



IN THE FIELD

BALTIMORE, MD – From October 19 to 27, the Baltimore-based **World Trade Center Institute** played host to four young technology leaders from universities across Russia. The delegates' U.S. visit began with an orientation in Washington, DC, during which they met with an aide to Maryland Rep. **Elijah Cummings** and sat for an interview with the Voice of America Russian Service. Then the group delved into Maryland's experience with innovation in higher education, the transfer of technology from lab to market, and intellectual property protection. The delegates also shared their own technology expertise and ideas with presenters at the Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Information Technology and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). And potential collaborations were identified with the Emerging Technology Center business incubator, the Johns Hopkins University Technology Transfer Office, and the University of Maryland Division of Research.



The Russian participants walk to the Digital Harbor Foundation for American-style networking at a Baltimore EdTech Meetup event.



During a site visit to ABET, an accreditation agency for U.S. engineering and technology programs, the Russian participants meet with ABET International Relations Manager Daniela Iacona (third from right).

According to facilitator Yaroslav Pisarev, an associate linguistics professor, one of the group's most lasting impressions was that personal initiative is crucial to implementing change. The delegation's Maryland visit is illustrated in photos posted on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/RECgk7>.

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