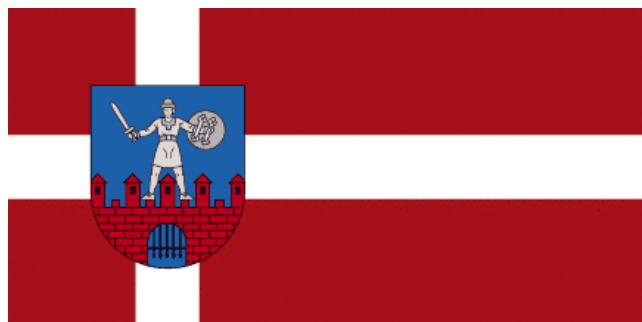# Municipality of Kalmar
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City of Cesis, Latvia

Commission on Tourism

The meeting this year was hosted by the City of Cesis!

Minutes from the UBC Commission on Tourism meeting in Cesis 23rd-25th of August 2003

Opening with open exhibition
The meeting was opened the 23rd of August with an open exhibition, held jointly with the Interreg IIIB project Baltic Welcome Center that was held just the days before the Commission's meeting. The participants had the opportunity to show their cities or regions and what they have to offer.

Exhibition of City of Schwerin, Germany

Dining and dancing
Later in the evening there was a common dinner far out in the country-side, with pork roasted whole and a big fantastic sauna-house, all to our amusement. Dancing, eating and drinking together. This was the well-coming dinner for the UBC delegates and the farewell dinner for the Baltic Welcome

Sauna-house dancing in the woods of Latvia

Center-project participants. All on the behalf of the City of Cesis. I believe people wanted to carry on dancing, but the bus left for Cesis at midnight. A good night's sleep was well needed for the coming programme.

Party animal

Educational study trip

The Sunday started with an educational visit to Cesis Medieval Castle of course, followed by a most appreciated visit to Soviet underground bunkers, that was recently opened for the public. Thousands of square meters under ground, that almost no one knew about before!

Visit to Sovjet underground bunkers

Visit to Cesis Castle

The meeting itself

Mr Kyrre Dahl, chairman, opened the meeting and greeted all welcome to Cesis and the meeting of the Commission on Tourism. Mr Dahl started with a presentation on Tourism in general focusing on the Baltic Sea Region. Please see separate presentation.

Kyrre Dahl, discussing with Jonny Bunaes,

the activity coordination part in both the BWC and AT projects. Please see separate presentation!

Elections

It has now gone two years since the last elections in Vilnius, Lithuania. For this meeting there was a nominating committee established during the meeting in Palanga last year, consisting of the following representatives: Ms Lina Semetulskyte, Palanga; Mrs Inga Ragauskaite, Vilnius and Mr Arturs Skroderis,

Commission on Tourism activities

Mr Dahl presented the two UBC Interreg IIIB projects Baltic Welcome Center (BWC) and Ancientimes (AT) briefly, to update the participants of the proceedings of the projects. Please see separate presentations for more information or visit www.bsrinterreg.net

ANIMARE tourism project management

Mrs Romy Sommer from Rostock presented her views on and experiences from how to bring the BSR together and how to initiate, run and close tourism projects. For details, please see separate presentation or visit www.animare.net Animare is responsible for

Chairman of elections, Mr Skroderis, Liepaja.

Liepaja. The elections in Cesis were chaired by Mr Arturs Skroderis. The nominating committee proposed Mr Kyrre Dahl, Kalmar, Mr Armands Muiznieks, Jurmala and Mrs Irena Satkauskiene, Palanga. Another name was proposed by the mayor of Kleipeda, Mr Vidmantas Pleckaitis; Mr Vladislav Andreev, Kaliningrad. Since the proposed persons said they had to consider this, the elections were postponed to the next day. In the morning after we finally had the official elections, once again chaired by Mr Arturs Skroderis, Liepaja. The following persons/cities were elected:

Mr Dahl, Kalmar, SE;
Mrs Satkauskiene, Palanga, LT;
Mr Muiznieks, Jurmala, LV and
Mr Andreev, Kaliningrad, RU.

The new steering committee will be active from October 2003 until September 2005

The Baltic Tourism Policy Paper

This very interesting and important information was presented by Mr Richard Baerug from Cesis. It is all about the state of the art in tourism in the Baltic Sea Region. Please don't forget to read it through! Very interesting! Please see separate presentation and the Paper itself in full or short version!

Richard Baerug

Mrs Vida Rozite, NCM

Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM)

Mrs Vida Rozite and Mrs Daina Mezecka presented the activities of the Nordic Council of Ministers, focusing especially on two specific programmes:
1. Development of Local and Regional Administration
2. Exchange of Civil Servants
Please see separate presentations!
For more information about the activities of the NCM, please visit the following homepages:

www.norden.ru : For country specific opportunities in regard to NW Russia (in St Petersburg)
www.nmr.lt : For additional information about activities in Lithuania
www.nmr.ee : For additional information about activities in Estonia
www.nmr.lv : For additional information about activities in Latvia

Disability and tourism in the Baltic Sea Region

Mrs Gunta Anca from the SUSTENTO organisation on disability in Riga presented her thoughts on tourism and disability. The presentation was highly appreciated and started a discussion on the topic. I believe we have to carry these thoughts with us for a long time. Please see Mrs Ancas presentation and information on SUSTENTO separately!

Mrs Gunta Anca, SUSTENTO

UBC & EU; Interreg III ABC
Especially invited, to talk about the possibilities and fears in the new BSR and Europe after the entering of more countries into EU, was Mrs Ieva Kalnina from the Interreg IIIC North secretariat in Rostock. A lot of news were presented for the participants when Mrs Kalnina went through her presentation. Please see Mrs Kalnina's two presentations separately! Please also visit the homepage of the Interreg IIIC: www.interreg3c.net or www.bsrinterreg.net

The Commission meeting in Cesis was closed with a common lunch. I believe we were all exhausted by all the information provided by the participants and invited guests.

Mrs Ieva Kanina, IRIIIC

The next meeting for the Steering Committee of the Commission on Tourism, UBC, will be held during the UBC Conference in Kleipeda 17-19 of October 2003.

Kalmar, 16th of September 2003

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