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# Professor planning Russo- Canadian cooperation in nanotechnology

**Physics professor Roman Maev hopes his appointment as an honorary consul of the Russian Federation** will bring long-term benefits for research, development and industry, in particular to his adopted home of Windsor-Essex.

"This sort of appointment is usually related to some big global projects," he said. "In my particular case it's related to a few long-term R&D and industrial international projects which are planning to be established between Canada and Russia."

Dr. Maev's first task is to help to establish a Canadian-Russian joint venture in the area of nanotechnology. On the Russian side, it will involve RUSNANO (the Russian State Corporation of Nanotechnologies), which is currently investigating the establishment of a joint venture capital investment of as much as \$150-\$200 million for research and development with Canadian partners.

"They are open right now for various options and provinces," Maev said. "But I will try to convince them to do it in Ontario, maybe even in Windsor."

In April 2009, he gathered global leaders in the field of nanotechnology for Canada-Russia Nanotechnology Week, a series of meetings in Toronto, Windsor and Ottawa. Academic, industry and government experts from Moscow, New York, Ottawa, and Washington, D.C., discussed progress, trends and strategic industrial priorities.

Maev, a native of Russia, now holds both Canadian and Russian citizenship. He is a University Professor, director of the UWindsor Institute of Diagnostic Imaging Research, and holds an Industrial Research Chair in Applied Solid State Physics and Material Characterization.