New opportunities of SLR service of Main Metrological Center of State Service of Time, Frequency and EOP evaluation

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The satellite laser ranging (SLR) observations had been provided in VNIIFTRI from seventies of the previous centure to the now days for purpose of Earth's orientation parameter (EOP) evaluation and maintenance of the terrestrial reference frame ITRF. The equipments, methods and metrological maintenance has been improving permanently together. Now, the two SLR instruments of the new generation of the type "Tochka" are started work in Mendeeleevo (VNIIFTRI) and Irkutsk city (East-Siberian Branch of VNIIFTRI). It has the instrumental error not exceeding units of millimeters at single measurement.

The results of the last SLR experiments are considered. It has showed that VNIIFTRI's SLR instruments of new generation are confirming the declared high characteristics.