BALTIC UNIVERSITY TEACHERS CONFERENCE 2012
"The future of Education for Sustainable Development and the social pillar of sustainability - Security and Stability in the Baltic Sea Region"
7-10 November, 2012, Kazimierz Dolny/Poland

It is with a great pleasure we announce the BUP teachers conference continuing the sustainability education and giving our teachers possibility to update their knowledge, exchange experiences and meet in an international and multidisciplinary group to learn more. This time BUP will focus on transformative and social learning tools, and on security and stability as one aspect in education for sustainability. The conference will also show possibilities to connect over borders of academic disciplines.

Arjen Wals, professor of Social Learning and Sustainable Development at Wageningen University, the Netherlands (holding an UNESCO chair in the same field) will be one of the main speakers. He will lecture on tools for learning and give an overview of future perspectives on ESD, and refer to the Rio+20 outcomes. Focus is also about embedding sustainability across the higher education curriculum.

Conference proceedings - this is new!! **Please notice** that participants are invited to present short cases on their experiences of education for and about sustainable development. Time will be allocated for short presentations and conference proceedings will be produced. More information will come soon.

The conference will be a common undertaking of the Marii Curie Sklodowska University in Lublin with Dr Anna Moraczewska (anna.moraczewska@wp.pl) and Åbo Akademi University with Sinikka Suomalainen (sinikka.suomalainen@abo.fi) and Ea Blomqvist (ea.blomqvist@abo.fi), sharing responsibility for the content of the program and the BUP Polish and Swedish secretariats assisting with all practicalities.
We thank all involved very much for their dedicated work for the network :-)
In a short time we will send you a preliminary programme of the conference and other information to the participating teachers.

In Kazimierz Dolny we will have 50 places for our teachers. With this mail we open for teachers' applications - please send this message to the teachers in your country and inform about this event those who could be interested in the topic. Please notice that all teachers are kindly asked to apply directly to the their national BUP centers.
We at the secretariat in Uppsala would appreciate to have lists of candidates for the conference from every BUP center **not later than October 20th**. We will process all applications as soon as we get the lists from the centers.
BUP's Russian, Belarusian, and Ukrainian centers are kindly asked to give us more time to manage visa matters and have teachers names and their passports data ready for invitations no later then October 6th. Invitations vill be issued by the Polish BUP secretariat in Lodz.

Cost
The Baltic University Programme will cover all expenses on place for all participants in connection with the conference - accommodation, full board, bus trip Warszawa-Kazimierz Dolny-Warszawa, and guided tour in Kazimierz Dolny included.
BUP has no possibility to support financially travel of BUP's teachers. We do hope however that the teachers presentations session during the conference followed by the conference proceeding will increase possibility to find travel grants at own universities.
Teachers from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden are advised to contact our organizers from Åbo, Sinikka and Ea, who are trying to look for other funding sources to finance travel for at least one participant from each Nordic country.
In exceptional cases concerning travel support teachers from other BUP countries are kindly requested to contact us at the secretariat in Uppsala – please observe that only individual negotiations are possible.

Arrival
A bus will be waiting for all teachers at the ***central railway station in Warsaw (Warszawa Centralna) on Wednesday, 7th of November at 13.00.***
The meeting place - in front of the tickets' desks at the main hall at the station.
The bus will take all teachers to Kazimierz Dolny, where we expect to start the conference at 17.00.

Please remember to let the BUP Centre in Lodz and Maria Hejna know your arrival time (addresses see below)

Time
The conference will start on Wednesday, 7th of November at 17.00 and end on Saturday, 10th with lunch at 12.30.

Place
The conference will take place in Kazimierz Dolny one of the most beautifully situated small towns in Poland, about 150 km from Warszawa.

Departures
Please notice that on ***Saturday, 10th of November***, we are leaving Kazimierz Dolny by bus at 12.30 and we will be in Warszawa at about 15.00 so please book your travel back from Warszawa starting at ***no earlier then 15.00.***

All participating teachers are kindly asked to take part in the entire conference.

Do not hesitate to contact me or the BUP Centre in Lodz in case of any further questions.

With best wishes - Maria Hejna and Paula Lindroos :–))

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