

The second proposal is related to the strategy of developing the Yamal Peninsula and administering this major undertaking. Organizationally the problem of protecting the Yamal Peninsula can be resolved in broad strategical terms without an infusion of new capital and without planning new expenditures. What do we usually do in such a case? We pose the problem globally and require that a new institute be formed to look into it, or better yet, a regional scientific centre.

The Yamal Peninsula happens to be one of those "fortuitous" instances where it is not necessary to create an institute or academic research centre since these already exist. The reference is to the Tyumen' Institute for Problems Associated With Northern Development (IPOS), of the Siberian Department of the USSR Academy of Sciences. Since it is not yet a strong and immutable institution, lends itself to being divided into two or even three institutes. In what way is it not an academic regional centre? Its plans consist of at least a dozen topics and sub-topics which, given the desire to do so, could be ranked with northern topics. The only problems which have not recently been looked at by its sub-divisions are: the anti-alcohol program, the municipal atomic power plant, domestic greenhouses, intellectual systems, synthetic solid foam and the like. Missing from this list are more urgent "northern" topics which the institute, by virtue of its name, is obliged to consider. Has the time not come to re-examine the purpose of the institute? The institute is presently responsible for all problems concerning northern development but, in reality, this amounts to nothing at all. Everyone is responsible for the Yamal Peninsula these days but no one in particular answers for it. The Yamal Institute, based on the Institute for Problems