

First Announcement and Call for Papers



Baltic Association of Science/Technology Parks and Innovation Centres



Latvian Association of Technology Parks/ Centres and Business Incubators



LATVIAN TECHNOLOGICAL CENTER

Invite you to participate and make contribution to the



15th Annual International Conference on Innovation "Baltic Dynamics 2010"

**KNOWLEDGE FLOW IN INNOVATION SYSTEM:
FROM IDEA TO ACTION**

**September 15 – 17, 2010
Reval Hotel Latvia, Riga, LATVIA**

The Baltic Dynamics conference is an initiative of the Baltic Association of Science/Technology Parks and Innovation Centres – BASTIC - and has been held annually since its inception in 1996. The conference venue is rotated between the Baltic States – Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In 2010, it is Latvia's turn again and the conference will be held in the country's capital Riga, the largest city in the Baltic States.

In recent years it is not only the three Baltic States that have shown dynamic development in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship. "Innovation links" between the countries around the Baltic Sea have been established and successful economic initiatives developed.

The conference organisers invite all involved with the dynamic innovation and entrepreneurship development - leaders of innovative companies, managers of science/technology parks and business incubators, public authorities responsible for innovation in the region, venture capital organisations, etc. - to present and discuss initiatives to make innovation strategies and policies happen.

The following topics will be under discussion:

- ❖ Sustainable Development of Innovation System on National, Regional and Local level
- ❖ Education and Research as Components of Innovation System
- ❖ Technology Transfer as a Catalyst for Efficient Knowledge Flow from Knowledge Creators to Business
- ❖ Instruments to Support Added Value Production (Science/Technology Parks, Technology/Innovation Centres, Business Incubators, Technology Oriented Business Support Programmes, Science Communication, Financing Innovation, etc.)
- ❖ The Role of Cooperation (Associations, Networks, Clusters, etc.) in the Development of Innovation System

The following pre-conference workshops and/or meetings are planned:

- Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) – project BSR InnoReg (Interreg)
- Soft landing programme for SMEs in BSR – project SMEDGE (Interreg)
- EEN Network on technology transfer – project EEN Latvia (CIP)
- How to evaluate efficiency of research systems in small countries – project ERA-PRISM (FP7)
- SPICE Group Workshop

Language

The official language of the Conference is English.

Papers

Abstracts (max 1 page), short (3-5 sentences) CVs with the authors' photo and full papers (max 8 pages) must be submitted on separate A4 sheets and set in Arial 11 point font, margins 2,5 cm, line spacing - single.

Deadlines

Receipt of abstracts and CVs **May 15, 2010**
Confirmation of approval and invitation to prepare full paper/presentation **May 31, 2010**
Receipt of full papers and/or presentations **August 10, 2010**

Conference Venue and Hotel

Reval Hotel Latvija, Riga city centre, LATVIA. *Special reduced prices for participants are foreseen.*

Conference Fees

250 EUR for Participants – fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, two lunches, reception and gala dinner

100 EUR for Accompanying persons - fee includes Riga sightseeing tour, two lunches, reception and gala dinner

50 EUR for students from the Baltic States - fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks and two lunches

Draft Programme:

September 15

10-00 – 18-00 Conference registration
10-00 – 17-00 Pre-Conference meetings of project groups
14-00 – 17-00 Riga sightseeing tour (optional)
19-00 Welcome Reception

September 16

8-00 – 16-00 Conference registration
9-00 – 10-00 Opening
10-00 - 13-00 1st Plenary Session
13-00 – 14-00 Lunch
14-00 – 17-00 Parallel workshops
19-00 Gala Dinner

September 17

9-00 – 13-30 2nd Plenary Session and Closing of the Conference
13-30 - 14-30 Lunch
14-30 – 17-00 SPICE Workshop and Project group meetings

September 18

Optional post-conference sightseeing tours:
- Sigulda – beautiful landscape and history (14th century castle built by the Brotherhood of the Sword Order)
- Rundale Palace – history and art (Rastrelli, first half of 18th century)
- The Fisherman village and old castles nearby Riga

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