



7th Baltic Stratigraphical Conference 17–18 May 2008, Tallinn, Estonia

Abridged SECOND CIRCULAR (full text at
<http://www.gi.ee/7bsc>)

The **Baltic Stratigraphic Association (BSA)** unites Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, and NW Russian national commissions on stratigraphy. Every three years the BSA organizes international conferences devoted to various aspects of regional geology and stratigraphy. Previous meetings were held in:

2005 – St. Petersburg, Russia

2002 – Vilnius, Lithuania (Basin stratigraphy – modern methods and problems)

1999 – Jūrmala, Latvia (Problems and methods of modern regional stratigraphy)

1996 – Tallinn, Estonia (High-resolution biostratigraphy and Baltic regional stratigraphy)

1993 – Vilnius, Lithuania

1991 – Tallinn

The 7th Baltic Stratigraphical Conference, organized jointly by the Institute of Geology at Tallinn University of Technology; the Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences, University of Tartu; and the Geological Survey of Estonia, will be held in Tallinn on 17–18 May 2008. There will be four pre- and post-conference field excursions on 15–16 May and 19–22 May 2008.

The 7th Baltic Stratigraphic Conference is an event of the **International Year of Planet Earth**, aiming at contributing to two scientific topics: *Earth & Life – the origins of diversity* and *Climate Change – the “stone tape”*. Moreover, the Conference has a special session of the IGCP Project 503: **Ordovician Palaeogeography and Palaeoclimate**.

All contributions related to geology and stratigraphy of the Baltic region are most welcome.

Depending on the interest and number of papers, different sessions will be held. The topics of primary interest include, but are not limited to:

- Regional stratigraphic schemes, correlation, and stratotypes
- Regional aspects of the international timescale
- Biostratigraphy, palaeontology, and biodiversification
- Sequence stratigraphy
- Quantitative stratigraphy
- Isotope stratigraphy
- Quaternary geology
- Ordovician palaeogeography and palaeoclimate (IGCP 503 session)
- Volcanic ash layers and their utility for stratigraphy, facies analyses, and diagenetic history research

If you wish to propose a special session or organize a workshop, please let the organizers know.

Important dates

- November 2007: Distribution of the Second Circular and registration
1 February 2008: Deadline for registration to excursions and applying for support
1 March 2008: Deadline for abstracts, registration, and payment of regular fee
15–16 May 2008: Excursion A: Ordovician and Silurian bentonites of Estonia
16 May 2008: Arrival, Ice-breaker
17–18 May 2008: Scientific sessions
19 May 2008: Excursion B: Ordovician of northeastern Estonia
20–22 May 2008: Excursion C: Silurian of Saaremaa Island
20–22 May 2008: Excursion D: Devonian of southern Estonia
1 July 2008: Deadline for submission of papers for the special volume of the *Estonian Journal of Earth Sciences*

Venue and accommodation

The conference will be held in the hotel Dzingel. Accommodation and lunches will be arranged therein and this is also where the excursions depart. Address of the hotel: Männiku tee 89, 11213 Tallinn, Estonia; <http://www.dzingel.ee>. The prices for rooms are as follows: single room EUR 34; double room EUR 46; triple room EUR 57. The price includes buffet breakfast, morning and evening sauna, and all taxes. All rooms have bathrooms, cable TV, telephone, etc; WiFi Internet is available in some rooms (hopefully in all rooms by May 2008) and in the lobby.

NB! The accommodation will be booked by the organizers based on your registration form data but has to be paid by the participants upon arrival (by credit card or cash).

Presentations

The official language of the conference will be English. All talks will have 15+5 minutes.

Student presentation contest

All talks and posters by students will take part in contest for the best presentation. Awards are to be announced.

Abstracts and publication

The length of abstracts is limited to one A4 page, single-spaced, 12 pt serif font (such as Times New Roman), with 2.5 cm margins. Please submit abstracts by e-mail to 7bsc@gi.ee.

All participants are also encouraged to submit papers for the *conference volume* to be published as a special issue of the *Estonian Journal of Earth Sciences*. Please check the guidelines for authors of the journal at <http://www.kirj.ee/earthsciences>

Excursions

Four excursions are planned to cover Cambrian to Devonian rocks of Estonia. Please note that the excursions will only take place when there is sufficient interest. Please check the conference website for detailed excursions programme in early 2008.

Registration

Please find the registration form at our website, fill in and send it by e-mail to 7bsc@gi.ee or by fax to +372 620 3011.

Conference fees

Regular registration fee (to be paid before 1 March 2008): EUR 100

Late registration fee (after 1 March 2008): EUR 150. Student fee: EUR 50

Conference Dinner (18 May 2008): EUR 30

Excursion A: Ordovician and Silurian bentonites (15–16 May 2008): EUR 100

Excursion B: Ordovician of northeastern Estonia (19 May 2008): EUR 50

Excursion C: Silurian of Saaremaa Island (20–22 May 2008): EUR 250

Excursion D: Devonian of southern Estonia (20–21 May 2008): EUR 200

The registration fee will cover attendance in all sessions, coffee-breaks, lunches, ice-breaker party, and conference abstract volume.

Organizers

The conference will be jointly organized by the Estonian Commission on Stratigraphy, the Geological Society of Estonia, the Institute of Geology at Tallinn University of Technology, the Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences, University of Tartu, and the Geological Survey of Estonia.

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