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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT & INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE:

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

Time & place: September 22-23, 2009, at Åbo Akademi University, Tehtaankatu 2 G, Turku, Finland.

Aims and goals: The seminar promotes Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) especially regarding the commitment and role of higher education in supporting the core mission and goals for the UN-Decade for ESD (2005-2014).

Topics: The conference will cover key issues, actions and need for change within higher education in securing a more sustainable future: the challenges regarding research and education, welfare, social security, equality, natural resource management, socio-economic, ecological and ethical implications of eg. globalization and climate change. The seminar will analyse and discuss Education for Sustainable Development via keynote presentations and case-studies from different academic sectors enhancing sustainability. The speakers represent *a broad field of expertise* on ecological, societal, economic, policy and value based sustainability issues, including the pedagogical research and learning approach, involved in implementing both national and international actions for sustainability.

Invited speakers and facilitators so far confirmed are: 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); director **Christine Jakobsson** (The Baltic University Programme Network, Uppsala University); prof. **Tapio Markkanen** (president of the Finnish National Commission for UNESCO); adjunct prof. **Taina Kaivola** (Faculty of Science, University of Helsinki); prof. **Erik Bonsdorff** (Environmental and marine biology, Åbo Akademi 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), prof. **Tage Kurtén** (Theological Ethics, Åbo Akademi University, chairman for ÅAU's steering group for environmental and sustainability research & education) NN (David Korpela or Mikko Perkiö) presenting the UniPID-network & virtual studies, and representatives from our **Finnish Student Associations**...

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 be available at: www.bup.fi

Registration by 14.9 2009 via: <https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/492/lomake.html>

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Accommodation

The participants are expected to book their own accommodation. The organizers have pre-booked a number of rooms at a reduced price - if booked before 8.9 2009 - at the following hotels:

using the reservation code: Keke/Åbo Akademi (www.scandichotels.fi):

Hotel **Scandic Julia**, Eerikinkatu 4, Turku (single rooms a'79€/night), phone: +358-2-33200, and
Hotel **Scandic Plaza**, Yliopistonkatu 29, Turku (single rooms 89 €/night),

Other hotels in Turku can be found eg. via:

<http://www.turku.fi/Public/default.aspx?nodeid=8120&culture=en-US&contentlan=2>