BALTECH Newsletter

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Baltech Statutes

The BALTECH Secretariat asked all members to comment the proposed statute changes as approved by the Rectors' Conference, June 16, 2014, not later than by October 10, 2014. See BALTECH Newsletter September 22, 2014.

Since no comments were received, the changes have now been approved of.

The changes mean that:

- The Rectors' Conference has been abolished although rectors are still the highest body of BAL-TECH;
- The International Relations Office or representatives from similar bodies replace the vice-rectors as board members.

The revised statutes will be sent separately in the next future.

BALTECH Scholarships

The BALTECH Secretariat received five scholarship applications by the October 15 deadline. All applicants are PhD students.

The BALTECH Secretariat suggest to support them all in spite of the fact that two applicants want to join a conference in Cambridge.

According to the statutes, we support students/researcher who want to go to the Baltic and/or Nordic countries. Since the Cambridge candidates are strong and the BALTECH finances are good, the Secretariat suggests to approve the applications.

Nordplus

BALTECH will support meetings for researchers interested to discuss creation of consortiums with possible Nordplus funding. The Nordplus application deadline is usually by the end of February. The application procedure is simple and has to include at least one Nordic partner. Important factors in order to qualify are very clear project descriptions and maximum spill over effects. The 2015 priorities have not been made public, however most subjects are open. Information is available on <u>www.nordplusonline.org</u>.

2015 NORDTEK Conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 11-13, 2015

The NORDTEK Secretariat has invited speakers from the Baltic countries to the 2015 NORDTEK Conference in Reykjavik, June 11-13, 2015.

The topic for the scientific conference is "Innovation and university research – The Horizon 2020 approach".

The BALTECH Secretariat has received to speaker proposals:

- Prof Leonids Ribickis, Rector RTU
- Mr Marius Kuningas, Managing Director, Estonian Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Center.

Information and registration: www.uis.no/nordtek2014

BALTECH Secretariat—rotation

Riga Technical University has announced that they are prepared to take over the BALTECH Secretariat from 2016 with a transition period in 2015.

The issue was discussed at the BALTECH Rectors' meeting in Stavanger on June 16, 2014. A meeting on the topic will be held between TTÜ and RTU in Tallinn on November 25, 2014.

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