

JOINT BALTIC SEA RESEARCH PROGRAMME KICK-OFF CONFERENCE



13-15 January 2009
Dipoli Conference Centre, Espoo, Finland

Programme

Tuesday 13.01.2009

- 11:00** **Registration**
- 12.00** **Opening**
BONUS approach and goals
Kaisa Kononen, BONUS EEIG Executive Director

Session 1, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Chair: Ms Anne-Christine Brusendorff, HELCOM

- 12:20** **PROBALT: Improving Societal Conditions for the Baltic Sea Protection**
Nina Tynkkynen, Deputy PROBALT Coordinator
- 12:50** **IBAM: Integrated Bayesian risk analysis of ecosystem management - Gulf of Finland as case study**
Sakari Kuikka, IBAM Coordinator
- 13:20** **RISKGOV: Environmental Risk Governance of the Baltic Sea**
Michael Gilek, RISKGOV Coordinator
- 14:00** **Coffee**

Session 2, PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AND CLIMATE FORCING

Chair: Mr Jan Thulin, ICES

- 14:30** **Baltic Way: Towards using the potential of currents for the benefit of society**
Tarmo Soomere, Baltic Way Coordinator
- 15:00** **INFLOW: Holocene saline water inflow changes into the Baltic Sea, ecosystem responses and future scenarios**
Aarno Kotilainen, INFLOW Coordinator

Session 3, BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF POLLUTION

Chair: Ms Eeva-Liisa Poutanen, Finnish Institute of Marine Research

- 15:30** **BALCOFISH: Integration of pollutant gene responses and fish ecology in Baltic coastal fisheries and management**
Lars Forlin, BALCOFISH Coordinator
- 16:00** **BEAST: Biological Effects of Anthropogenic Chemical Stress: Tools for the Assessment of Ecosystem Health**
Kari Lehtonen, BEAST Coordinator
- 16:30** **Coffee**
- 16:30-18:00** **POSTER SESSION**
- 19:00-22:00** **CONFERENCE DINNER (Restaurant at DIPOLI)**

Wednesday 14.01.2009

Session 4, FUNCTIONING OF BIOGEOCHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

Chair: Mr Erkki Leppäkoski, Åbo Akademi University

- 09:00** **AMBER: Assessment and Modelling Baltic Ecosystem Response**
Joachim W Dippner, AMBER Coordinator
- 09:30** **BALTIC-C: Building predictive capability regarding the Baltic Sea organic/inorganic carbon and oxygen systems**
Anders Omstedt, BALTIC-C Coordinator
- 10:00** **HYPER: HYPOxia mitigation for Baltic Sea Ecosystem Restoration**
Jacob Carstensen, HYPER Coordinator
- 10:30** **Coffee**
- 11:00** **BALTIC GAS: Methane emission in the Baltic Sea: Gas storage and effects of climate change and eutrophication**
Bo Barker Joergensen, BALTIC GAS Coordinator
- 11:30** **RECOCA: Reduction of Baltic Sea Nutrient Inputs and Cost Allocation within the Baltic Sea Catchment**
Christoph Humborg, RECOCA Principal Scientist
- 12:00** **ECOSUPPORT: Advanced modeling tool for scenarios of the Baltic Sea ecosystem to support decision making**
Markus Meier, ECOSUPPORT Coordinator
- 12:30-13:30** **Lunch break**
Financial Clinic
Elise Oukka will answer questions at the registration desk

Session 5, BIODIVERSITY FROM GENES TO HABITATS

Chair: Ms Pauline Snoeijs, Stockholm University

- 13:30** **PREHAB: Spatial PREdiction of Baltic benthic HABitats: incorporating human pressures and economic evaluation**
Mats Lindegerth, PREHAB Coordinator
- 14:00** **BAZOOCA: Baltic zooplankton cascades**
Peter Tiselius, BAZOOCA Coordinator
- 14:30** **BaltGene: Conservation Genetics of the Baltic Sea**
Kerstin Johanesson, BaltGene Coordinator
Linda Laikre, BaltGene Principal Scientist
- 15:00** **Coffee**
- 15:00-17:00** **TECHNICAL SESSION WITH PROJECT COORDINATORS**
Consortium Agreement, Scientific Reporting, Programme Procedures, Joint Dissemination
- 16:00-22:00** **BONUS YOUNG SCIENTIST CLUB**
At the University of Helsinki, Kumpula Campus Area
Program distributed separately

Thursday 15.01.2009

09:00-14:00 BONUS THINK TANK

For the further development of the BONUS-169 Action Plan. What science can do for protection of the Baltic Sea and sustainable use of its resources?

- 10:30** **Coffee**