BALTIC SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH

Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
8th-9th December 2016

/// BACKGROUND

Many universities across the Baltic Sea Region perform high quality research on matters related to sustainable development. Yet, there are relatively few events where a multidisciplinary overview of research efforts and projects has taken place, and where researchers from across the spectrum of the natural and social sciences from across the Baltic have had the opportunity to come together to discuss research methods, the results of empirical research or exchange ideas about on-going and future research initiatives focusing on sustainable development.

It is against this background that the “Baltic Symposium on Sustainability Research” is being organised by Tallinn University of Technology and HAW Hamburg, Germany, under the auspices of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP), in cooperation with the Baltic University Programme and a number of institutions of higher education active in this field, from across the region. It will involve researchers in the field of sustainable development in the widest sense, from business and economics, to arts and fashion, administration, environment, languages and media studies.

The Symposium will focus on “Fostering Sustainable Development Research in the Baltic Sea” and will contribute to the further development of this fast-growing field.

/// AIMS

The aims of the Symposium are as follows:

i. to provide researchers at universities across the Baltic Sea region performing research on issues pertaining sustainable development with an opportunity to display and present their works (i.e. curriculum innovation, empirical work, activities, case studies practical projects);

ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of research projects, especially successful initiatives and good practice;

iii. to discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to offer a better understanding of sustainable development across society and economic sectors and;
iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for further cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on sustainable development research in the Baltic Sea Region today. To this purpose, a peer-reviewed book titled “Sustainable Development Research in the Baltic Sea Region”, will be published, with all accepted papers. This will be part of the award-winning “World Sustainability Series”, published by Springer, one of the world’s top five scientific publishers.

The participation of doctoral students undertaking research on sustainable development is especially welcome.

/// PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Delegates attending the Symposium will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. These are:

i. teaching staff;
ii. research staff;
iii. postgraduate students;
iv. members of university administrations;
v. project officers and consultants;
vi. other people interested in the field.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches towards research on sustainable development and, hence contribute towards advancing this field of work in the Baltic Sea region even further.

/// STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The Symposium will be organised around two main strands:

**Strand 1: the posters**

Participating universities will be able to put-up posters describing their works and projects and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The posters will be the backbone of the event and will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

**Strand 2: the presentations**

A set of presentations, divided into four main sections will be organised, dealing with issues of strategic value in reviewing the state of the art of research on sustainable development today. These are:

**Session 1: Research on Curriculum Issues**
**Session 2: Research on Community and Outreach Programmes**
**Session 3: Research on Education for Sustainable Development**
**Session 4: Research on participation and engagement on sustainability issues**
A special session will be held with and for doctoral students undertaking research on sustainable development.

/// TIME-TABLE

The Symposium will be held on 8th and 9th December 2016. The schedule is as follows:

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In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organize their travel in a way that allows them to arrive in the evening of 7th December 2016 and travel back in the evening of 9th December 2016, since the best papers awards will be handed over at 15.00 on that day.

/// DEADLINES

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:** 20th May 2016  
**Deadline for submission of papers:** 30th June 2016  
**Deadline for full, revised papers:** 30th August 2016  
**Deadline for registrations:** 30th September 2016

Since the book will be launched soon after the Symposium, the deadlines need to be followed.

/// THE VENUE

Tallinn University of Technology  
Ehitajate tee 5, Tallinn

/// HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The following partner hotels offer special accommodation rates for the Symposium participants:
1) Nordic Hotel Forum, address: Viru väljak 3. Standart single room 90EUR/night. Rate includes breakfast and use of leisure center. Bookings can be made by forum@nordichotels.eu or over the phone +372 6222 999 (promotional code: Baltic Symposium 2016).

2) Meriton Conference and Spa Hotel, address: Toompuiestee 27. Standart single room 60EUR/night and Superior single room 70EUR/night. Rate includes breakfast, use of Sports Club, Aqua and Sauna Center. For booking please contact: ele.kuusk@rezidorparkinn.com (promotional code: Baltic Symposium 2016).

Please note that given rates are valid until November 7th, 2016.

/// HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

An abstract should be up to 200 words, it should describe the rationale and aims of the paper, and some of its results. General descriptions of broad contexts should be avoided. The full contact details about the author(s) need to be provided. Abstracts should be written in the third person and not in the first or second one (e.g. I, me, or my paper). Authors whose abstracts have been accepted, will receive further details about how to submit their full papers, and further logistical information.

/// FEES AND CHARGES

An early bird fee of € 150 (€ 75 for students) will be charged to delegates who register until 30th June 2016. After that date, the full fee of € 200 (€ 100 for students) will be charged. The registration fee includes lunches and coffee breaks on 8th and 9th December 2016, as well as a dinner in the evening of 8th December. Registration fees also cover an on-line copy of the book “Sustainable Development Research in the Baltic Sea Region”, to be made available to the participants.

Organisations or individuals not able to pay this fee should contact the Secretariat so that it may be reduced in special cases. Interested people and organisations are encouraged to register by completing the application form provided. This is a self-funded event and the organisers are unable to pay any travel or accommodation costs of any kind. They are however happy to issue letters of invitation to support delegates to request funding for their participation.

/// REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Registrations are now open and are possible until 30th September 2016. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for
presentation will be taken by the Chairpersons, following consultation with the Scientific Committee.

/// ORGANISERS

- Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
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- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW), Germany
- Baltic University Programme

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REGISTRATION FORM (please fill in, scan and send it to: info@iccip.net)

1. Surname:       2. First name

3. Title (Prof., Dr. Mr, Ms, etc):
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4. Institution:
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5. Address:
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6. Telephone (please include national and local code):
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7. E-mail:
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8. You intend to participate by means of: (    ) Presentation (    ) Display (    ) both

9. Title of presentation:
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10. Session chosen (please tick):
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       Session 2: Research on Community and Outreach Programmes (  )
       Session 3: Research on Education for Sustainable Development (  )
       Session 4: Research on participation and engagement on sustainability issues (  )

11. Title of display:
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12. Do you have any dietary requirements? (please specify) (    ) Yes (    ) No
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