



The Baltic University Programme

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Dear Baltic University Programme Friends,

Spring is in the air – the sun is shining, snow is melting and it is really windy today. Since our previous newsletter the main part of winter has passed. This year it is Baltic University Programmes 20 year anniversary! We are now 230 universities that have chosen to cooperate on sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region. It is time to both look back to the past and to the future and to consider if the goals and strategies should be updated. The year 2011 will be dominated by many different activities of which the most important will be the Rectors Conference on October 12-13th.

Since the previous newsletter a meeting was held in Hamburg on January 13-14 for all education flagship projects in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. News was that there will be some financing available from the commission to pay for some smaller costs for the lead partners of the flagship projects. We will apply for this from the area coordinator for education. We also discussed other financing possibilities and difficulties with the current programs. Problems regarding the financing of all educational flagship projects have been noted both by DG Regional Development and by the national governments. DG Regional Development arranged a meeting on March 9th with DG Education and Culture (EAC) to assist in the process of finding financing for this flagship project and to improve the cooperation between the DG's. Some concrete possibilities were shown and the discussions were started on how DG EAC can adapt their programmes to fit with the macroregional strategies.

A Centre directors Meeting was hosted by Åbo Akademi University in Turku on January 20-22nd and planning for the next term as well as both for the Preparatory Meeting for the Rectors Conference and for the Rectors Conference was in focus. Many thanks to Åbo Akademi University for perfect hospitality and that they provided the facilities, food and hotel.

The Preparatory Meeting for the Rectors Conference that was held on February 17-18th was a success! As many as 74 people came from 62 universities and 12 countries, as well as 45 cities from the Baltic Sea Region. The whole network was involved in the preparations for the forthcoming Rectors Conference (12-13 October) and in the planning of the BUP network activities for the next two years. I was overwhelmed by the interest and all the good ideas that were presented at the meeting. I also want to express our sincere thanks for all the numerous contributions that different member universities are prepared to provide for the network during the coming two years. This really was the perfect opportunity to see what BUP can provide for your university and which role the different universities can play in the network and contribute with.

The BUP Secretariat is busy preparing all the different activities that that will be held in 2011. Next on our agenda is that we will celebrate our 20th anniversary for the local BUP friends in Uppsala. You are welcome to come to a seminar on BUP 20 years on the afternoon of March 25th at Uppsala University. This spring the network will be offered a students conference, as well as a teacher training conference on Environmental Management Systems and CSR and a workshop on Regional Development.

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Upcoming Events 2011

March

- 16–19 European SD seminar, Minsk, Belarus
- 25 BUP 20-year Seminar, Uppsala, Sweden

April

- 13–17 BUP Students conference, Rogów, Poland

May

- 6 BUP Board Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden
- 16–19 Education for Sustainable Development for Academic Teachers, Moscow, Russia
- 17–21 Environmental Management Systems and Corporate Social Responsibility
Rogów, Poland
- 24–26 Ecoregion Project Meeting, Akershus, Norway
- 25–26 BUP Research Seminar, Hamburg, Germany

June

- 14–17 Regional Development Teachers Meeting, Skubice, Poland
- 20–22 BUP Centre Directors Meeting, Minsk, Belarus

July

- 3–23 Challenges of Sustainable Development, Lodz, Poland.

August

- 11–28 SAIL, Baltic Sea; Halmstad, Karlskrona, Tallinn, Turku

September

- 20–25 Students Summer Course, Uppsala, Sweden

October

- 12–13 BUP Rectors Conference, Uppsala, Sweden

November

- 25 Board Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden



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Preparatory Meeting for the BUP Rectors Conference

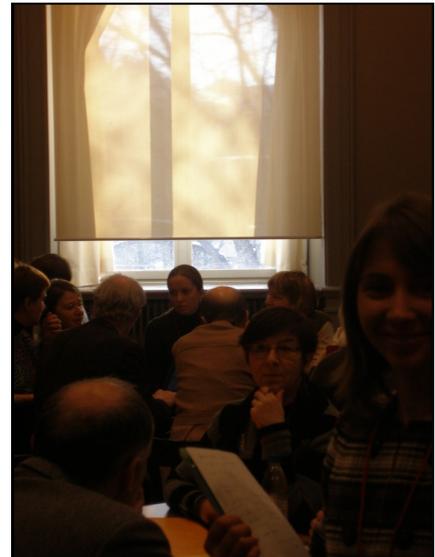
This meeting gathered as many as 74 people from 62 universities in 12 countries, and 45 cities from the entire Baltic Sea Region. Thus the whole network was involved in the preparations for the forthcoming Rectors Conference (12-13 October) and in the planning of the BUP network activities for the next two years.

The meeting was opened by Uppsala University deputy vice-chancellor Kerstin Sahlin who mentioned the possibilities and the importance of the Baltic University Programme network and Secretariat at Uppsala University. Her introduction was followed by presentations of the BUP, its current activities and outlooks for the future by Chair of the BUP Board Lars-Christer Lundin and BUP Director Christine Jakobsson. Prof. Walter Leal, Centre Director for Germany, at Hamburg University of Applied Sciences and Stephanie Noroozy, at Uppsala University International Office spoke on the advantages and opportunities for a university network like the BUP to attract funding. Mia Crawford at the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), Stockholm put the BUP activities in relation to the Baltic Sea region as a policy sphere and also spoke about BUP's role as a bridge between the EU and the non-EU countries Russia, Belarus and Ukraine.

The meeting then continued with group discussions on priorities and goals for the BUP activities in the future. Many great ideas were aired and discussed but at the end of the day it was clear that a solid financing of the BUP secretariat and network is needed, a continuation and updating of the existing teaching materials is urgent, an enhanced cooperation between the universities in the network is wanted and that a joint masters and/or doctorate programme within the network should be high on the agenda.

The meeting then continued with a visual planning for the network activities during the next two years. The final plan show a continued high activity in the network with a large number of courses and meetings already decided for the next few years. In addition there are many ideas that still are not fully funded or for some other reason still are uncertain.

Finally an early draft of the programme for the upcoming rectors conference was presented for the participants and discussed. This draft and the presentations held during the meeting and some additional material is possible to download from the BUP web site under the heading [Presentations](#).



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BUP 20 Year Seminar

The second event in the series celebrating the BUP 20 year anniversary is a seminar entitled: *Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea region* held in Uppsala 25 March 2011. See the [Programme](#) for more information

BUP Students' Conference 2011

The theme for this year's conference is: *Energy Futures - changes in lifestyle, policy, security, technology*. The conference will as usual take place in Rogów, Poland and the dates are 13–17 April. See the [BUP web site](#) for more information.

SAIL 2011

The SAIL (Sustainability Applied in International Learning) course will this year begin in Halmstad, Sweden on August 11th. On board the sailing ship STS Fryderyk Chopin is room for 30 students and 8 teachers at any one time. The route will take the ship from Halmstad to Karlskrona in Sweden, continue across the Baltic proper to Tallinn, Estonia and end in Turku, Finland on 28 August.

New Swedish National BUP Centre

After a long vacancy a new National BUP Centre of Sweden has been established at Karlskrona Institute of Technology. Director for the centre is Prof. [Lars Emmelin](#) and [Agata Kosno](#) is his assistant.

New Center Director in Latvia

Dr. [Kristine Abolina](#) has been appointed as new Centre Director at the National BUP Centre of Latvia at the University of Latvia, Riga.

New Network Members

It is with pleasure we can welcome no less than four new member universities in the BUP network all from the Ukraine.

[Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University](#)

[Chernihiv State Institute of Law, Social Technologies and Labour](#)

[Sumy State University](#)

[Ternopil Ivan Puluji National Technical University](#)

New Students Representative

A new students representative has been elected. His name is [Pontus Ambros](#) and he is studying Sustainable Development at CEMUS, Uppsala University and languages at Stockholm University.



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Register a course

Under the heading Courses & Education on the [BUP web site](#) you will find the sub-heading [Current Courses](#) and a list of, that's it, current BUP courses. If you know of some other BUP course please take the time to fill out the [Submit a Course](#) form thus adding the course to the list.

BUP Contacts Database

Another new possibility on the BUP web site is the BUP Contacts Database. Here you may fill out a [Registration form](#) with your teaching, research or project experience. Your entry will then be searchable through the [Search](#) form. So help us help you by filling out the [Registration Form](#).

Teaching Materials

All teaching materials produced by the BUP is now collected in one page called [Teaching Materials](#). Some parts of the material is free to download and then usually in the pdf-format. Some other parts of the material is published in print and then possible to buy in the [BUP web shop](#).

Media

A new sub-heading, [Media](#), is added to the About us section of the web site. Here you will find a few high-resolution photos and the BUP logo in several formats. There is also a map layer for use with [Google Earth](#) or [Google Maps](#) that show the Baltic Sea region and the BUP National Centre.

Baltic University Programme 20 Years, the photos

Magnus Lehman has compiled a collection of nearly 300 photos from the BUP's first 20 years. The slide show went public during the Preparatory Meeting in Uppsala. The compilation is now found under the heading [Photos](#) in the Conference Materials section of the web site.