



**Preparatory Meeting
for the
BACC International Conference**

**Göteborg University, Sweden
20 February 2006**

Participants:

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Major decisions and action items

1. Opening session of the Conference

The Swedish Minister for the Environment (Lena Sommestad) shall be invited to open the Conference. The invitation letter shall be sent and signed by Göteborg University, HELCOM, and the BALTEX SSG co-chair, Anders Omstedt.

Action Anders, Camilla and Nikolay: Establish an invitation letter, and send it to the Swedish minister as soon as possible.

The rector of Göteborg University shall be asked to give a welcome address at the opening session of the Conference.

Action Anders: Talk to the rector and get the rector's contribution to the Conference approved.

Action Hans-Jörg: Ask for Hartmut Graßl's confirmation on his appearance at the opening session, as soon as possible.

Nikolay confirmed that the executive secretary of HELCOM, Anne Christine Brusendorff will contribute to the opening session on behalf of HELCOM.

2. Timing of Day 1 of the Conference

The Conference shall be opened at 10 am, the opening session is now planned to span 45 minutes, and the time plan for following topics will be adjusted accordingly.

3. Chairpersons for Day 1 and 2

Day 1: Two chairpersons, one each for the morning and afternoon oral presentation session, shall be identified.

Action Anders, Hans, and Hans-Jörg to come up with suggestions.

Day 2: A chairperson to be nominated for part 3 of the Conference.

Action Anders, Hans, and Hans-Jörg to come up with suggestions.

4. Oral presentations, part 1 of the Conference

Only one speaker per chapter shall present the BACC results. Speaking time is 45 minutes at maximum, 15 minutes are devoted for urgent questions and discussion contributions. The chapter lead authors identify the chapter speaker.

5. The poster session, part 2 of the Conference

Two posters for chapter 1, and 4 to 5 posters each for chapters 2 to 5 shall be displayed at the Conference. All posters shall contain first order statements, no details. Posters for chapter 1 will show main statements in form of bullet points.

Action Hans-Jörg: Ask chapter lead authors to identify and suggest suitable poster material, statements, and the related organisation into 4 to 5 posters before 31 March 2006. The suggestions shall be iterated with BACC SSC during April 2006. Final material to be displayed on posters must be available at GKSS by 30 April 2006. GKSS will print the posters.

6. The HELCOM presentation on day 2 shall be entitled "Potential implications for HELCOM". A repetition of BACC results, which is the topic of the first hour on day 2 by Hans von Storch shall be avoided here. An optimal speaker for this section would be the HELCOM executive secretary.

Action Nikolay: To ask Anne Christine Brusendorff for her confirmation to give the presentation on behalf of HELCOM, as soon as possible.

7. Part 3 of the Conference shall be entitled: **Present Knowledge on Climate Change.**

8. Part 4 of the Conference shall be entitled: **Panel discussion on climate change and related implications.**

9. Panel composition and related actions

The Panel shall have 7 members:

- Two politicians (**Action Nikolay:** to identify one each preferably from Poland and Finland)
- One journalist (**Action Hans:** to ask a journalist working for the "Spiegel")
- One moderator (**Action Anders and Camilla:** to identify a suitable person, either from Göteborg University or a local, or regional media professional; a financial support (up to 3000 €) is available from the Conference budget.

Three scientists: Hans von Storch (BACC), Lennart Bengtsson (**Action Hans** to contact Lennart), preferably a marine ecologist from the Baltic States or Russia (demonstrated skill should also include English language, precise statements, panel discussion experience; **Action Nikolay** to suggest one or two candidates). All actions due as soon as possible, preferably by 10 March the latest.

10. Participants invitation

Action Hans-Jörg: Ask the BACC community for names and E-mail addresses to be invited by E-Mail (subsequent **Action Hans-Jörg**).

Action Hans-Jörg, Hans and Anders: To establish an invitation text to be used by HELCOM, and others, to make potential Conference participants aware of the Conference. A particular subsequent **Action for Nikolay** is to distribute this invitation widely using the HELCOM E-Mail distribution list.

Action Hans-Jörg: to address the coordinator of the ASTRA project (<http://www.astra-project.org>) and make the ASTRA consortium aware of the BACC conference.

Action Hans-Jörg: to register at and use the Ballerina information system at <http://www.baltic-region.net/> for information on the BACC conference. **Action Hans-Jörg:** to inform the Baltic Universities on the BACC Conference.

All actions due as soon as possible, preferably by 3 March 2006 the latest.

11. Actions towards creating interest at media and journalist

Action Anders and Hans: To draft one text page of press-relevant information on BACC, based on the BACC chapter summaries, before 31 March 2006; to iterate this draft with Nicolay, Torsten and Camilla. This text shall be used as information text dedicated for the press, to be released shortly before the Conference. Details of the press-relevant actions will be established by **Nicolay, Camilla and Torsten**, in close communication with Hans, Anders and the BACC SSC, whenever required.

Action Hans-Jörg, chapter lead authors: the chapter summaries shall be made available at the BACC website in due time prior to the Conference, e.g. to be available as background material on BACC for journalists and others.

Beside the press offices (HELCOM, Uni Göteborg, GKSS) the following individuals are nominated as **contact persons for the press: Hans von Storch, Anders Omstedt, Markku Rummukainen**. Further individuals may be nominated, if required.

Possible candidate material for television usage is identified as follows:

CRU analysis and/or SMHI-Rosby Centre analysis covering the last century and the Baltic Sea basin; **Action Hans** to identify the relevant source.

Action Torsten, to ask for relevant photo and video material at the supporting institutions, collect it and support journalists with high quality copies.

Hans-Jörg to provide contact E-Mail addresses for this purpose.

Action Anders to explore the availability and suitability of video showing the ice coverage over northern Europe during the last 20.000 years.

Action Hans-Jörg to explore the availability and suitability of video material showing the monthly cloud coverage during the last 20 years, or so, over the Baltic Sea basin, possibly available at SMHI; and the monthly Baltic Sea SST during the last 20 years or so, possibly available at IOW.

12. Conference programme booklet

Start with "Purpose of the Conference", 3 to 4 major key sentences, follow up with Background etc.

Action Hans-Jörg and Hans: establish draft sentences, and iterate with Camilla, Nikolay, and Torsten.

13. The Conference will not be open for **the public at large**, but only for registered participants. The public will indirectly be addressed through the participation of journalists. The Conference programme shall be revised to reflect this (**Action Hans-Jörg**).

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Hans-Jörg Isemer

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Approved by participants, minor comments by Torsten and Hans-Jörg considered