

PROGRAM OF THE 9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

FORUM "THE BALTICS AND RUSSIA" "THE BALTICS AND RUSSIA IN GREATER EUROPE OF THE XXI CENTURY"

THE BALTIC FORUM, RIGA COUNCIL FOR FOREIGN AND DEFENCE POLICY (CFDP), MOSCOW

May 28 and 29, 2004
Hotel 'Lielupe' (Yurmala, Latvia)

Russia after the Parliament and presidential elections and the Baltic States after accession to the European Union and NATO revise their goals and ways to attain them including the possible development of relations between the Baltic States and Russia. In order to do so, it is necessary to explore mutual interests, solutions for specific topical problems, optimum models for co-operation between the countries in the region. Nevertheless, as proved by experience, it is not sufficient, because this investigation does not lead to serious coordinated decisions and effective practical international measures for the benefit of the interested countries. Therefore the conference poses a twofold and at the same time united goal, namely, to stimulate:

- *Recognition of mutual interests and mutually advantageous ways to implement them;*
- *Recognition and overcoming of obstacles, which up to now have hindered and still hinder the transfer from words to actions, in a maximally constructive way.*

Friday, May 28

9.30 – 10.00	Registration of conference participants
10.00 – 10.20	Opening of the conference.
10.20 – 11.30	Welcoming speech

THE BALTICS AND RUSSIA IN GREATER EUROPE. MAIN EMPHASIS.

Participants present short reports on the theme of what turn or approach to the solution would be the most topical for the present conference.

Speakers:

1. **Janis URBANOVICHS**, President «The Baltic Forum»
2. **Igors JURGENS**, Vice-president for the Association of Manufacturers and Entrepreneurs of Russia, Secretary Executive, member of the CFDP Executive Council
3. **Ainars SHLESERS**, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia
4. **Dimitri K. SIMES**, President of R. Nixon Center (USA), member of the Supervisory Board of the Baltic Forum
5. **Ilmars RIMSHEVICHS**, President of the Bank of Latvia
6. **Abrams KLECKINS**, Professor of the University of Latvia, member of the Board of the Baltic Forum
7. **Sergei OZNOBISHEV**, director, Institute of Strategic Evaluations; Vice-president, Association «Russia - USA»

11.30 – 11.45 **Coffee break**

11.45 – 14.00 **SESSION I**

THE BALTIC REGION AS A CROSS-POINT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

*Competition Space and Co-operation Space.
Opportunities for Their Co-ordination.*

- *Congruencies and Contradictions of the Policies of European Counties.*
- *Specific Forms of Implementation for Actual Opportunities for the Baltic States, a EU Region on the Route of Dynamic Development*
- *Perspectives of Economic Development of RF as an Additional Stabilizing Factor for the European Integration Process*
- *The Baltic Transport Arteries – Road to the Joint European Economic Space*

- *The Significance of the Financial Component for Further Economic Development Process of the European Union*
- *Development of Power Industry of the Countries of the Region as One of the Factors of Economic Integration in Greater Europe*

Session length: 135 minutes

Moderators: **Janis URBANOVICH** and **Igors YURGENS**

Speakers:

1. **Juris LUYANS**, Minister of Economics of the Republic of Latvia
2. **Anna BELOVA**, Vice-president, Open Society «Russian Railways»
3. **Juris KANELS**, Director of the Latvian Investment and Development Agency
4. **John O'SULLIVAN** (USA), editor of «The National Interest Magazine», former senior adviser of the Prime Minister of Great Britain M. Thatcher
5. **Voicel KOSEDOVSKI** (Poland), Dr. habil. NCU, professor, head of the Chair for economic policy and regional development of N. Kopernik University of Torun
6. **Miron YANKIV**, Plenipotentiary ambassador of Ukraine in the Republic of Latvia
«Ukraine in the Dimension of Europe»
7. **Ruslan GRINBERG**, director, Institute of International Economic and Political Research of the Academy of Science of Russia
8. **Nile USHAKOV**, board member of «the Baltic Forum»
9. **Janis ABOLTINSH**, president, Institute of Enterprise Management
10. **IRINA PETROVA**, **Angela SHIBROVA**, **George BOBILEV**, youth section of «The Baltic forum»
«We solve it in a different way!»
11. **Michael DELYAGIN**, Chairman of Presidium - research supervisor, Institute for Globalization Problems
12. **Valery SHASHKOV**, Vice-president of the Confederation of Manufacturers and Entrepreneurs of Byelorussia
13. **Renald SIMONYAN**, director, the Russian - Baltic Center of the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Science of Russia
«The Role of Kaliningrad Exclave during the all-European Integration»
14. **JURY SERGEYEV**, technical director, Society of Technical Experts TÜV NORD BALTIC

14.00 – 15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 – 16.30 **SESSION II**

INTERNAL THREATS TO THE REGION SECURITY AND SEARCH FOR ADEQUATE RESPONSE

- *Realistic external threats: terrorism, ecological problems, and international crime. What else?*
- *Can the development of a regional security system (as a part of the joint global security system) against the mentioned external threats or at least an attempt to create such a system be discussed? Do not the measures taken sometimes lead to a risk of emerging of a new threat for security?*
- *Possibility of military confrontation and realistic price in the region of the Baltic Sea? Are preventive measures necessary in order to preclude such a development?*

Session length: 90 minutes

Moderators: **Feodor Lukyanov**, **Alexander Vasilyev**, **Nile Ushakov**

Speakers:

1. **Artis PABRIKS**, Chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission, parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
2. **Vladimir OVCHINSKY**, adviser of the Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, major general of militia (ret.)
«Russia and EU: prospects of cooperation in combating terrorism and crime»
3. **Helmut SONNENFELDT** (USA), Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution (Washington), former member of National Security Council of the Administration of President R. Nixon, in charge of European affairs
4. **Dimitry DANILOV**, head of European Security Department, Institute of Europe of the Academy of Science of Russia
«Cooperation of Russia and EU in the sphere of security and defense policy»
5. **Janis YURKANS**, first Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, deputy of Saeima of the Republic of Latvia
6. **Alexander SHUMILIN**, director, the Center for Analysis of International Conflicts
«Terrorism, external threats»
7. **Vladimir MENSNIKOV**, professor of the University of Daugavpils
«The Person and Security in Latvia from the Point of View of a Sociologist»

16.30 – 16.45 **Coffee break**

16.45 – 18.30 **SESSION III****POWER FROM THE PEOPLE, TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

- *Experience of Democracy Development in the Baltic States. Hopes, Reality, Perspectives.*
- *Society and Power. Approximation, Alienation, Confrontation?*
- *The Position of Democracy in the Hierarchy of Values of Power and Society. Tendencies.*
- *Dreams of Democracy and Dreams of "A Steady Hand".*
- *Mechanisms of Democracy – the Efficient and Inefficient Ones.*

Session length: 105 minutes

Moderators: Abram Kleckin and Juris Rozenvalds

Speakers:

1. **Abram KLECKIN**, professor of the University of Latvia, board member of «the Baltic forum»
2. **Dmitri K. SIMES**, President Of The Nixon Center For Peace And Freedom (USA), member of the Supervisory Council «the Baltic forum»
3. **Ella PANFILOVA**, chairman of the Commission for Human Rights «Society and Authority. Rapprochement, Alienation, Opposition?»
4. **Andrey RADZHEVICH**, Minister of Regional Development and Affairs of Self-Governments
5. **Alexey SALMIN**, President, Foundation «Russian Political Center» «Integration Process in the Sphere of Higher Education»
6. **Juris ROZENVALDS**, political scientist, professor of the Faculty for Social Sciences of the University of Latvia
7. **Valery SURYAEV**, head of the Center of geopolitical research at the Institute of Socio-Political Research of the Academy of Management at the President of Byelorussia «The Republic of Byelorussia in the modern context of political realities»
8. **Marina LEBEDEVA**, head of the Chair of Global Political Processes, MGIMO MFA of the Russian Federation

(continuation of the session from May, 29)

Saturday, May 29

10.00 – 11.30 CONTINUATION of the III SESSION from MAY, 28

Session length: 90 minutes

Moderators: Abram Kleckin and Juris Rozenvalds

Welcoming speech: Yuri LUZKOV, the Mayor of Moscow

Speakers:

1. **Yanis STRADINSH**, academician, Chairman of the Senate of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Latvia
2. **Nile MUIZNIEKS**, LR Minister for Special Assignments for Society Integration Affairs
3. **Andris BERZINSH**, ex- Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia

11.30 – 11.45 **Coffee break**11.45 – 14.00 **SESSION IV****THE BALTICS AND RUSSIA. WHO ARE WE: ENEMIES, FRIENDS OR PARTNERS?**

(REVISITING THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE OF 2002 – WHAT'S NEW?)

- *Why the countries of the Baltics (first of all Latvia and Russia) cannot come to terms?*
- *The role of the countries of the Baltic region in the general context of USA "European politics"*
- *Interregional economic co-operation of the Baltic States and the Northwestern part of Russia in the light of the overall European integration processes*
- *Economic co-operation of the Baltic States and Russia as one of important factors for accelerated development of the region*
- *Political and economic problems in the relations between Russia and the Baltics after accession to the European Union*
- *Economic rivalry between USA and Europe and its influence on the development of the countries in the Baltic region and political landmarks.*

Session length: 135 minutes

Moderators: **Janis URBANOVICH** and **Igors JURGENS**

Speakers:

1. **Sergei OZNOBISHEV**, director, Institute of Strategic Evaluations; Vice-president, Association "Russia - USA"
«The Role of the Baltics in the Relations between Russia and Europe»
2. **Alexander VASILYEV**, director, «the Baltic forum», member of board of Ventspils free port
3. **Abram KLECKIN**, professor of the University of Latvia, board member of «the Baltic forum»
4. **Paul POZHIGAILO**, vice-president, Committee of Information Policy of the State Department
5. **Victor AVOTINSH**, publicist, journalist of the newspaper «Neatkarīgā Rīta Avīze»
6. **Feodor LUKYANOV**, editor - in - chief, magazine «Russia in the Global Policy»
«Relations between Latvia and Russia. The New Approach»
7. **Andrey PLOTNIEKS**, professor of Law
8. **Elena HOTKOVA**, Head of Department of Problems of the International Security, RISI
«The New Agenda Concerning Russia and the Baltics after Expansion of the Western Clubs: Definition of Common Interests and Ways of their Lobbying»
9. **Zalman KAC**, journalist, board member of «the Baltic Forum»
10. **Vladimir KUZNETSOV**, vice - rector, St.-Petersburg East - European International Institute; coordinator, Regional non-governmental organization «the Baltic Club»
«Formation of the New Agenda in Respect to Russia with the Baltics after Expansion of the NATO and EU»

14.00 – 15.00 **Lunch**

15.00 – 16.30 **SESSION V**

CONFERENCE SUMMARY (GENERAL DISCUSSION)

16.30 – 17.00 **CLOSING ADDRESS**

Jānis URBANOVICS, President of the Baltic Forum

Igors JURGENS, Vice-president for the Association of Manufacturers and Entrepreneurs of Russia, Secretary Executive, member of the CFDP Executive Council

17.00 **CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE**

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