



**BALTIC SEA
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Finnish Transport and Communications Agency

To: BSHC Members, IHO Secretariat, Observers

Helsinki, 22 May 2023

Subject: 28th Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference - Helsinki, Finland

Dear BSHC Colleagues,

As a Chairman of the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 28th Baltic Sea Hydrographic Conference, on **19 – 21 September 2023 in Helsinki, Finland**. The conference will be arranged as a face-to-face meeting and hosted by Finnish Transport and Communications Agency.

Meeting Venue

The meeting venue will be at the Helsinki Congress Paasitorni.

Paasitorni

Paasivuorenkatu 5 A

00530 Helsinki

<https://www.paasitorni.fi/en/>

The meeting of the Conference commences on Wednesday 20 September 2023, 09:00 and is scheduled to close on Thursday 21 September 2023, approx. 15:30. Lunch and coffee will be provided between the sessions.

On Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 18.00 an Icebreaker party will take place in Scandic Hotel Paasi, Hall Tarmo, where all delegates are kindly invited.

A full BSHC28 programme is attached as an Annex A.

Agenda

You are also kindly invited to propose agenda items for the Conference. A draft v.1.0 BSHC28 Agenda is attached as Annex B. Please provide your comments/additional agenda items no later than **16 June 2023**.

Meeting documents

Please provide all BSHC documents no later than **11 August 2023** to jarmo.makinen@traficom.fi with a copy to rainer.mustaniemi@traficom.fi

Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements.

The Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (Traficom) has pre-reserved rooms at the Scandic Hotel Paasi (located next to the meeting venue). The price per room/night is set to 125 EUR / night (single occupancy) or 145 EUR / night (double occupancy). These set prices are valid for nights between 19 September and 21 September 2023.

To get the set prices book your stay directly with the hotel through the hotel website, phone or email from below and use **booking code BTRA190923** Please make your reservation **before 1 August 2023**. Link for booking:

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/?bookingcode=BTRA190923>

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Registration

Delegates are kindly invited to register their participation using the IHO Online Registration tool

<https://iho.int/en/online-registration>

Please register no later than **14 July 2023**.

Airport Transportation

Helsinki Airport (HEL) is located 20 km north of the city. Public transportation offers several options between the airport and the meeting venue in Hakaniemi. Bus 600 runs from airport to Central Station via Hakaniemi, duration approximately 45 min. Trains I and P will take you to central station in 35 min, and from there it's two more stops by metro or tram to Hakaniemi. More options and details are available through www.hsl.fi/en or the HSL app available at your favorite app store. Between the airport and the city an ABC ticket is required costing 4.10 EUR. Tickets are available in the HSL app or from the ticket machines at the airport (e.g. on Train station platform.) Taxis are also available. The journey by taxi takes approximately 30 minutes depending on traffic. Prices varies by company (recommended to use companies like Lähitaksi, Taksi Helsinki, Menevä, price should be approximately 40-50 eur).

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Helsinki for a productive and enjoyable Conference.

Yours sincerely,



Rainer Mustaniemi
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National Hydrographer of Finland