IOCE survey of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs)

1.   Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Association of Specialists in Program and Policy Evaluation (ASPPE)
2. Geographic scope of organization *(See typology in right column; highlight appropriate level, delete others)*	National (Russia)
1. Contact Details	Names and e-addresses of up to three contact persons: 1: Official ASPPE address info@eval.ru (messages will be forwarded to the President and/or members of the Board) 2: ASPPE Administrator Administrator@eval.ru 3: Current ASPPE president (May 2014-May 2015) Alexey Kuzmin alexey@processconsulting.ru Postal address of VOPE: N/A Telephone: no VOPE website URL: www.eval.ru
2. a. Current formal/ registered membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation *(if known; please at least give total)* **4. b. Informal membership** (persons on your mailing list)	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: **a. Total official membership**: 23 as of May 21, 2014 **b. Total informal membership**: 0
3. Year VOPE was founded	2014
4. Current status (identify which)	1. combination of an informal network with a legal entity
2. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	N/A. Established on May 15, 2014
3. Purpose and mission of VOPE	Mission: to develop program and policy evaluation into a mature profession in Russia
4. Current strategy and	1. Studying, developing and disseminating evaluation knowledge 2. Facilitating professional development of evaluation specialists

emphasis	3. Creating and promoting norms and standards for high-quality evaluation in Russia
	4. Facilitating information exchange among evaluation specialists in Russia
	5. Integrating Russian evaluation specialists into the international community of evaluation professionals
6. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	Membership in ASPPE is individual and voluntary. An eight-member board of directors governs the association. During 2014–2015, the ASPPE president will be Alexey Kuzmin (Process Consulting Company, Moscow), and in 2015–2016 his successor will be Marina Mikhailova (GARANT Center, Arkhangelsk). ASPPE does not have formal legal status; our association is an informal organization. The GARANT Center (NGO Resource Center based in Arkhangelsk) is ASPPE's strategic operating partner. It maintains a program supporting evaluation capacity development in Russia. Funds for this program are managed by the ASPPE board and are used to support the association's activities. The program welcomes both individual and corporate donations.
7. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Listserv, website (news), online journal
8. Past events (e.g. during past year)	N/A
9. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	Conference in November 2014 in Moscow. Location and dates TBD.
10. Name and e-address of person submitting this information	Alexey Kuzmin, alexey@processconsulting.ru
11. Date of this update	May 21, 2014

12. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

1. Background: Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE). 1.1 Who were/are the key players? 1.2 How many members do you	1.1 1.2 1.3

have on your governing board/ committee? 1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on? 1.4 What are the main challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?	1.4
2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?	
3. Evaluation Capacity Building1: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?	
4. Context / target entities: More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example: 4.1 Technical capacities to *supply* quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.; 4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself; 4.3 Enhancing the enabling environment for evaluation, including strengthening the *demand* for and use of evaluations by policy makers; 4.4 Influencing governmental policies related to evaluation, evaluation designs and implementation of M&E systems, etc.	4.1 4.2 4.2 4.4
5. Public accountability: Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or	

---

1 By evaluation capacity we refer to the capacity of individuals to produce credible and useful evaluations (supply side), but also to institutional capacities to call for and utilize evaluations (demand side).

others promoting public accountability?	
6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate? For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.	
7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example): 1. organizing workshops led by local experts; 2. organizing webinars with international speakers; 3. designing and delivering e-learning programmes; 4. administering mentoring programmes; etc.	
8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.	
9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?	
10. Progress and results: What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?	
11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	
12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?	
13. Willing to share with other	

VOPEs? For example, would you be interested in forming peer-to-peer partnerships with one or more other VOPEs to share lessons learned, advise each other? If so, describe what you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.	
14. Suggestions: What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of IOCE and the EvalPartners Initiative?	
15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in IOCE and EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	
16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?	