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Call for Offers: Development of a Methodology for Research Infrastructure Integration within the Framework of the Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme BONUS

BONUS EEIG hereby invites you to submit a proposal for the development of a methodology for research infrastructure integration within the framework of the Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme BONUS.

For Terms of Reference and background information, see www.bonusportal.org/news. The closing date for submission of the proposal is **31 August 2010 at 16.00 hours CET**.

The proposal shall be submitted in English, in one original and one copy to the BONUS EEIG, Executive Director Kaisa Kononen, Hämeentie 33, 00500 Helsinki. The contact persons in the BONUS EEIG are: Executive Director Kaisa Kononen and Programme Manager Andris Andrusaitis.

Web based Poll on Priority Research Topics in Baltic Sea System Science

The Poll is an important step in designing the Strategic Research Agenda for BONUS-169, Joint Baltic Sea Research Programme. It will form the basis for the future Calls for proposals to be launched within the Programme. The Poll is open to everyone – both individuals and representatives of organizations. BONUS is especially interested in receiving feedback from research professionals in academia and sector research institutes, government officers and experts in all relevant spheres: agriculture, fisheries, transportation & energy, environment, regional development and spatial planning, local governments, tourism and recreation, as well as industries having a stake in marine and maritime research.

You can provide your input at: www.bonusportal.org/poll

Please note that the poll form must be finished in one session. Most possibly, you will first need to familiarize yourself with the questions and proposed structure of research areas, consider your ideas, and then sit down and fill the form. Please, use opportunity to discuss ideas with your colleagues – input on behalf of groups and organizations will have more weight when the outcomes are analysed.

The Poll will be open until **16 August 2010**.

ESA Integrated Applications - Call for User Ideas on the Baltic

Integrated Application Promotion (IAP) programme of the European Space Agency (ESA) is inviting public and commercial end-user organisations to propose ideas and suggestions for new services in the Baltic, focusing particularly on maritime issues. Themes that it is intended to cover in this Call for User Ideas include (but are not restricted to): Environmental Monitoring (e.g. monitoring of oil spills and algae “matts”, coastal protection); Safety and Security (e.g. monitoring / optimisation of vessel traffic, border security, search and rescue); Energy (e.g. operation of offshore wind farms and sail boats; laying of underwater pipelines); Fisheries (e.g. management of trawlers and fish-stocks, marketing service); Port handling (e.g. tracking of containers).

Full details of the Call and on how to submit your ideas can be found on the IAP portal at http://iap.esa.int/baltic/call_for_user_ideas.

Packing to ICES ASC 2010, preparing to ICES ASC 2011

Coordinators of the BONUS+ projects are being reminded that suggestions of BONUS-relevant theme session topics for ICES Annual Science Conference 2011, Gdansk, may be submitted to BONUS EEIG Secretariat until **14th August**. Topics will be decided by ICES Science Committee during the ICES ACS 2010, Nantes, 20-24 September.

best regards,
BONUS EEIG Secretariat