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From left Artur Magnuszewski, Maria Winkler, Lars Rydén and Elena Korschuk

The Baltic University Prizes

Artur Magnuszewski and Elena Korschuk received prizes for special contributions to the network and teacher of the year at the teachers conference of the Baltic University Programme at Borki Molo, Poland on 24 March 2006.

Special contributions to the network

The Prize for Special contributions to the network 2005 has been awarded Dr Artur Magnuszewski by the Baltic University Programme Board. Dr. Magnuszewski receive the prize in recognition of his contributions during many years to the development of the Baltic University Programme. With great theoretical knowledge and practical skills in environmental research and water management at a number of seminars, summer courses, student conferences as well as sailing tours on the Baltic Sea, and his will to help and support the Baltic University he has earned recognition among students, fellow teachers and organizers. Dr Magnuszewski is working at the Faculty of Geography and regional studies at the University of Warsaw.

Educator of the year

The Prize for Educator of the year 2005 has been awarded Dr Elena Korschuk by the Baltic University Programme Board. Dr Korschuk receive the prize in recognition of her important contributions to the Baltic University Programme as a teacher, organizer and leader, by promoting better understanding between the countries in the Baltic Sea region through teaching intercultural communication skills, contributing to the "Baltic Sea Region: politics, culture, society" multi-lingual project and as the main author of the textbook "English for Environmental Science", thereby building bridges between fellow students and teachers, and organizers. Dr Korschuk is working at the Department of English and Speech Communication at the Belarusian State University in Minsk.

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Events Calendar

April

BUP Students' Conference
April 19-23
Borki-Molo, Poland

May

BUP Board meeting
May 19
Uppsala, Sweden

June

BUUF — Conclusions,
evaluation, and future
June
Uppsala, Sweden

BUP Teachers' Conference
Environmental Management
28 June - 2 July

September

BUP Centers Meeting
13 -17 September
Hamburg, Germany

2nd European Fair on
Education for Sustainable
Development
13-15 September
Hamburg, Germany



DONT TRASH ANYMORE!

"Don't Trash Any More" is the title of the action, which was organized by the Baltic University Programme Center in Kaliningrad on November 10-12, 2005. The idea was to focus on the problems of protection of recreational areas.

This event was divided into two parts. At the conference, which was the first part of the action, students presented their projects. After the conference students elected the three best presentations. The first place was given to the guests from Poland - students from the University of Gdansk - Ewelina Barbara Gradzka and Dorota Janiszewska. Their report was devoted to the issue of Protection of the beaches of the Tri-city areas. Students from Immanuel Kant State University of Russia - Elena Lebedeva and Inna Nedavnyaya were ranked second and third. Elena made a presentation of the Curonian Spit and its problems and Inna was speaking about the economic base for environmental activities.

The third day of the meeting was the practical day. Students from Gdnask University, I.Kant State University of Russia (IKSUR) and Gvardejsk municipal schools went to the Rovnoe settlement in the Gvardejsk area. Also students from Germany who went to IKSUR to study Russian joined this action. So it really was an international event!

The Rovnoe settlement in Gvardejsk is well known among active people, who like to spend their free time in nature, because of the picturesque landscapes and group of lakes, which are situated there. But unfortunately it is also known for the "mountains" of waste around the banks of lakes. The students made their contribution to a more harmonized future. They were divided into groups, which were responsible for their own parts of the area. They were collecting waste and making notes in the columns of the specially prepared check-lists. During this action 16 m of waste were collected by almost 50 persons. The culmination was the "road" of bottles, which was made "thanks" to "findings" of participants. The length of it was very impressive!

After that, the colleagues of the BUP Center made a presentation of the Baltic University Programme work and explained what sustainable development is.

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**BTox project
successfully
completed**

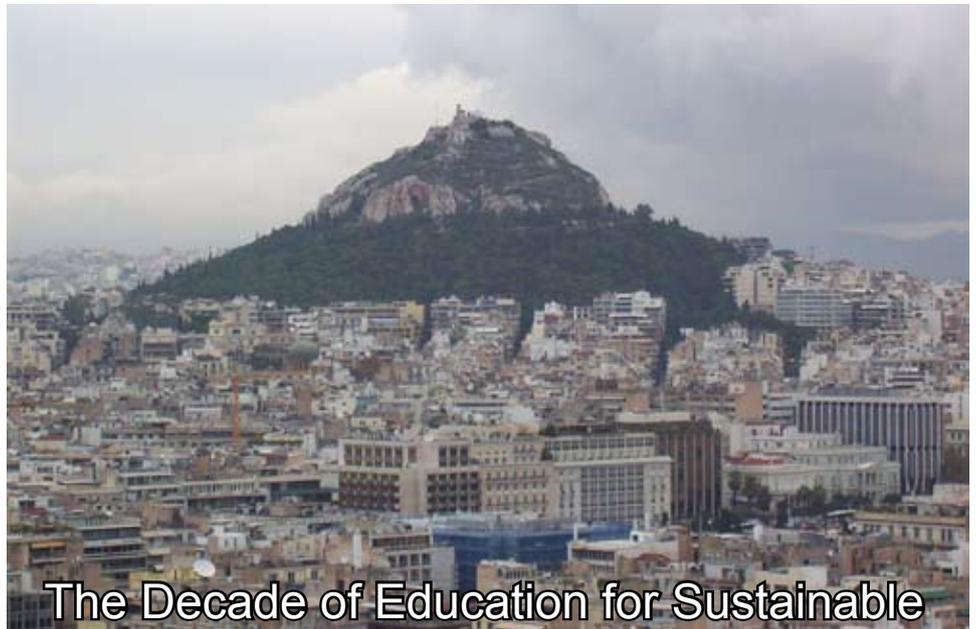
In the BTox project participants from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania went through education in toxicology, risk assessment and chemicals management to support the EU accession of these countries. The Chemicals Inspectorate (KemI) in Sweden was project owner, the Baltic University Programme secretariat organised the courses as such, while the education was carried out at the Dept of Ecotoxicology at Uppsala University in cooperation with Dr Torbjörn Malmfors, Karolinska Institutet. The Project was financed by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). During 2005, the three partners have been working on course material for future shorter courses in toxicology in national languages.

The main success of this action was that this idea found response in consciousness and hearts of the participants. The students expressed their willingness to participate in such events again, but preferably in spring or before the summer season.

But the main words, as it seems to me, I heard by chance when the event was over - when a girl from one group told her friend that she wouldn't go for a walk, because she wanted to go home and tidy her room.

Don't you think it's a good idea to organize such meetings?

Helena Kropinova



The Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean

The Conference for the Official Launching of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UN DESD) in the Mediterranean region was held in Athens, Greece during November 26-27th 2005. Christine Jakobsson from the Baltic University Programme (BUP), Uppsala University was invited to participate and give a presentation of BUP's activities on Education for Sustainable Development regarding policies, institutional and operational frameworks, programmes and other initiatives.

The Conference

The Conference was organised with the support of the Italian Ministry for Environment & Territory, UNEP/MAP and MIO-ECSDE and under the auspices of UNESCO, UNECE and the Hellenic Parliament. The secretarial support of the conference was undertaken by the Mediterranean Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIOECSDE).

The Conference for the Official Launching of the UN DESD in the Mediterranean explored and demonstrated the objectives of the Decade in the region involving the educational community and all relevant stakeholders. The Conference was also an excellent opportunity to link the UN DESD with the two major

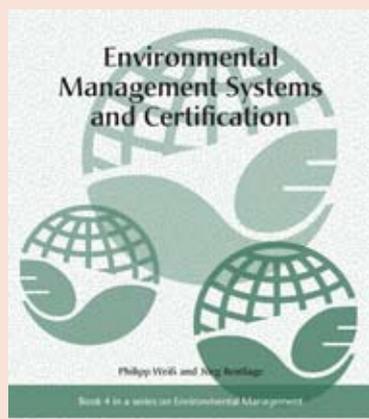


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NEW PUBLICATION

The first title in our book series on Environmental management has just been released from the press.

**Title:**

Environmental Management Systems and Certification.

Main authors:

Philipp Weiß and Jörg Bentlage.

Pages: 266

ISBN 91-975526-3-1

Content:

This book is a systematic presentation of environmental management, relevant for any organization or business. It describes how to introduce EMS, and the practicalities of ISO 14001 and EMAS certification. It has an extensive description of tools to be used for environmental management. The implementation of integrated systems, including quality and work safety management, is also treated. An extensive section with cases from small and large companies, cities, universities and other organisations illustrates how environmental management systems are used in practical work. A CD with illustrating films, work tasks for students, and all relevant data in digital format is included.

regional initiatives: the UNECE Strategy of ESD and the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD) that was adopted on November 9th .

Representatives of all relevant sectors such as the Ministries of Education and Environment of all Mediterranean countries, International Organisations such as UNESCO and UNECE, Institutes and NGOs working for Education, Environment and Sustainable Development were invited to present their relevant policies and programmes and many were represented at the conference.

The Conference main objectives were:

- To explore the expectations and prospective of the Decade in the Mediterranean.
- To identify the various stakeholders involved from Governments, NGOs, the private sector, etc. and their role in the implementation of the Decade.
- To present current Initiatives, Partnerships and Networks on ESD in the region, to exchange experiences and knowledge and explore the possibilities of creating synergies among them and foster them.
- To provide the opportunity to present the newly adopted UNECE Strategy on ESD and properly link it with the currently drafted Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD).
- To raise and assure the political commitment to create the necessary institutional and operational framework in the countries to support the Education for Sustainable Development including mobilisation of financial resources.

The Baltic University Programme Presentation

Christine Jakobsson's presentation showed the varied scope of the work that The Baltic University Programme network with the secretariat in Uppsala as base is currently involved in. The different course programmes were briefly described as well as the other types of activities, such as students' conferences, students' parliaments, and students' sailing trips interlinked with courses, teachers' conferences, research, information and applied research, as well as cooperation with other regional fora regarding ESD e.g. Baltic 21, National Ministries of Education. Other activities in the Baltic Sea region regarding the DESD were also briefly mentioned. The Baltic University Programme portal for Education for Sustainable Development together with Åbo Akademi University in Finland with the address: www.balticuniv.uu.se/ESD was also mentioned.

The conference participants were greatly interested to hear of The Baltic University Programme network. One of the decisions that were taken at the meeting was to initiate a similar university network within the Mediterranean region. This decision was strongly supported both by UNESCO-ROSTE and by MEDIES and can be found in the next last sentence of the Conference Resolution. Christine Jakobsson was also invited to be a member of the MEDIES core group to be able to transfer experience from the Baltic Sea region on ESD to the Mediterranean region. Many interesting contacts were taken at the conference. Michael Scoullou, University of Athens and Hellenic Committee for ESD was presented with several books and other educational material from The Baltic University Programme.

Conference Resolution

The Conference ended with a Conference Resolution being adopted by the participants.

Christine Jakobsson