

## **Russia, Permskiy krai: A Step to the Libraries of the World**

Permskiy krai is a subject of Russian Federation in the Western Urals, which covers the territory of 62.000 square miles (160.600 square km) with a population of 1,9 million people. The land of Perm is famous for its natural and cultural riches. The government of Permskiy krai is constantly searching for new links to promote our potential to foreign investment and cultural exchange. The Library Information Center (the Perm State Gorky Library) sees its function in contributing to this goal – for libraries are unique institutions which help present and future diplomats, businessmen, men of arts broaden their professional perspective. Three target directions of our Step to the Libraries Project are: building a web-site on Permskiy krai resources, making donations to the libraries of the world, setting up professional meetings. Reaching these targets will help to contribute to the major goal of cultural and economical cooperation between the land of Perm and other countries, and lead to mutual profits of its participants.