



**Dr. Natalia Shakina - leading scientist of the Hydrometecentre of Russia** kindly agreed to tell us on the causes of weather anomalies in the summer of 2010 - blocking anticyclone (BA), the most favorable regions for BA occurrence in the Northern Hemisphere, the basic mechanisms of BA origin, the factors determining its duration and strength and BA prediction. She also told us about possible influence of climate change on occurrence, duration and strength of BA, prospect ways of BA research and necessary measures for reducing weather anomalies aftermaths such as the summer heat in 2010.

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