing information to the participants of election process regarding preparation and administration of elec-

tions in the Subjects of the Russian Federation. Overall the outreach activity results in strengthening of the positive perception of citizens in terms of elections as one of the basic democratic institutions, as well as in improving voters' legal awareness and their active participation in elections of different level.



# Modern information technology in elections

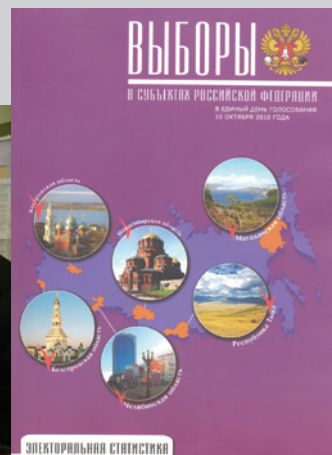
RETC provides methodic support of elections in different ways by:

- Analyzing results of political, statistic and other specialized research;
- Developing modern technologies for voter awareness;
- Starting specialized research in election law and process based on domestic and foreign data to further improve

election legislation and election administration;

During federal elections, special competitions are held for sociological forecasts of election results with prizes in several nominations:

- Most accurate integral forecast for all parties/candidates;
- Most accurate forecast of the percentage of votes cast for the



winner;

- Most accurate turnout forecast;  
 Closely cooperating with polling services, RETC is developing model guidelines for sociological research for the Subject election commissions.

Another major line of work for RETC is the development of guidelines for collecting,

processing and analyzing electoral statistics and for mathematical model building (analysis of electoral data).

RETC has a number of activities for informational and sociological support of the process of technical reequipment of the Russian election system, which is currently of special importance.

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 Голосование на участке осуществляется с использованием комплекса обработки избирательных бюллетеней (КОИБ)

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Спасибо за участие в голосовании!

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Получите штрихкод у члена избирательной комиссии.  
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 На экране появилась фамилия кандидата или название партии, которое Вы выбрали.

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 После завершения голосования выберите надпись «Завершите назначение бюллетеней».

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**НАИМЕНОВАНИЕ ВЫБОРОВ**  
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Касаясь пальца выберите кандидата или партию, за которую Вы голосуете.

**Ваш ВЫБОР:**  
**ФИО кандидата, имя отчество и кандидатура**  
 (Наименование партии, если кандидат в партии)  
 Для подтверждения Вашего выбора нажимайте "ДА", для отмены - "НЕТ"

Подтвердите свой выбор («ДА») или отмените его («НЕТ»).

**Ваш ВЫБОР** / **Ваш ВЫБОР**  
 Сравните результат своего выбора на экране и на бумажной ленте принтера.  
 Подтвердите или аннулируйте свой выбор.

**СПАСИБО ЗА УЧАСТИЕ В ВЫБОРАХ**

Ваш голос принят.  
 Спасибо за участие в выборах!



# Media monitoring



RETC is conducting federal and regional media monitoring during the preparation and administration of the unified voting day in Russia as well as in federal elections. RETC is preparing daily information digests covering changes in election legislation in the regions, outreach programs of election commissions, activities of regional political party branches and of election associations along with other public political events of importance including polling research, political studies and expert opinions. Furthermore, special digests covering election campaign are prepared for separate Russian regions.

Since 2008 RETC has started remote media monitoring of election coverage of elections abroad. Monitoring of the US Presidential election in 2008 became the first research of this kind. In 2010 RETC completed the project named “Ukrainian media on elections of the President of Ukraine, January 17, 2010”. Those projects reflected not only on the overall informational background of the campaign but also on the activities of election commissions, candidates, parties and results of opinion polls and ratings.

The goal of such monitoring is to identify trends in the coverage of election campaigns and to develop a universal approach to the media monitoring of election campaigns by representatives of specialized international organizations allowing continuous improvements in the operation of election administrators.

# Interaction with expert community

RETC is interacting with the Public Scientific-Methodological Advisory Board of the CEC RF in the framework of its scientific-methodological operation. A variety of issues in the application of newest election administration and election campaign technologies is reviewed in workshop sessions on improving election technologies, voter education and ensuring the voting rights of youth and students, coordinated by RETC CEO Alexander Ivanchenko, Ph.D. and RETC Academic Advisor and honored scholar V.I. Vasiliev, Ph.D. Well-known experts in election law and sociological and mathematic research, as well as experts in political sciences get involved in the workshop.

Among other members of the workshop are Deputy Head of Information Law Dept. of the Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.L.Bachilo, Ph.D.; Head



of Department of Advanced Mathematics of the State University – Higher School of Economics A.A.Makarov, Cand.Sc.; President of the Public Opinion Foundation A.A.Oslon; General Director of the Russian National Public Opinion Research Center V.V.Fiodorov; director of public political programs of the Institute of Modern Development I.B.Makarenko.

The workshop has another area of focus in its research linked with the study of procedural and institutional aspects of applying informational and communication technologies in elections, different forms of e-voting, enforcement of citizens’ rights to information on election processes and the use of Internet.

The outcome of election monitoring with participation of non-commercial public organizations “Civic Control”, public council “Honest Choice”, “Russian Foundation of Free Elections” and other public organizations is analyzed in workshop sessions.

# Improving Legal Culture of Young and Future Voters

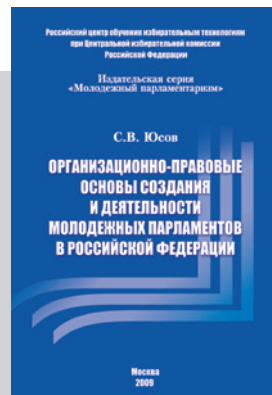
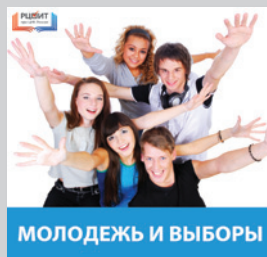
Improvement of legal awareness of young and future voters remains a priority among the activities of the CEC, RETC and Subject election commissions, as well as an organic part of election administration at all levels.

The RETC under the CEC RF is in charge of:

- Developing recommendations for Subject election commissions to conduct the Day of the Young Voter in the Subjects of the Russian Federation;
- Monitoring activities of election commissions in improvement of legal culture of young and future voters;
- Organizing competitions among Subject election commissions for

the best project management in improvement of legal culture of young and future voters;

- Organizing competition jointly with the Ministry of Education and Science of RF among students and post-graduate students for the best study in election law and processes;
- Maintaining cooperation with institutions of higher professional education, particularly for training experts in election law and processes;
- Preparing training and informational youth-oriented materials.



# Publishing

Publishing is necessary primarily because of the need to procedural and institutional support of election process, as well as instructional and training support in improvement of legal awareness of the voters, election administrator training and further improvement of election technologies in the Russian Federation.



## Periodical editions

Journals “Newsletter of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation” and the “Election Journal”



## Collections of documents and materials

Collections of documents and materials concerning preparation and implementation of projects in creating and developing legal awareness of different categories of voters (youth, handicapped voters, etc.) and election administrators



## Multimedia publications and videos

CDs and DVDs with photos and videos on various aspects of operations in training and improving legal awareness of participants of election process



## Manuals and training materials

Manuals and training materials detailing on the activities of election commissions, training programs and recommendations for the training of election administrators







### Bibliography

The year 2009 was marked by the first national publication of its kind – the bibliography “Institute of Elections in Russia”, also available at [www.rcoit.ru](http://www.rcoit.ru) in Russian



### History of elections and election law

This anthology of legal, political science, history and other aspects of election system in the Russian Federation is designed for high readership



### Compendium of contest publications

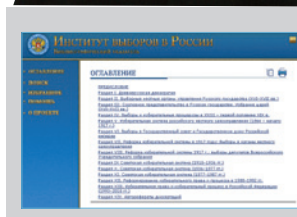
RETC publishes a compendium of the winners’ publications in the annual CEC RF contest among students and post-graduate students in election law and process



# Representation on the Internet



RETС under the СЕС RF jointly with the Subject election commissions ensures regular updates of the informational database of bibliography “Institute of Elections in Russia” on [www.rcoit.ru](http://www.rcoit.ru), as well as the open e-library containing the full text of publications on election law and processes. The web site also hosts a remote interactive training course called “Young Candidate’s School”.



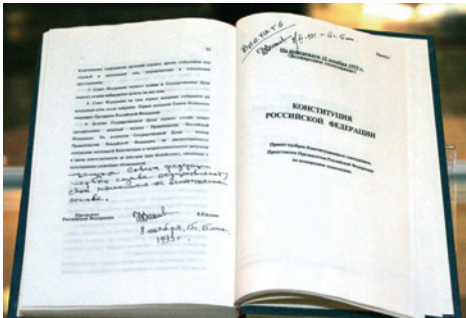
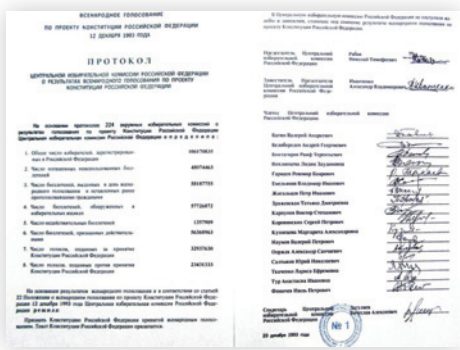
# Exhibitions and Information Displays

RETC under the CEC RF is in charge of setting up different theme exhibits..



**The exhibit dedicated to the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian Constitution**

The exhibit dedicated to the 15th anniversary of the Russian Constitution was set up in the headquarters of the CEC on December 3-19, 2008, displaying unique documents and materials made available by the Archive of the CEC RF, and by records from Subject election commissions, the Archive of the President of the Russian Federation, the State Archive of the Russian Federation, Russian State Library, etc. The exhibit provided information detailing on the process of preparation and further vote for the Russian Constitution in the national elections on December 12, 1993.





## The specialized exhibit “Technological election equipment”

The specialized exhibit “Technological election equipment” (October 7-16, 2009) allowed audience to review the latest samples of election equipment – voting booths and ballot boxes, including mobile boxes and voting booths for disability voters. Sample Russian-made e-voting equipment and equipment for automated reports of vote count in an automated pollworker workplace were also displayed. Domestic manufacturers from different cities of the Russian Federation (Kazan, Kemerovo, Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Perm, Rostov-on-Don, Sankt-Petersburg) and representatives of companies from Great Britain, Venezuela, Spain and other countries took part in the exhibit.

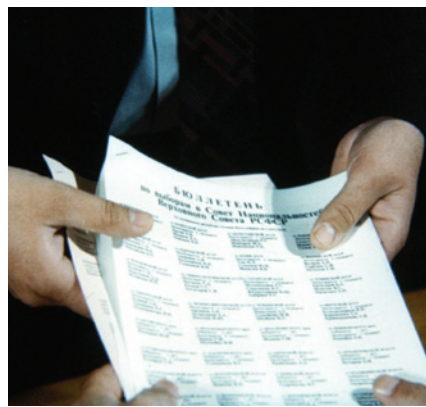






## Exhibit dedicated to the 20th anniversary of elections to the Russian Parliament

Exhibit dedicated to the 20th anniversary of elections to the Russian Parliament displayed fascinating documents and materials from Russian archives, libraries, museums, news agencies, election commissions detailing on the first alternative elections to the people's deputies of the Russian Soviet Socialist Federative Republic, nomination and registration of candidates, campaigning, voting, tabulation and publication of results. Direct participants of the events – People's deputies of the Russian Soviet Socialist Federative Republic took part in the ceremony dedicated to the opening of the exhibit.

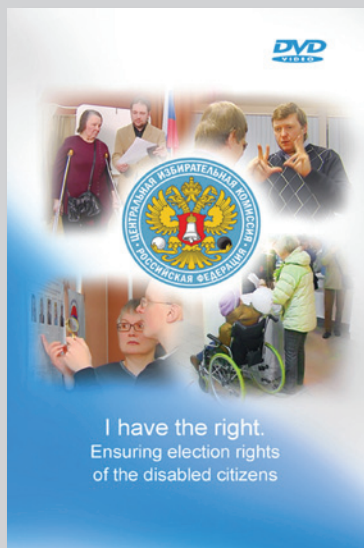


The exhibits were visited by over a thousand people – students and post-graduate students of higher learning centers, senior high school students from different Russian cities, representatives of public youth organizations, media, leadership and staff of the Subject election commissions of the Russian Federation.

# International cooperation

RETC is taking active part in the international cooperation programs of the CEC RF, among other things in the most important international conferences and seminars on election technologies, and has its own separate line of operation in international cooperation.

RETC under the CEC RF is developing informational and training materials in order to support voting rights of Russian citizens residing or staying abroad, as well as training programs for the pollworkers of election precincts formed outside



the boundaries of the Russian Federation, representatives of the MFA of Russia and diplomatic missions abroad.

- RETC staffers have participated in a number of international conferences, among them:
  - International conference on election process and governance “Modern technologies in improving standards” (Brussels, Belgium)
  - OSCE seminar on e-voting (Vienna, Austria)
  - Briefing in the OSCE Permanent Council offices “Current and future election monitoring”, (Vienna, Austria)
- In April 2001 an international workshop conference “Exit Polls in Russia and CIS: Theory and

Practice of Electoral Research” took place at the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation. Practical guidelines for election commissions for their interaction with polling agencies in preparing and administering exit polls are being planned as the outcome of the Conference. RETC prepares reviews and presentation materials for discussion at international expert forums as well as for publishing in academic and expert publications.

Among other RETC projects are reviews of legislation and enforcement practices on media monitoring during election campaigns abroad.

**IN FOCUS: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**LEGAL GUARANTEES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S CITIZENS RIGHTS TO RECEIVE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD AND BETWEEN THE ELECTIONS**

**E. B. Kiseleva**

Proceedings of the International Conference on Election Process and Governance “Modern Technologies in Improving Standards” (Brussels, Belgium), 2008

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