



**THE JUBILEE SESSION OF THE HELSINKI COMMISSION
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING OF THE
1974 HELSINKI CONVENTION**

**5 MARCH 2014
HELSINKI, FINLAND**

Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

MORNING SESSION

Scandic Marina Congress Center (MCC), Europaea hall, Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki, Finland

Exhibition on HELCOM work since 1974

Displayed in the lobby area in front of the Europaea meeting hall (MCC ground floor)

Jubilee Session chaired by Mrs. Helle Pilsgaard, HELCOM Chair

9:00-10:00 **Registration and breakfast buffet**
Lobby area by the meeting hall Europaea

10:00-11:00 **CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HELCOM COOPERATION**

Music performance by the improvisational ensemble Huima Laulu (Wild Song)

- Opening address by President Tarja Halonen
- *Solutions for improving the quality of the environment for all*
Keynote speech by Mr. Ville Niinistö, Minister of the Environment of Finland
- *40th Anniversary of Regional Seas Programme and HELCOM contribution to global agenda*
Speech by Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Head, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems Branch, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation of UNEP
- *Living up to our commitments for a healthy Baltic Sea*
Key messages by HELCOM Chair Mrs. Helle Pilsgaard

11:00-11:50 **THE BALTIC SEA: ECOSYSTEM AND PROSPERITY**

- *Health check for the Baltic Sea*
Presentation by Prof. Erik Bonsdorff, Åbo Akademi University
- *Eutrophication – reflections on the Baltic Sea Action Plan revision process and future challenges*
Presentation by Mr. Bo Gustafsson, Director of Baltic Nest Institute Sweden
- *Ecosystems services under magnifying glass*
Presentation by Mrs. Marianne Kettunen, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute of European Environmental Policy

11:50-12:20 **WORKING TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOALS**

A future-orientated dialogue between HELCOM, OSPAR, ICES, BONUS, EU and Russia moderated by Mrs. Pauli Merriman, WWF Baltic Programme

- Mrs. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of HELCOM
- Mr. Darius Campbell, Executive Secretary of OSPAR
- Mrs. Anne Christine Brusendorff, General Secretary of ICES
- Mrs. Kaisa Kononen, Executive Director of BONUS
- Mrs. Astrid Schomaker, Head of Unit, Environment DG, European Commission
- Mr. Nuritdin Inamov, Director of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation

A jubilee movie about HELCOM

Photo session and a glass of sparkling wine

12:30-13:30 **Buffet lunch**
Served in the lobby area by the meeting hall

CHAIR

HELLE PILSGAARD, HELCOM CHAIR

HELCOM Chair from July 2012 to June 2014

Deputy Director General at Danish Nature Agency, 2011 - present

Deputy Director General at Danish Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning, October 2007 - December 2010

Chairman of the Board at Danmarks Miljøportal (Miljøministeriet, KL og Danske Regioner), 2007 - 2010

Deputy Director General at Danish Environmental Protection Agency, December 2001 - October 2004

Different tasks at Danish EPA, the Ministry of Environment, 1984 - 2004

Københavns Universitet: Master of science, Biochemistry



MUSIC PERFORMANCE

HUIMA LAULU ENSEMBLE



Huima Laulu a.k.a. **Wild Song** ensemble was founded in 2006.

Lecturer Raili Honkanen-Korhonen put together a group of enthusiastic singers who started exploring the voice as an instrument. They use voice in an unconventional way making music in the moment. All singers have graduated or will graduate from Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences.

Singers: Raili Honkanen-Korhonen, Laura Eriksson, Tua Hakanpää, Linda Herranen, Heidi Ilves, Anu Kaukola and Anna Wiksten
Sound designer: Ilkka Rämä

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HELCOM COOPERATION

PRESIDENT TARJA HALONEN

Former President of the Republic of Finland

Born in 1943 Married, adult children

Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, 1968

President of the Republic of Finland 1.3.2000-1.3.2012

Minister for Foreign Affairs 1995-2000

Minister of Justice 1990-1991

Minister for Nordic Cooperation 1989-1991

Minister at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, incl. Minister for Equality 1987-1990

Member of Parliament 1979-2000

Chairman of the Parliamentary Grand Committee 1995-1995



Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Law Committee 1991-1994
Chairman of the Parliamentary Social Affairs Committee 1984-1986
Member of the Helsinki City Council 1977-1996
Prime Minister's parliamentary secretary 1974-1975
Lawyer with the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions SAK 1970-1974 and 1975-1979
Social Affairs Secretary and Organizational Secretary of the National Union of Finnish Students 1969-1970

President Halonen has held and holds various national and international honorary positions. She was, among others, Co-Chair of ILO's World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization (2002-2004) and Co-Chair of the UN High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (2010-2012) and is currently Co-Chair of the High-Level Task Force for ICPD (2012-), Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders (2009-), Member of the High Level Panel on Girls' and Women's Education for Empowerment and Gender Equality (2011-) and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights (2009-), where she also served as Member of the Board from 2006 to 2009. In Finland President Halonen has been Chair and Member of the Board of Directors of the International Solidarity Foundation.

President Halonen holds 17 honorary degrees from universities, including from her alma mater Helsinki University.

VILLE NIINISTÖ, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF FINLAND



Minister of the Environment, 22 June 2011 to present
Party Leader, Master of Social Sciences, Member of Parliament, Green League

Date and place of birth: 30 July 1976, Turku
Place of residence: Turku

Green League, Party Leader, 2011 to present
Green League, Deputy Party Leader, 2005–2007
Member of Parliament, 2007 to present
Green League parliament group, 2nd Vice Chair 2007–2009, Chair 2009 to present
Researcher, 2006–2007
Full-time postgraduate student, 2005–2006

Researcher, project on the history of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs during President Kekkonen's terms, University of Turku, Department of Contemporary History / Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 2004–2005
Researcher, University of Turku, 2003–2004

Secretary for Academic Affairs, part-time rapporteur ad int., Student Union of the University of Turku, 2001–2003

Stand-in teacher, trainee, University of Turku, Department of Contemporary History, 2000

University trainee, Embassy of Finland, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2000

Forklift driver, Felix Abba 1997–1999

Town of Kaarina, Environment Committee, Chair 2001–2004

Association for students studying political history and political science at the University of Turku, 1998

DR. JACQUELINE ALDER, HEAD, FRESHWATER AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS BRANCH, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IMPLEMENTATION, UNEP



Jackie Alder is the Coordinator of the Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Branch at UNEP. She has been with UNEP for just over one year, and her role is to develop and strengthen UNEPs Marine and Coastal Program.

Before joining UNEP, Jackie was a Marine and Fisheries Policy Analyst and Researcher at the Fisheries Centre at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada (2001-2008) and Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia (1995-2001).

She has published numerous articles in a range of peer-reviewed journals, books and co-authored the popular book Coastal Planning and Management. She has worked extensively on coral reef island communities and marine-protected area management and has keen appreciation of the impacts of climate change on oceans and coast, as well as what the future holds for marine and coastal communities.

Jackie is a dual citizen of Australia and Canada. She obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) in Canada and a PhD. (Marine-Protected Area Management) in Australia.

THE BALTIC SEA: ECOSYSTEM AND PROSPERITY

PROFESSOR ERIK BONSDORFF, ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY

Erik Bonsdorff is professor of marine biology at the department of biosciences, Åbo Akademi University. He has been active within Baltic Sea marine research since the late 1970s, and published over 100 international papers within marine biology and ecology in relation to the environmental conditions of the sea.

His main fields of interest include long-term and large-scale changes of the ecosystem (climate change, eutrophication, hypoxia etc) as well as aspects of structural and functional marine biodiversity and food web ecology of coastal waters. He has also worked in multidisciplinary projects linking aspects of ecology and governance of the sea.



Erik Bonsdorff has served on numerous national and international expert advisory panels within marine environmental ecology as well as academic evaluation boards.

BO GUSTAFSSON, DIRECTOR, BNI SWEDEN



Bo Gustafsson is Director in BNI Sweden, Marine models, Baltic Sea Centre, Stockholm University.

He holds a PhD in physical oceanography, but specialize more and more in the interaction between physical and biogeochemical processes on large scales. The main focus is development and implementation of marine models in the Nest system.

Bo is Director of the Baltic Nest Institute Sweden and is also responsible for the cooperation with HELCOM.

MARIANNE KETTUNEN, SENIOR POLICY ANALYST, IEEP

Marianne Kettunen is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). She has ten years of expertise in issues related to the EU and international biodiversity policy with special focus on assessing the socio-economic importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services and supporting the integration of these aspects into policies and decision-making processes. She has also in-depth expertise in exploring opportunities for financing biodiversity conservation, including identifying innovative sources for funding.



Marianne has been an integral part of the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity -initiative (TEEB), first coordinating the assessment of socio-economic benefits of protected areas to international and national policy-makers (2008-2010) and then leading a scoping assessment on the value of nature in the Nordic Countries (TEEB Nordic). She is currently supporting the work of two individual ecosystem service assessments, namely in Finland and for the Arctic region.

Furthermore, Marianne has a long track record in outreach, policy influence and capacity building on the value of nature, ecosystem services and Green Economy. She is also the lead editor and key author of a practical guidance book on the socio-economic value of protected areas, including marine protected areas, published in 2013 (Taylor&Francis/EarthScan). She has an MSc in biodiversity research and environmental science from the University of Turku, Finland.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOALS

PAULI MERRIMAN, PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, WWF BALTIC ECOREGION PROGRAMME



Pauli Merriman is the Director of the WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme, a regional network comprised of WWF and NGO partners in each of the nine coastal Baltic Sea countries working together to develop, advocate and implement solutions to protect the Baltic marine ecosystem and ensure the sustainable use of its resources.

Prior to joining WWF in 2005, Pauli served as the Director of Programme Development for the International Sustainable Development Foundation based in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. Pauli received her B.A. in International Studies and Human and Natural Ecology from Emory University.

MONIKA STANKIEWICZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF HELCOM

Since February 2012 the Executive Secretary of the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM), intergovernmental organization of the nine Baltic Sea countries and the EU working to protect the Baltic Sea from all sources of pollution (from land, sea and airborne).

Former Professional Secretary of HELCOM for maritime affairs, dealing with the environmental impact of shipping, including ship-generated waste (2006–2011). In 1998–2006 worked in the environmental sector of the Polish public administration. Graduated in Chemistry from the University of Gdansk, Poland.



DR. DARIUS CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OSPAR



Dr. Darius Campbell is the Executive Secretary for the OSPAR Commission, which is an intergovernmental organisation aiming to protect and conserve the North East Atlantic and its resources.

Before taking up his post in November 2012, Darius was working for the UK's Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs as a Deputy Director. In this role he was responsible for developing the UK's National Climate Change Adaptation Programme, and before this for leading UK policy on marine environment, including licencing of marine activity and the Government's marine science provision.

At this time he also lead UK's policy on action against international illegal fishing (together with UK's Department for International Development) as well as broader international oceans governance issues. Over 11 years in the department, Darius led on a variety of international, European and national policies and negotiations on as well as regulation.

Before joining the UK Civil Service, Darius worked in international development, in particular on agriculture. Work included long term practical development and research programmes in Jordan, Nigeria and India. His first degree was in zoology, followed by an MSC in Livestock production and a PhD in nomadic livestock systems in Nigeria.

ANNE CHRISTINE BRUSENDORFF, GENERAL SECRETARY OF ICES

Anne Christine Brusendorff is the General Secretary of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). ICES is an intergovernmental organization whose main objective is to increase the scientific knowledge of the marine environment and its living resources and to use this knowledge to provide advice to competent authorities. Anne Christine leads the secretariat and is facilitating the implementation of the ICES Strategic Plan (2014–2018) that focuses on developing the science to support integrated ecosystem understanding.

Prior to joining ICES in 2012, Anne Christine Brusendorff spent 14 years working for the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM), leading that organization as Executive Secretary, but has also served as HELCOM Deputy



Executive Secretary, and HELCOM Professional Secretary (maritime matters). Before moving to Finland to work at HELCOM, Brusendorff was the Head of Section at the Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy, Danish Environmental Protection Agency.

Brusendorff studied Maritime and Environmental law at the University of Copenhagen and London School of Economics and Political Science, before completing her Ph.D. (International Law of the Sea and International Environmental Law) at the University of Copenhagen.

DR. KAISA KONONEN, PHD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BONUS



Kaisa has worked since 2007 as the first Executive Director of the BONUS. Her duty is the overall management, coordination and monitoring of the BONUS activities and the BONUS Secretariat.

Kaisa received her PhD in hydrobiology in 1992 from the University of Helsinki. She worked ca. 20 years as a research scientist in the Finnish Institute of Marine Research focusing on studies of cyanobacterial blooms' dynamics in the Baltic Sea. During 1997-2002 she worked as the Head of Research of the Maj and Tor Nessling Foundation. In 2002 she started working at the Academy of Finland first as the Programme Manager of the Finnish Baltic Sea Research Programme BIREME, and later until 2008 as the coordinator of the ERA-NET project BONUS for the Baltic Sea Science – Network of Funding Agencies.

Kaisa has been active in many international organisations e.g. ICES, SCOR-IOC research programme GEOHAB (Global Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms), HELCOM, Marine Board of the European Science Foundation and in many other national European and international committees.

ASTRID SCHOMAKER, HEAD OF UNIT, ENVIRONMENT DG, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Astrid Schomaker heads the Marine Environment and Water Industry in the European Commission's Directorate General for Environment. She studied English, history and law in Hamburg and Norwich and has an LLM in international legal cooperation from Brussels Free University.



Prior to joining the European Commission in 1992, she was a fellow in European Law at Hamburg University and visiting scholar at the University of Michigan's law faculty. She started her career in the Commission working on EU and US relations first in Brussels and then in Washington.

Back in Brussels in 1999, she was in charge of regulatory cooperation with Japan, before in 2001 becoming head of unit for relations with the Andean community in DG External Relations. In 2004 she moved to DG Environment to head the unit for international relations, governance and development. From 2007 to 2011 she led the work on chemicals, biocides and nanomaterials before taking up her present position in 2012.

NURITDIN INAMOV, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Mr. Nuritdin Inamov is the Director of the International Relations Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation.

Before joining the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Mr Inamov served as Deputy Trade Representative of the Russian Federation in Thailand.

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THE CELEBRATION WILL CONTINUE AT THE EVENING RECEPTION

HELCOM Secretariat, Katajanokanlaituri 6B, Helsinki

18:00–20:30

All participants of the Jubilee Session are invited to the evening reception featuring special guest speeches and stories about memorable moments from the past and much more.



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