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The Baltic University
A Regional University Network

Baltic University Programme

RECTORS CONFERENCE

Uppsala, Sweden, 11-13 October, 2011

Programme

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER

Arrival day, accommodation in hotels

Reception, venue: Saluhallen, S:t Eriks Torg ("The market hall")

18.00 Registration
19.00 Welcome Reception hosted by Vice Chancellor of Uppsala University, Prof. Anders Hallberg

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

Morning session (9.00-12.00)

Venue: Main University Building, Auditorium

08.00 Registration

09.00 Opening address and Welcome
Anders Hallberg, Prof. Vice Chancellor of Uppsala University
Peter Honeth, State Secretary for Research, Swedish Ministry of Education and Research

09.20 Presentation of the Baltic University Programme – 20 years of successful cooperation
Paula Lindroos, Dr Director of the Baltic University Programme

09.35 The role of the Baltic University Programme in university networking in a national and regional development perspective, with a focus on sustainability and the challenge of regional cooperation
Lars-Christer Lundin, Prof. Chair of the BUP board, Uppsala University

Ashok Swain, Prof. Director for Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University

09.50 Opportune Contributions and Welcome Benefits: The Universities of the Baltic Sea Region in the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.
Keynote speech by Hans van Ginkel, Prof. Rector of Utrecht University, The Netherlands, and former rector of United Nations University, Tokyo

10.30 Coffee break. Exhibit of materials by students and partners

11.00 The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the BUP Flagship project.
Keynote speech by Jean-Marc Venineaux, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate General for Regional Policy

11.30 The council of Baltic Sea States and Education in the Baltic Sea region.
Keynote speech by Jan Lundin, Director General, Council of Baltic Sea States

11.50 20 years with Baltic University Programme – experiences and expectations

- BUP as a platform for building networks and impact on a student's career. *Björn Grönholm, former BUP student, Finland, Head of Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat, Union of the Baltic Cities*

- BUP's importance for students and the result of the students' activities. *Magda Barecka, Technical University of Lodz, Poland, and Pontus Ambros, Åbo Akademi University, Finland, student members of the BUP board*

- Expectations from cooperation within the Baltic University Programme network. *Michael Goodsite, Prof. BUP Centre Director for Denmark, Aarhus University, and Lars Emmelin, Prof. BUP Centre Director for Sweden, Blekinge Institute of Technology*

12.30 BUFFET LUNCH

Afternoon session (13.45-17.00)

Venue: Main University Building, Auditorium

13.45 Rectors' Panel on the role of universities in regional sustainable development and internationalization. The role and impact of Baltic University Programme.

Moderator: *Hans van Ginkel, Prof. Rector, Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

Invited rectors:
Friedrich Albrecht, Prof. Rector, University of Applied Sciences Zittau/Görlitz, Germany
Arvids Barsevskis, Prof. Rector, Daugavpils University, Chair of the Latvian Rectors' Council Stanislaw Bielecki, Prof. Rector, Lodz Technical University, Poland
Nicolay Kaledin, Prof. Vice Rector, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
Ursula Hass, Prof. Rector, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden
Kerstin Sahlin, Prof. Deputy Vice Chancellor, Uppsala University, Sweden
Michael Zhuravkov, Prof. Vice Rector, Belarusian State University, Belarus

15.30 Coffee break. Exhibit of materials by students and partners

16.00 Results from the Preparatory meeting for the Rectors Conference – forms for participation in the Baltic University Programme network, examples and possibilities to contribute.
Victor Shadursky, Prof., Belarusian State University, Paula Lindroos, Dr. Director, Baltic University Programme and Maria Hejna, Network Manager, Baltic University Programme

17.00 The meeting ends for the day

19.00 Conference dinner on the invitation by Uppsala University
Host: *Anders Hallberg, Prof. Vice Chancellor of Uppsala University*

Venue: Östgöta nation, Trädgårdsgatan 15.

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER

Morning session (09.00-11.30)

Venue: Main University Building, Auditorium

09.00-9.15 Introduction to Coffee Table Discussions.

9.15-11.30 Coffee table discussions on six themes

Theme 1. Students in the Baltic University Programme. (Venue: room IV). In this table the discussion will focus on students' role in Baltic University Programme. There are many good examples of students' activities, such as summer schools, summer courses, conferences, sailings etc. Can we improve students' voice in the BUP? Can we widen the activities through cooperation with other organizations? The table is chaired by Prof. Vice Rector Ireneusz Zbicinski, and notes are taken by Dr Alena Labodova.

Theme 2. Internationalization of education. (Venue: room IV). Internationalisation of higher education is today one of the most important issues on the agenda of university leaders. BUP produces course materials which are widely used. Is the next step to internationalize education through, for example, Joint Masters Programmes on Sustainable Development? The table is chaired by Prof. Lars Emmelin and Assoc. Prof. Irina Kriba and Dr Kristine Abolina will take notes.

Theme 3. Securing the stability of BUP through contributions (Venue: room IV). The political and economic situation in the Baltic Sea region is changing and BUP network needs to adjust to a new situation. The introduction of membership fees or equivalent contributions was discussed at the Rectors' Pre-conference. This table will take this issue further, resulting in concrete proposals. The table is chaired by Prof. Lars-Christer Lundin and notes are taken by Assoc. Prof. Victor Ionov.

Theme 4. Greening of universities (Venue: room I). This table will focus on the importance of an attractive education and research environment through greening. Do our universities live as they preach? Is there an economic dimension in a sustainable campus? Is it only about saving energy or is it also about attracting students and researchers? Concrete proposals for future activities are among the expected outcomes of this discussion. The table is chaired by Prof. Berndt Delakowitz and notes are taken by Assoc. Prof. Siarhei Darozhka.

Theme 5. International competence development for the staff – teaching excellence (Venue: room I). This table will discuss the need of staff capacity development, which is a common concern for universities. The discussion will cover areas of importance (thematic, pedagogical etc), and how such trainings could be organized. How can BUP respond to these suggestions? This table is chaired by Prof. Tatyana Polajeva and Assoc. Prof. Alexander Feher takes notes.

Theme 6. Scientific cooperation, research projects and PhD cooperation (Venue: room II). Higher education is by definition based on research, and so is education for sustainable development. The elaboration of new knowledge and innovations is a process which takes time and it is resource demanding. Sustainability research challenges the academia as it connects so many different research areas. How can we through BUP develop the platform for research cooperation? This table is chaired by Prof. Walter Leal and Assoc. Prof. Linas Kliucininkas takes notes.

11.30 Buffet lunch

Afternoon session (13.00-15.00)

Venue: Main University Building, Auditorium

13.00 Reports from the group meetings

Reflections based on the results from the coffee tables on the goals and strategies for the future of Baltic University Programme.

Chaired by: *Jacek Witkos, Prof. Vice Rector, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, and Maciej Zukowski, Prof. Vice Rector, Poznan University of Economics, Poland*

14.00 Declaration on the Baltic University Programme cooperation and contribution. Signing of the declaration (for those who have not previously signed)

Celebration of the 20 years Anniversary, some highlights from the twenty years by the Former Director of the Baltic University Programme, Prof. Emeritus Lars Rydén - film and champagne.

14.30-14.45 Final comments and official ending of the conference
Anders Hallberg, Prof. Vice Chancellor of Uppsala University

Ashok Swain, Prof. Director for Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University

Paula Lindroos, Dr Director & the Baltic University Programme staff

Optional Afternoon session (15.00-17.00)

Meeting place: Main University Building

0. Walk/guided tour of Uppsala and the University Museum, Gustavianum

Alternatively:
Guided tours to different departments of Uppsala University and SLU
(Buses will pick you up and drive you back to the Main University Building)

1. Biotechnology/Biomedicine - Uppsala Biomedical Centre, BMC
2. Biology/Environmental Science - The Evolutionary Biology Centre, EBC
3. Physics/Technology - The Ångström Laboratory
4. Educational Sciences - Blåsenhus Campus
5. Humanities - Carolina University Library and English Park Campus
6. Agriculture - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences