

## **VISA PROCEDURE for the 2012 FIE Congress**

As most nations in the world require a visa to visit Russia, the Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow will send special directions to the Russian Consulates throughout the world about a facilitated visa procedure for participants and guests of the 2012 FIE Congress. According to it the applicant(s) is/are to complete the attached visa form (template) with their/his/her personal passport information and e-mail it to Ms. Tatiana Ivanova [ivanova@dszm.ru](mailto:ivanova@dszm.ru) . In compliance with the personal data in the completed form a scanned formal invitation letter will be issued & e-mailed back. It is to be taken to the nearest Russian Consulate along with the corresponding personal documents such as passport, the necessary number of pictures, completed application form, etc. We recommend to call the Consulate in question or study its website before taking the documents to the Consulate.

Please be advised that there **MUST** be at least **TWO** adjacent blank pages in the passport and the passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the last day of the expected stay in Russia.

We strongly recommend to deal with the Consulate directly without applying to any intermediate visa companies. The documents can be submitted by a representative, no personal presence is required.

As the above visa procedure is exceptional, please make sure you mention that you are applying for the Russian visa to attend the 2012 FIE Congress.

With the formal invitation letter for the 2012 FIE Congress the applicant can submit personal documents to any Russian Consulate in the world regardless of the citizenship.

The deadline for visa applications for the 2012 FIE Congress is the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.