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BONUS Poll closed 16 August 2010

The Poll on Priority Research Topics was closed a week ago and review of the 194 received proposals is ongoing. The proposals were received from 95 proposers, representing mostly Academia and Governmental organisations, but also from NGOs, Intergovernmental organisations and individuals. BONUS wishes to thank all the proposers for their valuable input. This Poll was an important step towards creation the BONUS Strategic Research Agenda 2011 – 2016. Further work will continue in BONUS working groups and with stakeholders.

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.

Communications Officer Maija Sirola has started at the BONUS Secretariat

Maija Sirola started as the new Communications Officer on 16 August 2010. She will manage the planning and implementation of the BONUS EEIG communications efforts and work closely with the country specific BONUS advocates who are currently in the process of being appointed. You can contact Maija at tel. +358 40 352 0076 or by email maija.sirola@bonuseeig.fi.

BONUS HYPER Post-Cruise Media Event in Gdansk

On 6th of July German R/V Heincke called the harbour of Gdansk on her return from a successful HYPER 2010 cruise. Cruise was headed by Dr. Maren Voss of Leibniz Institute of Baltic Sea Research, Warnemünde. Data on sediment biochemistry incl. nitrogen removal was collected in 18 locations of Central and Southern Baltic. University of Gdansk organized a media event for local radio and TV onboard the ship. More information can be found at <http://hyper.dmu.dk/>.

ESA Call for User Ideas on the Baltic

European Space Agency is inviting public and commercial end-user organisations to propose ideas and suggestions for new services in the Baltic, focusing particularly on maritime issues. The aim is to generate ideas leading to new services that will improve business performance and operations, help enforce new regulatory standards (for instance on environmental protection), or enable improved marine safety and security. The ideas will be used to help define and consolidate requirements for user-driven services supported through the IAP. The "Call for User Ideas on the Baltic" will close on **30th September 2010**. The User Response Form can be downloaded at http://iap.esa.int/baltic/user_response_form, more information may be found at http://iap.esa.int/baltic/call_for_user_ideas.

best regards,
BONUS EEIG Secretariat