



European Symposium on Spatial Planning Approaches towards Sustainable River Basin Management

The Arctic Centre. Photo: Timo Lindholm/Fotoplan

Rovaniemi, Finland, 14-15 May 2007

First Announcement and Call for Papers

Organised by the project

***WATERSKETCH - Principles, tools and systems to extend
and harmonise spatial planning on water courses in the
Baltic Sea Region***

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the partners of Baltic Sea Region INTERREG III B project *Watersketch*, the organising committee is pleased to invite you to the ***European Symposium on Spatial Planning Approaches to Sustainable River Basin Management***. The symposium will take place at the Arctic Circle in ***Rovaniemi, Finland, on 14-15 May 2007***, when the spring is coming to Lapland.

The overall aim of the symposium is to present and discuss some of the cross-cutting issues on spatial planning approaches to sustainable river basin management, and also to present the results of the Watersketch project. Both scientific and practical approaches will be handled in the symposium. The symposium welcomes river basin managers, environmental and spatial planners, consultants, researchers, teachers and authorities working with the themes of the symposium, as well as any interested persons. We look forward to meet you in Rovaniemi in May 2007!

More information of the Watersketch project and the symposium is available at the project's website www.watersketch.net.

THEMES

Main themes to be presented and discussed in the symposium are:

- European legislation on water courses and spatial planning
- Approaches to sustainable river basin management
- Decision-support tools and systems related to river basin planning
- Public participation and the Water Framework Directive
- Environmental data management
- GIS in river basin management and planning

Contributions on other topics related to sustainable river basin management are also welcome.

VENUE

The symposium will be held at the *Arctic Centre* in the heart of city of Rovaniemi in Finnish Lapland near the Arctic Circle. The *Arctic Centre* is a research and science centre with multidisciplinary research, science centre exhibitions, information service and a library. The centre is a part of the University of Lapland. The building of the centre, so called *Arktikum*, is located on the banks of the river Ounasjoki and is one of Lapland's most visited tourist attractions. More information of the venue is available at <http://www.arcticcentre.org/>

Arctic Centre
Pohjoisranta 4
FIN-96100 ROVANIEMI
Finland

LANGUAGE

The language of the symposium is English.

PARTICIPATION FEE

There is no participation fee for the symposium. Materials, meals and coffee will be offered for participants during the symposium for free.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

All interested contributors are invited to submit their inputs to the symposium either as abstracts or as full-paper versions. All submissions must be sent to the symposium secretariat by e-mail to the address mika.visuri@ymparisto.fi by **31 January, 2007**.

1. Abstract submission of scientific or practical approaches (500-1000-word manuscript). High-quality submissions will be accepted for oral or poster presentations at the symposium and provide the opportunity to stimulate discussions and exchange novel ideas. Papers must be written in English according to the formatting guidelines, which are available at www.watersketch.net. All contributors should note, that **these abstracts will be published only in the proceedings of the symposium**. The organising committee does not expect authors to write full-papers based on the abstracts accepted after the submission deadline of 31 January 2007. **If a contributor is willing to send a full-paper and to offer it for publishing in a scientific journal, he/she should follow instructions below.**

2. Full-paper submission of original and unpublished fundamental scientific research (maximum 6000-word manuscript). High-quality scientific submissions will be peer-reviewed and upon acceptance will be presented at the symposium. **The selected papers might be published in a special issue of the journal "Management of Environmental Quality"**. Papers must be written in English according to the guidelines from the publisher, which can be downloaded at the website of Watersketch project at www.watersketch.net or at www.emeraldinsight.com/info/journals/meq/sample.jsp (requires registration).

In addition, **authors submitting full-papers should deliver abstracts (maximum 1000 words) based on their papers to be published in the proceedings of the symposium**. The formatting guidelines of abstracts are available at www.watersketch.net.

SCHEDULE

If you plan to submit an abstract or a full-paper, please note the following schedule:

Abstract and full-paper submission deadline	31 January 2007
Acceptance of submissions	15 February 2007
Draft programme of the symposium	1 March 2007
Camera-ready abstract copies	31 March 2007
Final programme of the symposium	15 April 2007
Seminar	14-15 May 2007

REGISTRATION

All participants are kindly asked to make their **registration by using the on-line registration form at www.watersketch.net**.

The on-line registration is possible between 1 December 2006 – 27 March 2007. Please note, that after the final date of registration the organising committee can not guarantee accommodation at the hotel mentioned below with special prices.

ACCOMODATION

We have reserved a limited number of rooms for the seminar participants at the hotel Clarion Santa Claus in walking distance (about 1 km) from the seminar venue in Rovaniemi city centre.

Clarion Hotel Santa Claus
Korkalonkatu 29
FIN-96200 Rovaniemi
Finland
www.hotelsantaclaus.fi

The room prices including breakfast are:

- * single room €69 / night
- * double room €79 / night.

These special prices are valid on 13-16 May 2007. The participants should make the room reservations to the mail address congress@arktikum.fi. You should note, that **the reservations should be made on 27 March 2007 at the latest**. Later, we can not guarantee the accommodation in this hotel any longer.

In the reservation following matters have to be mentioned:

- * code: RC/SYKE
- * dates of arrival and departure
- * room type: single or double
- * the name(s) of guest(s)

All participants have to pay their accommodation to the hotel. The most common credit cards are accepted.

TRAVELLING

There are several daily flights and trains from Helsinki to Rovaniemi. More information of flight connections is available at www.finnair.fi, www.scandinavian.net or www.blue1.fi. More information of train connections can be found at www.vr.fi.

CITY OF ROVANIEMI

Rovaniemi is the capital of State Province of Lapland with good traffic connections and services for both for inhabitants and visitors. Rovaniemi is international, developing city of business, administration and education. The city and its surroundings also offer a lot of attractions for tourist and other visitors.

There are ca. 58 000 inhabitants in the city. With its 8 000 km², Rovaniemi has the biggest land area of all European cities!

More information can be found at www.rovaniemi.fi.

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