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The Third Russian Seminar on Fiber Lasers took place in Ufa on March 31–April 2, 2009. The event upholds traditions of the Seminars in Novosibirsk (2007) and Saratov (2008). The Seminar was organized by the Ufa State Aviation Technical University, and its distinctive feature was relatively poor representation of Russian scientists from abroad due to financial problems. However, note an increase in the number of participants involved in the fabrication and application of fiber lasers from the Snezhinsk Research Institute of Technical Physics and the research and production companies (IRE-Polyus (Fryazino), Milon-Laser (St. Petersburg), Avesta-Proect (Troitsk), Pribor-T (Saratov), and Laser and Health (Ufa)).

Components of fiber lasers, various configurations of fiber lasers and amplifiers, nonlinear phenomena, applications of fiber lasers, and fiber-optic sensors were the Program highlights. More than 100 participants from Novosibirsk, Tomsk, Chelyabinsk, Kazan, Samara, Ul'yansk, Moscow, and other Russian cities presented 70 reports. The Seminar facilitated the development of cooperation between the research and University scientists and the representatives of industrial and high-tech business. We look forward for the next Russian Seminar on Fiber Lasers.

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