



The 5th Baltic University Programme Rectors' Conference

International Cooperation

Innovation – Mobility – Research

Turku/Åbo, Finland 24-26 January 2018

Preliminary programme

Wednesday 24 January

Location: Åbo Akademi University, *Building Arken, Tehtaankatu/Fabriksgatan 2, Turku/Åbo*

17.00 **Registration**

18.00 **Reception**

- Welcome by Rector Mikko Hupa, Åbo Akademi University
- outline of the conference.

Buffet dinner

Thursday 25 January

Location: Åbo Akademi University, *Building Arken Tehtaankatu/Fabriksgatan 2*

8.00 **Registration**

9.00 **Opening of the conference:** Vice Chancellor Eva Åkesson, Uppsala University and Rector Mikko Hupa, Åbo Akademi University

9.15 **The Baltic University Programme, a Sustainable Success Story in the Baltic Sea Region.** Director Madeleine Granvik, the Baltic University Programme and Chair of the Baltic University Programme international board, Olle Jansson, Uppsala University



- 10.00 **Challenges Ahead** – Universities, Innovations and Networks: Alan AtKisson, author and senior adviser on sustainability.
Research challenges – The Baltic Sea and the Societies: Professor Erik Bonsdorff and Professor Elina Pirjatanniemi, Åbo Akademi University.
- 10.50 Coffee
- 11.15 **The Baltic University Programme as a Flagship Network.**
Innovations, best practices and good examples: A panel with BUP student, teacher, researcher, rector. The floor is open for questions from the audience.
- 12.45 Lunch (Café Arken)
- 14.00 **The Baltic Sea Science Day: Research and Innovation.** Director General Maira Mora, Council of the Baltic Sea States.
The Baltic Science Network: Mobility and Research Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region. Director Klaus von Lepel, Ministry for Science and Research, Hamburg.
- 14.30 **Parallel workshops** (*coffee included*)
- Workshop 1. University guidelines for sustainable transition and a Sustainability Code for higher education
 - Workshop 2. International mobility and joint research
 - Workshop 3. Open science. Connection to business? Possibilities to fund raising?
 - Workshop 4. Developing a joint science and research policy for the Baltic Sea Region - the role of networks
 - Workshop 5. Strategies in education – how to attract students of the 21st century?
- 15.50 **Workshop conclusions:** presentations and general discussion
- 16.30 **The Baltic University Programme Conference Students' Panel:** The voice of the students to the future challenges.
- 17.00 **The Baltic University Programme PhD Award**
- 17.20 End of Day
- 18.00 *Reception by the City of Turku, Turku Town hall (Address: Aurakatu/ Auragatan 2)*
- 19.00 *Conference Dinner at the Old Town Hall of Turku (Address Vanha Suurtori/ Gamla Stortorget 3).*



Friday 26 January

- 8.30 **The Baltic University Programme General Assembly**
Long term directions for the BUP network: Strategic Plan 2018-2020, agreements, contracts, membership, activities etc.
The General Assembly is intended for all representatives of the BUP member universities. Potential members also welcome to join.
- 9.30 **The Baltic University Programme activities 2018-2020.** Director Madeleine Granvik.
- 10.00 Coffee
- 10.30 **Leadership in the Culture of Innovation.** Professor Markku Wilenius, Finland Future Research Centre, University of Turku
- 10.50 **The Baltic University Programme Panel of Rectors.** The BUP and the Baltic Sea Region as an area for joint education and research. Chaired by director Madeleine Granvik. Invited panelists will discuss and answer questions from the audience.
- 11.50 **Guidance to the International Board of the Baltic University Programme for the coming years, 2018-2020.** Conclusions of the conference. Olle Jansson, chair of the Baltic University Programme International Board.
- 12.00 **Closing of the Conference.** Director Madeleine Granvik and Rector Mikko Hupa
- 12.15 Lunch (Restaurant Hus Lindman, address: Piispankatu/Biskopsgatan 15)
- 13.15 **Optional study visits**
- a) Research in the front line*
Visit to Turku Science Park (<http://www.turkusciencepark.com/>)
+ Laboratory and research presentation: Cell-signals, stem-cells and cancer
- b) Fascination of the old Turku*
Drama guide at the museum "Ett hem" (<http://ettthem.fi/?lang=en>)
+ Guided tour in the old campus of Åbo Akademi University
- 15.30 End of day – Have a safe journey home