



8th Baltic Sea Science Congress 2011

Joint research efforts for sustainable ecosystem management

22-26 August, 2011, St. Petersburg, Russia

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Call for sessions and workshops themes' proposals – by October 10, 2010

Introduction

The Baltic Sea Science Congress is an international forum for researchers of the Baltic Sea countries and is uniting the three major scientific communities: the Conference of Baltic Oceanographers (CBO), Baltic Marine Biologists (BMB), and Baltic Sea Geologists (BSG). The objective of the congress is to bring together marine scientists and experts as well as young researchers. The **headline** of the coming Congress will be “Joint research efforts for sustainable ecosystem management”.

As it was agreed at the 7th BSSC in Tallinn, the 8th Congress will be organized by Russian State Hydrometeorological University (RSHU) (www.rshu.ru) in cooperation with other Russian research institutions and scientific societies, and with large contribution of CBO, BMB and BSG.

Time and venue

The 8th Baltic Sea Science Congress will be held on **August 22-26, 2011**, in the city of St. Petersburg, Russia, in one of the modern hotels of the city near the city centre. The Congress will start on August 22 (Monday) afternoon and end on August 26 (Friday). It will include Plenary sessions, Thematic sessions and Workshops, and a Poster session. Social and cultural events will be held during and after the Congress (August 27, 2011).

The Organizing Committee will make arrangements for a special rate in the hotel, that will not exceed 70-110 Euro. For students there will be a Russian State Hydrometeorological University dormitory made available for booking at a lower cost.

VISA

Visitors to Russia generally need entry visas. If you need visa, you will have to submit a duly filled in participant form and a copy of the main page of your passport with the photo to the Local Organizing Committee of the Congress at least three months in advance of the official opening of the Conference. This information will be needed to send you an official invitation letter to the Conference which you will provide with other necessary papers to the Russian Embassy or Consulate in your country while making an official visa application. At the homepage of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia](http://www.mfa.gov.ru) you can find a link to your country's Embassy or Consulate to download and print the visa application form and know more about the application procedures.

The preliminary programme

A Tallinn Declaration was adopted at the 7th BSSC, and it was noted there that “the pace and scale of anthropogenic pressures upon the Baltic Sea ecosystem are faster and larger than the development of knowledge needed to estimate and predict ecological and socio-economic consequences”. The 7th BSSC recommended to strengthen the research efforts to overcome this gap and to develop scientific recommendations for sustainable ecosystem management of the Baltic Sea. Following these guidelines, the scientific themes of the 8th Baltic Sea Science Congress will include various interdisciplinary directions of integrated physical, geological, chemical, biological and socio-economic research. They will include open sea and coastal zone multiscale dynamics, ecosystem and habitat structure and functions, palaeogeography of the Baltic Basin, marine sedimentology and geochemistry, climate change and human activity impact, linking ecological research developments with the advanced information technologies, strategies and tools for resource management and environmental policy-making, etc.

The Scientific Steering Committee will decide on the final themes of the Congress sessions according to the proposals made in due time.

Call for sessions and workshops themes’ proposals:

Deadline – October 10, 2010

Proposals should include the title, short description and names of the three possible conveners of the session and be sent to the Congress contact by e-mail.

The final Scientific Programme will be compiled by the Scientific Steering Committee based on the submitted abstracts.

Selected papers of the 8th Baltic Sea Science Congress will be published in an international scientific journal soon after the end of the Congress.

Calendar of the 8th BSSC preparation

September 10, 2010 – Second Call (detailed information on the conference arrangements) and final call for proposals of the themes of sessions and workshops

October 10, 2010 - deadline for the Congress Theme Proposals

December 2010 – Call for Abstracts

March 15, 2011 – Abstract submission deadline (via electronic submission system)

April 15, 2011 – Notification of accepted presentations. Preliminary Programme of the Congress

May 2011 – Registration and payment deadline.

July 2011 – Final Programme (with abstracts)

Registration and preliminary Congress fees

The Conference web-site www.bssc2011.org is available from July 1, 2010 and will present the necessary information including a further on-line registration.

The organizers will try to do their best to arrange a reasonable registration fee (ca. 300 EUR) that will cover the cost of publication of the information materials (the Congress Programme, Abstract Volume, etc.), coffee breaks during the meetings, and the Congress dinner.

For students, reduced fees and possible accommodation in the RSHU campus at low price will be provided.

Important: the Congress official language is **English**.

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The full structure of the Local Organizing Committee will be defined by RSHU by October, 2010.

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