

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 26 September 2007

Arrival of participants  
Registration at the hotel Strand

16.30-18.30 Executive Board meeting (closed)

19.30 *Get-together Dinner at Rannahotel*

THURSDAY, 27 September 2007

8.30 Registration continues at Strand hotel

9.30-12.15 Plenary Session

- Mayor of Pärnu, **Mart Viisitamm**, welcome address
- President of UBC, Mayor of Kolding, **Per Bødker Andersen**, opening address
- Representative of the authorities of the Republic of Estonia, Vice President of the Estonian Parliament, **Jüri Ratas**
- Ambassador **Valdis Krastins**, Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials, Council of the Baltic Sea States, Republic of Latvia
- Vice-President of the Bureau of the Congress of Local & Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, **Alan Lloyd**
- **Uno Aldegren**, CoR, President of RELEX, on behalf of the President of the Committee of the Regions, Mayor of Dunkerque, Michel Delebarre
- Representative of the European Commission, Head of Representation in Estonia, **Toivo Klaar**
- President of the Conference of Atlantic Arc Cities, Mayor of Santiago de Compostela, **Xosé António Sánchez Bugallo**
- Secretary General of International Urban Development Association INTA **Michel Sudarskis**

Short introductions to the conference workshops:

- Cities response to the climate change - **Björn G. Karlsson**, Prof. at the Institute of Technology, Division Energy Systems at the University of Linköping
- Culture as driving force for municipal development - **Marie-Louise Rönmark**, UBC 1st Vice-President, Mayor of Umeå
- Involvement of youth in democracy and in the life of society - **Charlotte Gustafsson**, Chairperson of the UBC Commission on Youth Issues

12.15 Press conference

12.30 Lunch

14.00-16.00 Parallel workshops

- **CITIES RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE**

Technical introduction to workshop, Moderator **Sofie Gunnarsson** UBC EnergyCom “Intention with the workshop, topics and timetable” Focus on UBC possibilities

Opening of the workshop Deputy Mayor **Simmo Saar**, City of Pärnu, “Situation in Pärnu concerning Climate Change”

Short presentation of the door poll results, Network Manager **Stella Aaltonen** UBC EnvCom

Climate Change effects; what can we do to reduce these effects? ”Introduction to energy related actions to reduce greenhouse emissions and thereby reduce Climate Change” **Stefan Windh**, UBC EnergyCom

“Improve competitiveness and strengthen local industry and by more efficient use of energy”, **Louise Trygg** Linköpings Universitet

“Examples of possibilities for energy producers contributing to improved energy production and consumption” Vice President **Jaakko Vähä-Piikkiö**, Fortum Heat

”Transport related actions and existing possibilities to reduce greenhouse emissions and vitalize our urban profile” Head of Secretariat **Björn Grönholm** UBC EnvCom and Project Coordinator **Anna Granberg** UBC EnvCom

Adaptation plans for upcoming challenges with Climate Change, “Introduction to the needs of adaptation plan” Co-Chair **Guldbrand Skjönberg** UBC EnvCom

“What can the situation be like in the Baltic Sea Region” **Urmás Lips**, Tallinn Technical University

“How the cities should prepare themselves for climate change?” Co-Chair **Guldbrand Skjönberg** UBC EnvCom

*organisation – Commissions on Environment and Energy*

- **CULTURE AS DRIVING FORCE FOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator: **Tarja Hautamäki**, chairperson of the UBC Commission on Culture

**Marie-Louise Rönnmark**, Vice-President of the UBC, Opening speech

Speakers:

- **Tarja Hautamäki** on behalf of Dr. **Niina Koivunen**, University of Vaasa, "Creativity and innovation through arts management"

- **Michel Sudarskis**, Secretary General of International Urban Development Association

- **Arne Berggren**, City of Umeå, Kulturverket-project, "Kids tell pros what to do."

*organisation – Commission on Culture*

- **INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN DEMOCRACY AND IN THE LIFE OF SOCIETY**

Moderator: **Charlotte Gustafsson**, Chairperson of the UBC Commission on Youth Issues

Young people are a resource in building a prosperous and more sustainable Baltic Sea Region. They are also partners on an equal basis in the development of our cities. The participation of young people brings new dimensions, perspectives and expertise into municipal activities. In these times, as new ways of communicating are increasingly apparent it is essential that municipalities use the most effective means of reaching young people through modern IT technologies. Internet online communities, Skype, MSN Messenger and interactive chat lounges – these all are places where we can /meet/ young people today. In the workshop “Involvement of youth in democracy and in the life of society” we will explore

new ways and possibilities through which municipalities can provide dialog and youth involvement using various IT technologies and programs.

The following speakers provided input and give presentations during the workshop:

- **Janne Svärdhagen** (Dalarna University, Sweden)
- **Manja Schlammer** (The SIP Network, Växjö, Sweden)
- **Carlos Correia** (The SIP Network, Växjö, Sweden)

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16.20 Closing Plenary – summary of the workshops

Workshop 1 – **Gulbrand Skjönberg / Stefan Windh**

Workshop 2 - **Tarja Hautamäki**

Workshop 3 - **Charlotte Gustafsson**

19.30 *Dinner at Pärnu concert hall*

FRIDAY, 28 September 2007

08.30-10.00 Meetings of UBC Commissions

10.00-10.30 *Coffee Break*

10.30-10.45 Opening of the General Assembly

Report on UBC Activities October 2005 - September 2007

Per Bødker Andersen, President of UBC

10.45-12.30 Reports from the Commissions

Commission on Business Cooperation

Commission on Culture

Commission on Education

Commission on Energy

Commission on Environment

Commission on Gender Equality

Commission on Health & Social Affairs

Commission on Information Society

Commission on Sport

Commission on Tourism

Commission on Transportation

Commission on Urban Planning

Commission on Youth Issues

UBC EU-coordinators Network

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-16.00 General Assembly continues

Auditor's Report

Board of Audit Report

Absolving the Presidium, the Board and the Secretary General

Membership Fees 2008-2009

Executive Board in the next period

President and Vice-Presidents in the next period

Board of Audit in the next period  
Auditor in the next period  
Secretariat in the next period  
Adoption of the Conference resolution on climate change  
Venue of the IX UBC General Conference in autumn 2009 (Kristiansand)

19.30 *Dinner at Tavern Kuursaal*

SATURDAY, 29 September 2007

Optional Pärnu sightseeing  
Departure