



7th Baltic Stratigraphical Conference

16–18 May 2008, Tallinn, Estonia

FIRST CIRCULAR

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](#); [Institute of Geology, University of Tartu](#); and the [Geological Survey of Estonia](#), will be held in Tallinn on 16–18 May 2008, followed by field excursion on 19–20 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 and palaeontology
- Biodiversification
- Sequence stratigraphy
- Quantitative stratigraphy
- Quaternary geology
- Ordovician palaeogeography and palaeoclimate (IGCP 503 session)

If you wish to propose a special session or organize a workshop, please let the organizers know about it before October 2007 when the Second Circular will be distributed.

Dates

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| Pre-registration | starting from June 2007 |
| Distribution of the Second Circular | October 2007 |
| Early bird registration for reduced fee | 1 December 2007 |
| Abstracts, registration and payment of regular registration fee | 1 March 2008 |
| Arrival, ice-breaker | 16 May 2008 |
| Scientific sessions | 17–18 May 2008 |
| Geological excursion | 19–20 May 2008 |
| Drill core workshop (optional) | 21 May 2008 |
| Deadline for submission of papers for the conference volume | 17–18 May 2008 |

Travel, accommodation and venue

Tallinn can be easily reached by plane, ferry, bus or car. For those who need a visa we will send an appropriate invitation upon request.

Participants will be responsible for arranging their accommodation. A list of options will be provided in the Second Circular, check also <http://www.tallinn.ee> for the list of hotels and their rates. Budget accommodation can be organized in the Academic Hostel for ca EUR 30 per double room, check <http://www.academichostel.com>.

The conference will be held at Tallinn University of Technology campus, Ehitajate tee 5, ca 7 km from the Tallinn city centre.

Presentations

The official language of the conference will be English.

LCD projectors and computers will be available for presentations. Posters should be prepared in standard A0 size.

Abstracts and publication

The length of abstracts is limited to one A4 page, single-spaced, 12 pt serif font, with 2.5 cm margins. Illustrations cannot be accepted. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **1 March 2008**.

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*. The manuscripts are to be submitted before, or at the conference on **16-18 May 2008**. All papers will be reviewed and edited as regular papers of the journal. Please check the guidelines for authors of the journal at <http://www.kirj.ee/earthsciences>.

Depending on the number of contributions, the conference volume will be published in late 2008 or early 2009.

Excursion

A two-day post-conference geological excursion to some of the most important Palaeozoic localities of northern and central Estonia will be organized on 19–20 May 2008. In case of sufficient interest, a drill-core workshop will be arranged on 21 May 2008 to demonstrate Ordovician–Silurian successions from both shallow shelf and deeper-water facies of the Baltic Palaeobasin. Those interested to see drill cores are urged to notify the organizers before October 2007.

Pre-registration

Please send the following data by e-mail to 7bsc@gi.ee:

Name, affiliation, address, phone, fax, e-mail, preliminary title(s) of presentation(s), interest to attend the excursion and drill-core workshop.

Online registration will be opened at the conference website in October 2007.

Conference fees

The early bird registration fee will be **EUR 100** / EEK 1500, to be paid before 1 December 2007.

The regular registration fee will be **EUR 150** / EEK 2250, payable due in 1 March 2008, and the on-site fee will be **EUR 200** / EEK 3000. The registration fee will cover attendance in all sessions, coffee-breaks, lunches, ice-breaker party, conference volume and excursion guide.

Costs of the post-conference field excursion and drill-core workshop will be announced in the Second Circular. Payment options will include credit card, bank transfer and cash (on-site only).

Organizing committee

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