

First announcement

**Save the dates - Let us celebrate the jubilee together!**

**10th Baltic Sea Science Congress**

**“Science and innovation for future of the Baltic and the European regional seas”**

**Riga, 15 – 19 June 2015**

Twenty years ago three scientific associations - **Conference of Baltic Oceanographers, Baltic Marine Biologists** and **Baltic Marine Geologists** entwined their forces establishing the biennial Baltic Sea Science Congress. Since 2009, **BONUS -The Joint Baltic Sea Research and Innovation Programme** - stands among the regular co-organisers.

Just before midsummer of 2015, Riga - the capital city of Latvia - will welcome the 10th anniversary Baltic Sea Science Congress.

While keeping focus on the Baltic Sea, the anniversary Congress will encourage comparative studies and knowledge sharing within the broader European region seas' context. To this end, the organising committee will be strengthened by the **Estuarine Coastal Sciences Association**.

Giving particular attention to the role, dynamics and integrated management of the systems of **coasts, estuaries, gulfs, lagoons and archipelagos**, Congress will tentatively address broad disciplinary spectrum covering:

- physical oceanography
- marine biology
- marine geology
- interdisciplinary aspects of achieving and protecting good environmental status and long-term sustainability of ecosystem services.

At the start of the 10<sup>th</sup> Baltic Sea Science Congress the participants will have a unique opportunity to discuss the actualities of research and innovation for blue growth at a dedicated high-level session of the annual EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy Forum.

Applied session devoted to finding solutions and setting targets for sustainable blue growth for the coastal seas of Europe will be held also as a part of the main Congress program.

Keeping the good tradition, the 10<sup>th</sup> Congress will feature several keynote lectures on relevant topics by the researchers of global reputation.

Especially invited to the Congress are the young researchers to whom a discount of participation fee will be available and exciting activities of the BONUS Young Scientists' Club will be held.

Congress papers will be published in "Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science" (IF of the past five years = 2.8).

**Scientific Committee nominated by:**

Baltic Marine Biologists  
Baltic Marine Geologists  
BONUS Joint Baltic Sea Research and Innovation Programme  
Conference of Baltic Oceanographers  
Estuarine Coastal Science Association

**Congress hosts:**

Latvian Institute of Aquatic Ecology (the main local organiser)  
Latvian Academy of Sciences  
Latvian Ministry of Education and Science  
Latvian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development  
Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment BIOR  
University of Latvia

**Important dates:**

10 October 2014 – the second announcement with call for abstracts  
2 January 2015 – registration open  
15 January 2015 – abstract submission closed  
28 February 2015 – feedback to authors  
30 March 2015 – the programme of 10th BSSC published  
20 April 2015 – early registration closed  
20 May 2015 – late registration closed

Let us meet in Riga!



BSSC 2015 is an official event of

Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union