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**“Halfway through the UN-Decade for Education for Sustainable Development  
- *Lessons learned and missions to follow in higher education*”**

**September 22-23, 2009, at Åbo Akademi University, auditorium Armfelt, Arken  
Tehtaankatu 2 G, Turku, Finland**

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**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 22.9 2009**

09.30-10.30: COFFEE & REGISTRATION at Café Arken, Tehtaankatu 2

10.30-11.00: *Jorma Mattinen*: “Welcoming words and a short overview on the ESD-work at Åbo Akademi University”

11.00-11.30: *Tapio Markkanen*: “Environmental and sustainability education; a multi-dimensional challenge & some remarks on the role of UNESCO”

11.30-12.30: *Hans van Ginkel*: “Why Universities need to change ... and how?”

12.30-13.30: *Michail Scoullas*: “The framework of Sustainable Development (SD) and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Higher Education”

13.30-14.30: LUNCH at Café Arken

14.30-15.30: *Tage Kurtén*: “Our need for a holistic view”,

15.30-16.30: *Christine Jakobsson*: “The Baltic University Programme - a network of more than 220 institutions of higher education supporting ESD”

16.30-17.00: Discussion & students comments

19.00-20.30: DINNER at Café Arken

20.30-23.00: Informal gathering at the Centre for Lifelong Learning

**Wednesday 23.9 2009**

09.00-09.30: *Tove Holm*: “The integration of sustainability into all activities at Novia University of Applied Science”

09.30-10.30: *Ida Mielityinen*: “Sustainable development needs to be a part of every engineer’s competence”

10.30-11.15: *Mikko Perkiö*: “The UniPID-network and UniPID-Virtual studies: Sustainability in development”

11.15-11.45: COFFEE at Café Arken

11.45-13.15: *Taina Kaivola, Mauri Åhlberg, Arja Kaasinen & Hans van Ginkel*: Panel discussion “Research based evidence on the outcome and learning for SD and ESD”

13.15-14.15: LUNCH at Café Arken

14.15-14.45: *Erik Bonsdorff*: “Threats and challenges for the Baltic Sea ecosystem; can science meet policy?”

14.45-15.15: *Lars Rydén*: “Summarizing the multidimensional challenges and needs for actions”

15.00-15.30: Closing remarks

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## Background

This conference aims at promoting Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Higher Education, supporting the core mission and goals for the UN-Decade for ESD (2005-2014).

Higher education is (beside the role of professional research and learning outcome within each field of expertise) - also expected to promote skills and tools for intercultural/ interdisciplinary understanding, social responsibility and abilities to take professional and personal actions for SUSTAINABILITY; interconnecting environmental, socio-cultural and economic perspectives in order to create a more sustainable future. The main focus for the conference is to analyze these challenges and discuss new ways of actions.

## Invited speakers and facilitators

Prof. **Jorma Mattinen** (Rector for Åbo Akademi University), Prof. **Tapio Markkanen** (president of the Finnish National Commission for UNESCO, Dept. of Astronomy, University of Helsinki), Prof. **Hans van Ginkel** (former rector of the UN University, Tokyo, EUA vice-president etc), Prof. **Michael Scoullos** (special advisor for UNESCO, chairman for MIO-ECSDE/ MEDIES etc), Prof. **Tage Kurtén** (Theological Ethics, Åbo Akademi University, chairman for ÅAU's steering group for environmental and sustainability research & education ), Director **Christine Jakobsson** (The Baltic University Programme Network, Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University), EMS & quality co-ordinator **Tove Holm** (Novia University of Applied Sciences), Adviser on Education & Employment policy **Ida Mielityinen** (The Finnish Association of Graduate Engineers TEK), Adjunct prof. **Taina Kaivola**, Prof. **Mauri Åhlberg** & PhD **Arja Kaasinen** (Faculty of Science, University of Helsinki), Researcher & lecturer **Mikko Perkiö** (UniPID-board member, Department of Social Research, University of Tampere), Prof. **Erik Bonsdorff** (Environmental and marine biology, Åbo Akademi University), Prof. emeritus **Lars Rydén** (The Baltic University Programme Network, Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University)

**For whom:** leaders, researchers, teachers, students and policy makers involved in higher education

**Fee:** 90 €, students: 50 € (**covering all meals, coffees, social event**)

**Further information** about the conference will available at: <http://www.bup.fi/>

**Registration by 17.9 2009 via:** <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/492/lomake.html>

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**Organizers:** The conference is arranged by **Åbo Akademi University** (ÅAU): The Finnish national resource centre for ESD in Higher Education, (co-ordinated by The Centre for Lifelong Learning, ÅAU, supported by the Finnish Ministry of Education) in collaboration with **The Finnish National Commission for UNESCO**

## Accommodation

The participants are expected to book their own accommodation.

Suggestions eg: [www.scandichotels.fi](http://www.scandichotels.fi): Hotel Scandic Julia, Eerikinkatu 4, Hotel Scandic Plaza, Yliopistonkatu 29, Turku.

Other hotels in Turku can be found via: <http://www.turku.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=8120&culture=en-US&contentlan=2>

