On November 28th we held out third Student Project Conference, “The History of Invention”. Every year we hold our conferences in different places. This year the conference took place in a huge oak-panelled lecture theatre at Moscow State University’s Chemistry Faculty.

11 groups of students took part in the conference, and 13 presentations were given. A representative of our new partner, Dow chemical company, gave a presentation.

We are very grateful to Valery Lunin and all the people working at the MSU’s Chemistry Faculty for the chance to hold the conference there.

Many thanks to Dow for help in organising and holding the conference.
Visiting the Polytechnical Museum

To develop, and understand how your surroundings are changing, you need constant contact with the world. That is why our students often attend events outside the Centre. We attended one such event at the 12th of November: the “Vivid Topology” hands-on workshop at a scientific laboratory in the Polytechnical Museum.

The scientific laboratories in the Polytechnical Museum hold a number of educational hands-on seminars on Chemistry, Maths, Biology, Physics, and Robotics conducted as games.

At the “Vivid Topology” hands-on we cut moebius strip in a variety of different ways, tied and untied knots, solved problems and grappled with puzzles. It was an easy way to learn very difficult, and important things.

We are grateful to Ivan Bogantsev, director of educational programmes at the Polytechnical Museum, for the chance to visit the Maths scientific laboratory free of charge, and we hope that in future our students will also be able to attend these hands-on events.

Step Up’s Football Team: Blitzliga and Downside Up Tournament

In November our team came 4th out of the 11 teams that took part in the 5th Blitzliga football tournament. In a series of intensive games with strong teams and worthy competitors, Step Up recorded one of its best results since we began participating in the tournament.

We also took part in Downside Up charity football tournament. We are very thankful to Downside Up for this opportunity and to the teams for the game!

We have great news to share — the Winter Camp in the Belskoye Ustye Orphanage will take place in December! This means that Step Up volunteers will go to Belskoye Ustye (Porkhov district, Pskov region) to help create a real holiday for the mentally and physically disabled children living there.

Read our next issue to hear about how the Camp goes.