

BALTIC SEA FORUM 2013

Russia and New Challenges in the Baltic Sea Region

23-24 May 2013

Turku School of Economics at the University of Turku, Rehtorinpellonkatu 3, 20500 Turku

Sections marked in orange are held in Finnish and in yellow in English.

THURSDAY May 23 2013

12:30-13:30 Registration

13:30-15:45 Round Tables

- 1) **Regional and urban co-operation brings content to the Nordic growth corridor**
Chair: Kauko Jämsén, Director, St. Petersburg Turku Centre
- 2) **Russia and Water**
Chair: Björn Grönholm, Director, UBC/Environmental Commission
- 3) **New Waves of the Russian Economy**
Chair: Jari Jumpponen, Head of Representative Office, East Office of Finnish Industries
- 4) **The changing security environment in the Baltic Sea region and the Arctic**
Chair: Katri Pynnöniemi, Researcher, Finnish Institute of International Affairs
- 5) **How does contemporary Russian literature reflect Russia's current contradictions?**
Chair: Jukka Mallinen, writer
- 6) **Is Putin's regime stable? Stability is important for Russians and its' neighbors**
Chair: Henrik Lax, Member of the European Parliament 2004 – 2009

15:45 – 16:25 Coffee

16:30-16:45 Opening

Opening

Aleksi Randell, Mayor, City of Turku, Chairman of the Centrum Balticum Foundation

Introduction to the forum

Kari Liuhto, Professor, Director, Centrum Balticum Foundation

16:45-18:00 Russia and the Baltic Sea Region: Opportunities and Challenges ahead

Chairman: Arno Ahosniemi, Editor-in-Chief, Kauppalehti

Petteri Orpo, Member of the Parliament of Finland

Matti Anttonen, DG, Department for External Economic Relations/Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Hiski Haukkala, Professor, University of Tampere

Virpi Herranen, Director, FinNode Russia

Jari Lähteenmäki, CEO, Turku Chamber of Commerce

Kai Paananen, CEO, SET Group

Veiko Spolitis, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Latvia

18:00 – 18:30 Keynote speech

Marcus Rantala, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Finland

19:00 Reception offered by the City of Turku

Suomen Joutsen, Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku

FRIDAY May 24 2013

9:00-9:50 Keynote speeches

Chairman: Pauls Raudseps, Journalist, weekly magazine "Ir"

Natural Gas, LNG and the Baltic Sea

Carolin Jeanet Oebel, Director, International Gas Union

Development of Energy Markets in the Baltic Sea Region. Escape from isolation!

Taavi Veskimägi, Chairman of the Board, CEO, Elering

Energy Security in the Baltic Sea Region

Kai-Olaf Lang, Head of EU Integration Research Division ad interim, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

9:50-11:00 Russia and the Baltic Sea Region: Regional Cooperation

Chairman: Pauls Raudseps, Journalist, weekly magazine "Ir"

Paula Lehtomäki, Member of the Parliament of Finland

Marko Mihkelson, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, Estonian Parliament

Juha Pyykönen, Specialist (Crisis Management)

Petri Sarvamaa, Member of the European Parliament

Esa Lindqvist, Head of Development Services Unit, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment

Stanislav L. Tkachenko, Professor, St. Petersburg State University

11:00 – 11:35 Coffee

11:40-13:00 Reports of the Round Tables

13:00 Closing

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