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GENERAL INFORMATION

Personal data

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a.Current professional position

Chief Economic Advisor and Director of Policy Resource Centre, United Nations Development Programme Ukraine UNDP, Klovskiy Uzviz 1, Kiev, Ukraine Tel. +380 44 279 2995 Fax. +38044 253 2607

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b.Previous professional positions

1.03.2000-31.12.2004 Director of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting founded by German Advisory Group (Kiev, Ukraine) (contract with German Institute of economic Research, DIW Berlin)

Kharkov Polytechnic State University, Department for Economics and Management:

Since 1999 Associate Professor in Economics, Chair for Business and Controlling

1991-1996 Associate Professor in Marketing, Management Chair

1990 Associate Professor in Economics, Economics Chair

1988-1989 Senior Lecture in Economics, Economics Chair 1986-1987 Assistant Professor in Economics, Economics Chair

1.02.2000-31.12.2002 Alexander-von Humboldt Research Fellow , Economic Department, Otto-von-Guericke University of Magdeburg (Germany)

1.10.1998-1.4.1999 Research Fellow , Economic Department, Otto-von-GuerickeUniversity of Magdeburg (Germany)

1.1.1997- 1.8.1998 Research Fellow , The Central and East European Economic Research Center, founded by Department of Economics, Warsaw University (Poland) and Columbia University (USA)

c. Education

1982-1985 Post-graduate courses in Kharkov State University, Economic Department, Ukraine

Kharkov State University, Economic Department

d. Academic degrees

January 1986 Candidate of Science in Economics (Ph.D. equivalent), Kharkov State University

June 1982 Diploma with Honor in Economics (MA in Economics equivalent), Kharkov State University

e. Academic ranks

Since 1994 Associate Professor (Dozent)

f. Honors

1977 Golden medal for outstanding achievements in studies in secondary school

N131, Kharkov 1982 Diploma with Honor in Economics, Kharkov State University

g. Memberships

Member of the Research Evaluation Committee, EERC-EROC Member of the International Society for New Institutional Economics

SPECIAL INFORMATION

h. Experience in institution-building and management: 5 year experience of managing an international group of experts (on the position of the Director of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting)

Responsibilities of the Director of the IERPC included the following :

- Representing and promoting the Institute in the Ukrainian and international academic and business community;
- Coordinating activities of the Institute with those of German Advisory Group in Ukraine;
- Strategic and operational management of the scientific and policy consulting activities of the Institute (including preparation of annual plans/reports and reporting to the Supervisory Board);
- Development and promotion of regular monitoring products of the Institute (Monthly Economic Monitor of Ukraine, Quarterly Enterprise Survey, Infrastructure Monitoring of Ukraine, Structural Overview of Ukraine), working/advisory paper series of IER;
- Developing and promoting new products and services of the Institute (including organization of bi-annual international conferences, round tables and seminars of the Institute);
- Management and scientific supervision of the research and consulting projects;
- Management of financial resources of the Institute;
- Recruitment and training of the Institute's personnel;
- Maintaining and deepening close working and consulting relationships with the various Ukrainian governmental bodies international organizations, business associations, academic institutions and NGOs;
- Conducting fundraising activities inside and outside Ukraine;

My responsibilities included ensuring inflow of donor financing in the amount of 280,000 EUR per year (annual budget of the Institute). Main fundraising activities have been conducted together with German Advisory Group, since IERPC was mainly financed by German donors.

In addition, in 2003-2004, IER have attracted about 180,000 US\$ via participation in the international and national scientific projects.

i. **Teaching experience:** 20 years of teaching experience in Economics and Marketing (both in Russian and English) on undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level. Certified for teaching Microeconomics in EERC-Ukraine.

j. Research and grants

Areas of research and policy consulting:
structural reforms in transitional economies including privatization and competition policies, quality of governance and business climate, regional development, private sector development, corporate governance and enterprise restructuring ; fiscal policy with a special focus on fiscal federalism.

Grants and fellowships:

2001 -2002 Research Fellowship from Alexander-von-Humboldt Foundation (Germany) for conducting research in Magdeburg University (Germany);

1999 Research Fellowship from KonfeTenz der Deutschen Akademien der Wissenschaften (Germany) for conducting research in Magdeburg University (Germany);

1997 Research Fellowship from the Central and East European Economic Research Center (Warsaw University (Poland) &Columbia University (USA) ;

1994 Grant from Tames Valley University (UK) for participation in the training program for lecturers of Open-Learning Programs.

International projects

Conducted/supervised 12 international research projects financed byTACIS, INTAS, UNDP, SEFR, PAUCI, USAID, World Bank.

Since October 2005, I am a coordinator of the project "Development of Applied Economic Research Network in Central Asia" run by EERC Russia together with Eurasia foundation.

k. List of selected publications

Author of about 50 scientific publications Books

1.S. von Cramon-Taubadel and I. Akimova, eds. (2002): *Fostering Sustainable Growth in Ukraine*. Physica-Verlag, Heidelberg

2.Akimova I. (1999): *Restructuring of industrial Enterprises in Ukraine*. Kharkov. Business Inform. 248 p. (in Russian)

3.Akimova I. (1999) *Industrial Marketing in a Transitional Economy*. Kiev. Znanie. 278 p. (in Russian)

4.Akimova I. (1998): *Industrial Enterprises: Market Orientation and Market Strategies* Kharkov. Business Inform . 251 p. (in Russian)

A. Articles and contributions to books:

- 5.I.Akimova. and G. Schwodiauer (2004), "Performance Effects of Trust in Commercial Courts of Ukrainian SMEs" in *Trust and Entrepreneurship- A West- East Perspective*. Eds. H.-H.Hohmann and F.Welter, Edward Elgar, 2004.
- 6.I.Akimova (2004), "High-powered Incentive Scheme for Managers : Determinants and Impact on Performance of Ukrainian Industrial Firms" in *Labour Market Reforms and Economic Growth in Ukraine: Linkages and Policies*, Eds.L.Hoffmann, L.Handrich and I.Burakovsky, Physica-Verlag, Heidelberg-Berlin-New York.
- 7.I.Akimova (2004), " Managerial Human Capital, Its Determinants and Impact on the Performance of Ukrainian Industrial Enterprises" in *Country Economic Memorandum of Ukraine*, World Bank , Kiev, Ukraine.
- 8.1.Akimova, G.Schwodiauer "Ownership Structure, Corporate Governance and Performance of Ukrainian firms" (2004), *International Advances in Economic Research*, Vol.10, N1, pp.28-42.
9. Akimova I., Scherbakov A., and M.Oleksiv (2002) "The Risk of Low Foreign Direct Investment" in: *Ukraine and the World Economy: Risk Assessment and Policy Recommendations*, Kiev, pp.35-43.
- 10.Akimova I., Scherbakov A (2002)."Fostering Vertical Integration in Ukraine: Advantages and Drawbacks", *Competition (Journal of Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine)*, 2002, N 1 .(in Ukrainian)
- 11.Akimova I. (2001), "Performance of Small and Medium-Sized Industrial Enterprises in Ukraine: Does Quality of Governance Matter?" in: S. von Cramon-Taubadel and I. Akimova, eds. (2001): *Fostering Sustainable Growth in Ukraine*. Physica-Verlag, Heidelberg-Berlin-New York, pp.171-180.
- 12.Akimova I. (2000), „Export Orientation and Its Impact on Enterprise Restructuring in Ukraine" in: L.Hoffmann (ed.) *Ukraine on the Road to Europe*, Springer/Physica, Berlin/New York, pp.206-223.
- 13.Akimova I. and G.Schwodiauer (2000), Restructuring of Ukrainian Enterprises after Privatization: Does Ownership Structure Matter?", *Atlantic Economic Journal*, Vol 2.
14. Akimova I. (2000), "Development of Market Orientation and Competitiveness of Ukrainian Firms", *European Journal of Marketing*, Vol 34, N 9/10, pp. 1128-1148.
- 15.Akimova I. (1998), "Marketing Management in Ukraine During Privatization", in Jan W.Owsinski (ed.) *Modelling and Analysing Economies in Transition II*, Warsaw, MODEST, pp.144-161.
- 16.Dorn, J. von, Akimova I.(1998). „Advertising in Ukraine: Cultural Perspectives", *International Journal of Advertising*, Vol. 17, pp. 189-211
- 17.Akimova I. (1997), „Marketing Approaches and Organization for Marketing in Ukraine", *Journal for East European Management Studies*, N 3, pp.237-258.

C. Working papers and reports

18. Akimova I., G.Schwoediauer (2004), "Determinants of Tax Evasion : Empirical Evidence from Ukraine", FEEM Working Paper, Magdeburg University, 2004, *forthcoming*
19. Akimova I., G.Schwoediauer (2004), "The Impact of Competition on Tax Evasion", FEEM Working Paper, Magdeburg University, 2004, *forthcoming*
20. Akimova I. , S.Betliy, N.Leschenko, I.Poltavets, T.Vachnenko (2003), "Openness and Transparency of Fiscal System in Ukraine: Evaluation and Recommendations", Final Report of the PAUCI Project, IER, Kiev, December 2003. Akimova I. and G.Scwoediauer (2003),. "Trust in Commercial Courts and Its Effect on the Performance of Ukrainian SMEs", FEEM Working Paper, Magdeburg University, 2003.
21. Akimova I. and G.Scwoediauer (2003),. "Ownership Structure, Corporate Governance and Enterprise Performance: Empirical Results for Ukraine", Working Paper, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kiev.
22. Akimova I. and O.Kuziakiv (2003), "Special Quarterly Enterprise Survey. Business Environment and Investment in Ukraine in 1999-2002", Policy Paper, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kiev.
23. Akimova I., Starikov S. and Verstyuk S. (2002), "Role of Governance in Small and Medium Size Enterprises Development: Regional Aspects", Working Paper, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kiev.
24. Akimova I., Sugolov P., Scherbakov A. (2002) "Analysis of international experience regarding the determination of fees for the right to manage (state-owned) assets under a concession agreement", Working Paper, IER, Kiev.
25. Akimova I. and M.Oleksiv (2001) "The Development of Industrially Oriented Small and Medium Size Enterprises in Ukraine in 2000: Results of a Business Survey", Working Paper N12, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kiev, Ukraine.
26. Akimova I., Schwodiauer G.(2001) "Determinants of Enterprise Restructuring in Ukraine: the Role of Managerial Ownership and Human Capital", Discussion Paper, Otto-von-Guericke University, Magdeburg, Germany.