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**Collection of the Russian Museum in Malaga, Spain**

**II Landscape Seminar for Historical Gardens**

**“Ruling dynasties and their gardens”**

Seminar is organized by the State Russian Museum, Saint Petersburg, Russia and Agencia Pública para la Gestión de la Casa Natal de Pablo Ruiz Picasso y Otros Equipamientos Museísticos y Culturales, Malaga, Spain, with the assistance of the Committee on State Control, Use and Protection of Historical and Cultural Landmarks of Russia, Saint Petersburg.

Malaga having a great historical garden heritage – Parque de Malaga, Botanical garden “La Concepcion”, Andalucía with its Alhambra Gardens and Saint-Petersburg known for his magnificent gardens within the city limits (for example Summer and Mikhailovsky Gardens of the Russian Museum, world-famous Peterhof and Tsarskoe Selo) have a rich material and spectacular example how the historical gardens being a part of the museum complex could work all the year round. This historical parallel gives a wonderful opportunity for experience exchange in restoration, maintenance and scientific research of the historical gardens and green territories, as well as the use of the multimedia and modern technologies in promotion of the landscape heritage in the museum sphere and in the use of the green territories of the museum significance for organization of the exhibitions, social and educational projects.

Seminar first held in 2016 became a good platform for exchange of international experience and attracted many participants. The subjects discussed at the seminar appeared to be significant for Spanish science community and Russian specialists.

In the 2017 the geographical and thematic frames were expanded. The presentations will be made by the representatives of the landscape scientific communities of France, Germany, the United Kingdom and Georgia, among them the representatives of the European Garden Heritage Network (EGHN) that lists the Summer Garden of the Russian Museum as one of the destinations of its tourism network.

The theme of the Seminar in 2017 is “Ruling dynasties and their gardens” corresponds both the historical background of Russian and Spanish gardens and associates with the exhibition “Romanov’s Dynasty” opened in the Collection of the Russian Museum in Malaga.

The program of the Seminar includes the lectures of the directors and specialists of the historical gardens and parks of Russia and Europe related to the theme of gardens, created by the ruling dynasties in XVII-XVIII centuries.

The Seminar aims to bring together the historians and landscape specialists of Europe and Russia and to give an opportunity of experience exchange in complex approach to historical gardens and parks as a part of the museum open-air space and to improve culture relationships between Spain and Russia