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Spring time is approaching!

It is nice to hear the birds and feel the sun – lovely spring time! It's a good time to enjoy a new issue of the BUP newsletter! As always I'm happy to be able to share with you a lot of interesting news from the Programme and I'm especially pleased to welcome a new BUP Member University: The Ternopil National Economic University (THEU) in Ukraine. The Programme currently has in total 84 member universities in 12 countries: Poland 26, Finland 7, Sweden 11, Ukraine 12, Belarus 7, Russia 3, Germany 4, Estonia 4, Latvia 5, Lithuania 2, Czech Republic 2, Slovakia 1. Let's strive for 100 members in 2020!

We are about to plan for upcoming events this year as well for 2020. Next year will be a special year for BUP – we will arrange the first BUP symposium ever:



Save the week, August 24th, 2020, for BUP Symposium 2020

Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region

www.balticuniv.uu.se, #bupsymposium2020



Already now make a note in your calendar **24-28th of August 2020 in Visby, the island of Gotland in Sweden**. In this issue we tell about our exciting plans and invite You to contribute! We are first and foremost looking for researchers from our Member Universities who would like to make a 15 minutes presentation on ongoing or recently conducted research findings, so **please help us spread the word**.

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we have had a change in the BUP presidency, Estonia is taking the lead January to June. A special thanks to the Polish BUP team and colleagues for the previous presidency period – great job! The following main activities have been conducted or will be held close in time, some examples:

- The Swedish Institute granted project EduBUP has had it's first work shop in Tallinn, Estonia. Thank's to: Centre Director Tatjana Polajeva for practical arrangements and to Swedish and Estonian colleagues working with the content of the program, which was successfully conducted as the evaluation shows, *read more in this issue*.
- BUP Teachers' course on ESD in Higher Education, second workshop, in Tallinn, Estonia, organized by the Finnish BUP team, *read more in this issue*.
- The Finnish team has represented BUP in the policy oriented project "The Baltic Science Network". In February the closing conference of the project was held in Riga in February, *read more in this issue*.
- The closest in time upcoming BUP event is the student conference 25-28th of April in Estonia. It was an unusual large number of students who applied this year – 191 students! Let's hope this is a sign of a trend shift. This is the result of Good Team work – thanks to Pontus Ambros, our new co-worker, project assistant at the BUP coordinating secretariat at Uppsala University and the 12 centre directors, let's keep the good spirit up for coming events.
- There have already been several working meetings for organizing and planning the BUP Symposium 2020: "Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region", *read more in this issue*.
- The first meeting in the Swedish Institute granted project "Internationalization in practice – Two steps – Ukraine, Belarus, Sweden, will be held the 27-29th of May in Uppsala. All 12 BUP member universities in Ukraine have applied, eight universities from Belarus and another eight from Sweden, *read more in this issue*.
- BUP is about to establish a PhD Supervisor Collegium, *read more in this issue*.

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Later on in June and July, we have a lot of arrangements planned:

- The conference in Tatra National Park, Poland, Sustainable Water Resources Management in high mountains in the Baltic Sea Region
- The BUP Centre Directors meeting which will be held in Gdansk, Poland the 10-11 of June
- BUP attendance at the 10th Annual Forum EUSBSR, and also related to that we have 10 places for students for the Baltic Sea Region Youth Camp (BSRYC).
- The 14th of June the BUP Board Meeting will be held in Uppsala, Sweden.

In the new BUP Calendar you will have an overview of all BUP events on annual basis, see further on in this issue. New activities are being updated on regular basis on the BUP website.

As some of you might already have noticed, the Baltic University Programme is being revamped. This is a continuous task, but is a focus point this semester. I proudly present the new BUP Communication Material that we have been working on the latest months. The BUP logo is updated, the finish BUP web site is new, there is a new portfolio of brochures, posters, flyers, new colors and font – which represent the generation shift within BUP. This new material and style is from now on the new profile for marketing and recognizing BUP. We hope this will help spread the word about our Programme as a step in supporting building strong educational and research communities.



In 2018 we launched Research Notes on the website and a Research notes Letter to be spread within the Programme. I'm very pleased that we are receiving more and more contributions to disseminate. It is our belief that our readers find the research at the BUP member universities interesting. I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to contribute to our Research Notes via the section on the web site. The aim is to spread both research findings and the knowledge about researchers within the Programme. This is an opportunity to both contribute to the development of BUP research initiatives and co-operations, as well as a way for you to spread research findings and information. Please use this link when submitting your contribution: <http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/51-research-notes-form>.



We are also about to add research profiles to present researchers at BUP member universities for each Theme that you will find on the website. This is how it will look like:

We encourage you to fill in your data in the very simple form You will soon find on the website.


All from now, and all the best. Wish you a fantastic academic spring time!



PhD, Associate Professor **Madeleine Granvik**
 Researcher
 Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Keywords: food planning, spatial planning, agricultural land, local food, local food systems, alternative food systems

Research profile: Research Gate [Madeleine Granvik](#).





Madeleine Granvik
 Director, Associated Professor

Establishment of BUP PhD Supervisor Collegium

Since six years back BUP has arranged on annual basis PhD Students Training "Interdisciplinary-Multicultural-International" in Poland. Now it is time to develop the existing mentorship model in the annual PhD training, where each PhD student get input from an external mentor during the training. The idea is that this model can be developed as mentorship during the full/part of PhD period, or as a possibility for the PhD students to get a formal co-supervisor from another university in the Baltic Sea Region. During 2019 we will establish a Collegium of a few colleagues, which will run as a pilot project, quite small scale during this first year. In December we will evaluate how it is working. We will arrange meetings and seminars for PhD supervisors and PhD students to exchange knowledge and experience, eg: in the role being a good supervisor; it serves as a forum for support, mediation of supervision; to encourage researchers to take the role being co-supervisor and/or mentor for PhD students at other Member Universities within BUP; and for PhD students to present and discuss their thesis with other PhD students and supervisors/mentors.

Interests to participate so far are from some of the PhD students (in their second year) that attended the last PhD Students Training 2018 and their supervisors (Lithuania, Germany, Ukraine, Belarus, Poland) as well as PhD students and colleagues at Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. Södertörn University, Sweden will join and also support this effort with resources.

Except from this activity targeting PhD students and supervisors the following events will be offered for PhD students during 2019:

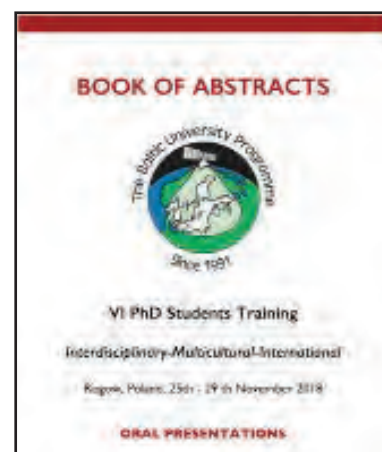
- -PhD International Conference the 7th of Sept. at Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. Subject areas: Multifunctional agriculture, environment and rural development, Applied and molecular biology, Agrobiotechnologies, Plant Production, Technology, quality and safety of raw materials and foodstuffs of plant origin, Technology, quality and safety of raw materials and foodstuffs of animal origin, Human nutrition, Animal Production.
- PhD Students Training in Rogow, Poland, 24-28 of Nov.

These events will be announced later on at the BUP website

Book of abstracts from the 6th PhD students training in Rogow

As of last years PhD training in Rogow, Poland, The Baltic University Programme now publishes a book of abstracts materials from the the participating PhD students.

You can read the book of abstracts via our web site: <http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/public/bup-events/current-events/6th-bup-phd-students-training>. In this issue 23 students of the participating 26 students, from seven different countries participate with material from various research areas. The level of presentations from the students were exceptionally high and robust discussions.





BUP Symposium 2020: Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region

In August 24 - 28 2020 The Baltic University Programme will arrange the first BUP symposium in order to highlight the research conducted in the region within our focus areas. The symposium will take place in Visby, Sweden, on Campus Gotland, Uppsala University. Below you will find our preliminary agenda. To complete this, we invite our colleagues from our Member Universities to participate and discuss suggestions for further arrangement.

Monday 24 August

- Registration open 9.00-17.00
- SAIL for students conference arrive in Visby - Student exhibition on the ship open to the public
- BUP Centre Directors meeting, 12.00-17.00

Possible parallel activities:

- Supervisor Collegium meeting, BUP internal
- Meeting course modules, BUP internal

Public events:

- Work shop Sustainable Campus German network
- ESD Learning Lab, SWEDESD, Uppsala University
- Event XXX Member UNiversity
- Event XXX Member UNiversity
- Formal opening of the BUPSYPHOSEUM2020 17.00. Welcome speech, mingle and cocktail reception. Maybe in the harbour and on the ship?



Tuesday 25 August

-9.00-17.00 Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region – 15 min. presentations of ongoing research at BUP member universities

- Rectors lunch onboard SAIL, 12.00
- Rectors meeting onboard SAIL (trip), 13.00 - 17.00
- Rectors dinner; 19.00

Wednesday 26 August

-9.00-17.00 Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Baltic Sea Region – 15 min. presentations of ongoing research at BUP member universities

-5th World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities. Arrival and set-up of displays, key note speech and cocktail reception for the WL Symposium (WSSD-U-2020). It will focus on "Universities, Sustainability and Society: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals", 16:00-18:00



BUP Symposium 2020 *continued*

Thursday 27 August

-WSSD-U-2020:

Session 1, Innovations in the Curriculum and in Research

Session 2, Collaborative Community Partnerships and Engagement

Session 3, Cooperation between universities and social groups

Session 4, Comprehensive approaches to Sustainable Development: the integration of Curriculum, Research and Operations

Session 5, Student Participation and Engagement in Sustainability Issues

-9.00-12.00 Part 1, parallel sessions 1-5

-13.00-17.00 Part 2, parallel sessions 1-5

Friday 28 August

-9.00-12.00 Part 3, parallel sessions 1-5

-13.00-14.30 Part 4, parallel sessions 1-5



QR-code
for updated
calendar
of the BUP
Symposium

Tuesday

Climate change & Environment 9-12	Urban-Rural 9-12	Transport 13-17	Circular economy 13-17
Pres. 1 Key note?	Pres. 1	Pres. 1	Pres. 1
Pres. 2	Pres. 2	Pres. 2	Pres. 2
Pres. 3	Pres. 3	Pres. 3	Pres. 3
Pres. 4	Pres. 4	Pres. 4	Pres. 4
Pres. 5	Pres. 5	Pres. 5	Pres. 5
Work shop/seminar 10.30-12.00			Work shop/seminar 15.30-17.00

Wednesday

Energy 9-12	Food 9-12	Water 13-16	ESD 13-16
Pres. 1	Pres. 1	Pres. 1	Pres. 1 Key note?
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			Work shop/seminar 14.30-16.00

EduBUP

- The first workshop

EduBUP is all about “Re-thinking of pedagogy for implementing education for sustainable development in the Baltic University Programme countries”, a project granted from the Swedish Institute. The project is a partnership of The Baltic University Programme Coordinating Secretariat together with ten other partners in the region. The focus of the project, which is on the changing curriculum and teachers’ methods, is important not only as a means to implement sustainable development, but also to attract students to the universities. The Change project Approach is the main method being used.

The participants of the 17 project groups presented their ambitious project plans and ideas on what they would like to change or develop regarding ESD at their respective universities. And this is just the beginning – they will work hard and

they will meet to follow up and present the results in a few months. We wish them luck and fruitful work!



Photo by: Natalia Ramult



The content of the workshop was presented by the joint work of SWEDESD at Uppsala University and STATERA in Estonia. The Baltic University Programme extends thanks to our partner organizations and their representatives Dr. Shepherd Urenje and Dr. Rea Raus for preparing the workshop.



Besides the project itself the participants appreciated the possibility to meet and establish contacts with the colleagues from countries in the Baltic Sea Region, and to acquire new knowledge and inspiration for future local work.

No workshop will be successful without practical arrangements. The accommodation and venue was chosen by BUP Center Director in Estonia, Prof. Tatjana Polajeva, representing Euroacademy. The participants were grateful for her professionalism and hospitality, as well as for the wonderful guided tour around Tallinn Old City, which will not be forgotten.



Note: The EduBUP is a project led by the BUP Coordinating Secretariat, aimed at developing the internationalization and re-thinking the pedagogy for implementing education for sustainable development in the region. The content and learning process is designed and implemented by SWEDESD - the SWEDESD Change project Approach is used. The project is coordinated and administrated by the Baltic University Programme at Uppsala University, with financial support from the Swedish Institute.

BSN final conference

22 - 23 February 2019, the project Baltic Science Network had its final conference in Riga, Latvia. The BUP was represented by the Finnish BUP team and were able to take part of some interesting discussions and conclusions. Below, please find the lessons learned, shared by Paula Lindroos.

The Baltic Science Network (BSN, baltic-science.org) project started in 2016. The aim of the project was to provide science and research ministries of the Baltic Sea region states with an overall coordination framework to develop and implement science policy in a macro-regional dimension and to ensure a better representation of macro-regional interests on the EU level. The role of BUP in this project was to voice the opinions of the universities, and this has been done in surveys and workshops. The outcomes are presented in the latest BSN report: Baltic Science Network – Learning Experiences (<http://www.baltic-science.org/index.php/publications>).

The outcomes from the BUP-opinions were compressed into six recommendations:

1. Focus on the most pressing societal and research challenges, and with the involvement of as many BSR countries as possible. Increase the exchange of students within these scientific areas.
2. Networking in academic training at MSc and PhD levels is likely to be more productive than trying to lure established researchers to come along. Young researchers, participating in summer schools, workshops and conferences recognize good laboratories with good equipment and establish contacts early in their careers.
3. Harmonize the mobility opportunities and diversify mobility tools in the Baltic Sea Region.
4. The Baltic Sea Region definitely needs strong internal and external promotion programs.
5. Secure a good national level of basic research funding and secure an excellent higher education.
6. Bridge the gaps between EU and non-EU countries, and so increase the potential of research within the BSR.

As the BSN project now ends, there are different options for the continuation of the network. One option is provided by an application to INTERREG Baltic Sea Region for an extension stage of the BSN, with focus on mobility. Åbo Akademi University and the Finnish BUP-centre is again partner in this application.

Celebrations in Åbo/Turku, Finland

Dear all BUP friends,

The Grand Lady of BUP, Paula Lindroos, once again try to leave BUP for a retired life. She has tried this before, but returned every time. However, now the final retirement age is here. Perhaps this will mean more time for her husband and dog instead of spending the afternoons here at the office. The Baltic Science Network Project mentioned above has ended, so the timing is good.

The 20th of March, a celebration with sparkling and cake was held for her at the Centre for Lifelong Learning in Åbo/Turku. Greetings from colleagues the Programme was sent to Paula. She was happy over the nice words, pictures and the little film clip from the Uppsala team.



Wishing the BUP a successful future



Paula Lindroos, former director (2011-14) and vice-director (1999-2002) at the BUP coordinating secretariat at Uppsala University, and BUP centre director at Åbo Akademi University (1991-2018) is now retiring. Below read her greeting.

When leaving an organisation you have been involved in for a long time you have an opportunity to look in the rear-view mirror and to make some reflections. I have had the opportunity to see the BUP network and activities develop during almost three decades. The growth and the development have been immense, in every aspect. Drivers for change have appeared from many directions, such as the evolving concept of sustainable development, the social and political situation in the Baltic Sea Region and the introduction and development of educational technology.

The doing-together-approach has been an important feature of the BUP. This was apparent already from the very first years when courses and learning materials were produced and expertise and examples were identified in the whole region. The most extreme example to mention is the book *Environmental Science* from 2003, with contributions from about 80 researchers in the region. At the same time these materials filled an apparent lack, as they were the first with focus on the environment and sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region. Later on, the universities' needs regarding learning materials have changed, towards the production of smaller modules, which teachers and students can download. Research and research cooperation have become strategically important activities in BUP. The network adjusts to the needs of its members.

The BUP network has developed into "more than the sum of its members", with a big value in itself. It has become an important platform for cooperation, projects and policy. Students, teachers, researchers and leaders at universities are all invited to conferences, courses and other common activities. Members can find partners for projects in this unique, multi-disciplinary network. The broad core theme of BUP, sustainable development, itself calls for cooperation in multi-disciplinary and multi-stakeholder partnerships.

Over the years the support from Uppsala University and the Ministry of Education and Culture in Sweden has been invaluable for the BUP network. Maybe not so widely known is the support from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture during many years for the BUP and for the activities for education for sustainable development in higher education. This financial responsibility is continued by Åbo Akademi University. Without these above mentioned financial commitments, as well as the support from many Member Universities and through projects we would today not have the BUP we know.

Finally, however, it is the committed persons, be it students, teachers, researchers, rectors, experts, colleagues and project partners, who keep the BUP network living and successful. My warmest thanks and thoughts go to all of you. It has been a big privilege to meet and work with you over the years in BUP. Now I warmly welcome Cecilia Lundberg to lead the BUP associate secretariat and centre at Åbo Akademi University!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paula Lindroos', written on a white background.

BUP students activities 2019

10 Student activities open for students from BUP Member Universities

1. Student conference on Sustainable Consumption and Circular Economy, in Estonia 25-28 April
2. Annual forum EUBSR 12-13 June och BSRYC 8-11 June, in Gdansk, Poland
3. Sea Yawl 28 stud. 28 juli - 5 August, in Kaliningrad, Russia
4. SAIL for students, 4-16 August
5. Regeneration 2030 (co-organized by BUP) - Changing Climate Changing Lifestyles! 24-26 Augusti 2019, application deadline 15 April
6. Summer school, "Sustainability Innovations in a Circular Economy", in Lviv, Ukraine
7. XIV International scientific and practical conference on current environmental issues, hosted by Bialystok University, Poland in cooperation with Grodno State University, Belarus.
8. PhD int. conference 7th of Sept. at Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia
9. PhD student training in Rogow, Poland, 24-28 November
10. PhD Supervisor Collegium including PhD Students, pilot project during 2019

New SAIL coordinator

I am Dr. Dominika Stygar, a researcher and assistant professor currently working at the Medical University of Silesia, Poland. I have been cooperating with BUP since 2004 as a teacher during students SAIL course and as an assistant of the mentor of Environmental Science course. Starting from 2010-2016 I acted as onboard coordinator of Student's SAIL and starting from 2013 also supported BUP center in Abo Akademi in preparation for SAIL for teachers. This year, I joined the BUP team in Uppsala in order to coordinate the SAIL 2019 conference. Welcome on board!



Internationalization in practice – Sweden, Ukraine and Belarus

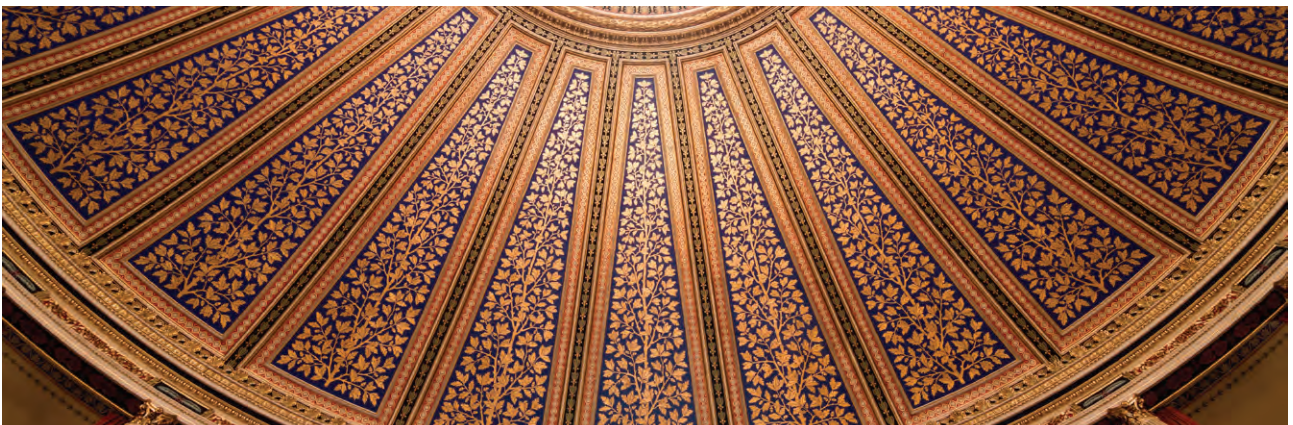
Based on 28 years of experience in collaboration within BUP, we see that there is little contact, communication and continuous cooperation with international offices at each Member University in the BUP. We believe that in order to create the best conditions for successful internationalization, the cooperation between the respective universities international offices needs to be strengthened.

Therefore the Coordinating Secretariat of BUP at Uppsala University did apply for a special project grant from the Swedish Institute to develop a program aimed at strengthening internationalization and cooperation with the countries of the Eastern Partnership (EaP), Belarus and Ukraine. The application was granted, and we now hope to support our Member Universities in Belarus and Ukraine establishing contact and cooperation with Swedish universities as well as strengthen Swedish universities' competence about Belarus and Ukraine.

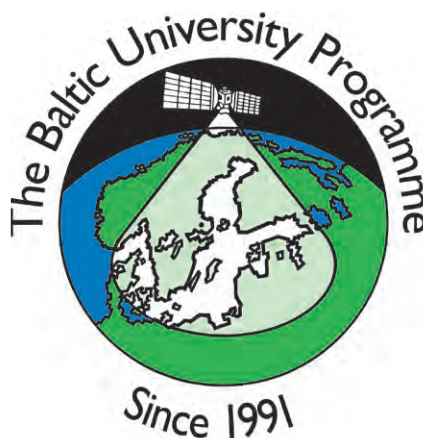
The project is called “Two steps: Internationalization in practice – Sweden, Ukraine, Belarus“, and we invited head of international office/ vice rectors on international cooperation/Erasmus coordinators or persons occupying similar positions to apply. So far, all 12 Member Universities in Ukraine have applied to be a partner in the project, and eight universities in Belarus and another eight in Sweden - great!

The project includes two steps. The first meeting will be held 27-29th of May in Uppsala. It will focus on the familiarization with the internationalization work at the universities that participate from Ukraine, Belarus and Sweden. We see this project as an opportunity both to create cooperation with and between our member universities but also with other non-member universities in these three countries. Furthermore this is a chance to gain knowledge about the conditions for internationalization work in the three different countries, as well as the opportunity to initiate concrete projects/activities that in the long term can lead to more extensive collaborations. The participants will be able to meet and discuss how concrete cooperations can look like. A result of the first step will be action plans on how to achieve goals/plans for cooperation during and after the project.

The second step in fall 2019 will be a follow up meeting, reporting on the steps that has been done to improve conditions for long term cooperation.



Updated: BUP logo



As you may have noticed, the BUP logo has been updated to better explain our history and future aim. A decision was made to keep the image with the satellite in the middle of the logo as this is a big part of the BUP legacy: an innovative way of teaching and cooperate. For those of You who may not know it, in the 90's the BUP set up satellite arrangements, which was very novel at the time. The part of the logo that has been changed is the text surrounding the image. It now states the name of the organization and the founding year. This is to underline that we have existed for a while, and to be clear about our name: The Baltic University Programme (before the text use to be: The Baltic University, A regional University Network. Comments: could be confusing since we are not a Baltic University as such, and we are not a network either as such, but a University Programme and within that we do network).

For an organization to be regarded in positive terms it is important for communication materials be consistent, both in visuals and in content. Should You want to use any BUP materials, we therefore ask to use the updated versions. If You have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate get in touch! For resources, please visit our web site: <http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/public/about-us/pr-materials>

Quick guide to BUP layout

Logotype

Always use the logo per 2019. May be used with black text or white text. Placement where best suited the material.

Name

Always use "The Baltic University Programme", or in some cases the shortened version "BUP" or even "The Programme".

Font

Use Berling for text or Gill Sans for headlines.

Color

Red: CMYK:0,91,72,23

RGB: 153,0,0

Green: CMYK:51,16,100,66

RGB:42,73,0

Used toned to 20%

Blue: CMYK: 92,76,29,13

RGB:33,57,101



Updated: BUP communication materials

During 2018 a plan was made to update the BUP communication materials, of which the logo is a (central) part. In the past months the materials below have been developed and produced. These are all based on the new BUP graphics, which is from now on important to use when our Programme is the sender. Some of the information on the graphic you can find on page 14, this Newsletter. Further instructions is found via our web page/resources. This is also where you can find electronic versions of the material and the electronic materials such as BUP-power-point-presentations etc.

Printed materials

- Broschure - BUP information
- Broschure - BUP membership
- Broschure - BUP research initiatives
- BUP Calendar 2019
- SAIL/BUP student activities postcard
- Save-the-date-flyer-BUP-Symposium-2020

Electronic materials

- PPT - short, and long version
- Film - on BUP
- One-pager - BUP information
- One-pager - BUP membership
- One-pager - BUP research initiatives
- Letter – template
- Poster - templates
- Report - template





The Baltic University Programme

2019

This calendar shows main BUP events planned as per April 2019. For more and updated info on our events, follow the QR-code to the right, or go to www.balticuniv.uu.se.

Who we are
Being innovative by its nature, the Baltic University Programme (BUP) strives since its foundation in 1991 to find novel ways of interaction and cooperation among universities by promoting openness, internationalization and mobility.

BUP events list
28-30 January
EduBUP First Regional Workshop
22-23 February
BSN Closing Conference
6-8 March
BUP Teachers course on ESD in Higher Education II
25-28 April
BUP Students Conference
27-29 May
Internationalization in Practice, first meeting in Uppsala
8-11 June
Baltic Sea Region Youth Camp (BSRYC)
10-13 June
Sustainable Water Resources Management in high mountains in the Baltic Sea Region
10 - 11 June
BUP Centre Directors meeting in Gdansk
12-13 June
10th Annual Forum EUSSSR
14 June
BUP Board Meeting in Uppsala
26 June - 3 July
SAIL for Teachers
4-5 July
Universities and Climate Change: Understanding and managing the extreme impacts of climate change
31 July - 5 August
Student Sea Yawl Voyage in Kaliningrad
4-16 August
SAIL for Students
3-7 September
Summer School

BUP events list

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BUP events list cont.
10-11 September
Accelerating the Implementation of Sustainable Development in the Curriculum
7-10 October
Baltic Maritime Forum in Kaliningrad
8 - 11 October
EduBUP, workshop II in Gdansk
24 - 28 November
PhD training course in Rogow
7 November
International scientific conference for PhD students in Nitra
November
BUP Centre Directors meeting
December
BUP Board meeting



Research Notes Letter celebrates one year!

The Baltic University Programme's Research Notes Letter celebrates one year in the beginning of 2019. We are very pleased that it is picking up and receiving more and more contributions from around our programme, and we hope that our readers find the research interesting. The Research Notes on our web site and the Research Notes Letter is a part of an initiative to support research co-operation and researchers at our Member Universities. The initiatives are based on inputs and discussions among colleagues in the Programme.

The aim with the Research Notes is to spread research findings and knowledge about researchers and research groups at the BUP Member Universities. The Research Notes are collected in a Research Notes Letter that is regularly disseminated to Member Universities, and other universities and stakeholders in society. This is not only an opportunity to both contribute to the development of BUP research efforts and co-operations, as well as a way for You to spread your research findings and information, but also a service to our Member Universities. We welcome scientific publications from year 2016 and forward: peer review articles, book chapters, proceedings, and dissertations regarding the BUP themes: Climate Change, Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), Circular Economy and Urban-Rural Development, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Food Production & Consumption, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Water Resources.



As an example of how the Research Notes itself is catching on, is the downloading in the Urban-Rural Development section, with the top article being downloaded 2684 times (Granvik: Densification as a Planning Strategy). So please, take the opportunity to contribute to our Research Notes via the form on the web site: <http://www2.balticuniv.uu.se/bup-3/index.php/51-reseach-notes-form>.

Presentation of researchers within BUP

One of the aims within the Baltic University Programme is about leading to more visibility and cooperation among researchers. As a part of this, we would like to present researchers via publishing short presentations of individual researchers on our web site, under each of the Theme-headlines. We will therefore start to approach researchers (i.e. from a Member University, conducting research within our themes), but will of course, welcome any researchers sending us information beforehand! The information we plan to publish is:

- a) Academic title
- b) Position at university (e.g. researcher, senior lecturer, professor etc.)
- c) First name and last name
- d) Department
- e) University and University logotype
- f) Keywords (max 10)
- g) Link to researchgate or similar
- h) Photo

What we also would like to include in the research profile is the opportunity to be able to e-mail the presented researcher. The e-mail adress will not appear on the web site so as to avoid spam. See example to the right of how it may look. It is up to You to decide if You would accept this or not.

	<p>PhD, Associate Professor Madeleine Granvik Researcher Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences</p> <p>Keywords: food planning, spatial planning, agricultural land, local food, local food systems, alternative food systems</p> <p>Research profile: Research Gate Madeleine Granvik</p>	
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Sweden and the 2030 Agenda at the Lithuanian KTU

In the first week of April, exhibition "Accepting the challenge – Sweden and the 2030 Agenda" was opened at Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) Santaka Valley. The exhibition was organised by KTU and the Baltic University Programme (BUP) together with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden. The exhibition runs until April 26.

The exhibition is a part of Scandinavian Days organised by Kaunas Municipality, providing a chance to Kaunas people to get to know Scandinavian culture, life style, and business relations. "Accepting the challenge – Sweden and the 2030 Agenda" invites the public to get acquainted with the global sustainable development goals and introduces Swedish achievements in this field.

"I am very grateful to Kaunas city for the brilliant initiative of Scandinavian Days and for Kaunas University of Technology for the openness to the new ideas. University is the most fitted place for this exhibition and the academic community is the perfect audience for spreading sustainability ideas. ...I believe that each of us can contribute to solving these problems, and the main thing is that we are aiming to do this together. Only acting together, we can implement changes", said H.E. Ms Maria Christina Lundqvist, the Ambassador of Sweden in Lithuania during the exhibition's opening speech.

KTU Rector Professor Eugenijus Valatka emphasised the importance of sustainability in the context of development of innovations' ecosystem in Kaunas region. According to the Rector, sustainability must be the keyword in the discourse on any kind of development, as it is related to the future of human existence. He quoted the words of the 15-year-old sustainability activist from Sweden Greta Thunberg whose speech to the leaders of the United Nations Climate Change COP24 Conference was among the most impressive.

The initiator of the exhibition, Visvaldas Varžinskas, Associated Professor of KTU Institute of Environmental Engineering says that the main link between Kaunas city, KTU and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden is the Baltic University Programme (BUP). BUP is a network connecting 225 Baltic Sea region universities, coordinated by BUP Secretariat headquartered in Uppsala University in Sweden.



"KTU is an active member of the network, a founder of BUP Lithuanian National Centre. The main goal of the Baltic University Programme is to develop and to expand the ideas of sustainability, environmental protection and democracy in the Baltic Sea region. This exhibition is the perfect opportunity for the academic community and Kaunas residents to get more knowledge on the global sustainable development goals and Swedish achievements in this sphere", says Dr Varžinskas, Head of the BUP Lithuanian National Centre.

BUP Lithuanian National Centre (similar centres are operating in 12 countries of the Baltic Sea region) is a regional coordinator facilitating international research partnerships, inviting into international science and student conferences, organising summer schools, training sessions and other activities. The dissemination of sustainable development ideas is among the priorities in the Centre's activities.



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Have something to share?

The BUP Newsletter

The BUP Newsletter publishes materials on the BUP, its activities, and on sustainable development in the Baltic Sea Region. The newsletter is published four times per year and distributed by e-mail through the mailing-list. Comments, contributions, tips, and ideas are as always welcome, please contact Ulrika Klintberg at ulrika.klintberg@balticuniv.uu.se.

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New BUP Member University: Ternopil National Economic University

In spring 2019, we have the pleasure to welcome Ternopil National Economic University (TNEU) in the Baltic University Programme as a Member University. The university is situated in Ternopil, Ukraine and has about 24,000 students. To learn more about our newest member, follow the link to their (highly ranked) web site: <http://www.tneu.edu.ua/en/>



BUP Map

Cities with BUP universities as of January 2019. The line denotes the drainage area of the Baltic Sea Region where most BUP Member Universities are situated.

Red dots show the location of one or more Member Universities.

Blue dots show the location of the BUP National Centres.

Yellow dots show the location of Associated Secretariats.

The black dot shows the location of the BUP Coordinating Secretariat.

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