

**HELCOM CONFERENCE ON MARITIME SAFETY AND RESPONSE ISSUES**  
**1 March 2005, Helsinki, Finland**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Baltic Sea is criss-crossed with some of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. Approximately 15% of the world's cargo transport takes place in the Baltic Sea, with ca. 2000 ships sailing on the Baltic on an ordinary day. 150 to 200 of these are oil tankers on their way to or from one of the over 200 ports around the Baltic Sea.

The size of the tankers has doubled during the last few years and tankers the size of 100 000 tons are becoming more common.

People who are concerned about their well being and the health of the Baltic Sea are worried about these scenarios.

What is HELCOM doing about this? Join us on 1 March 2005 at 10:00 o'clock at the Marina Congress Centre (Katajanokanlaituri 7, FI-00160 Helsinki, Finland) to get an overview of the measures being taken by HELCOM to tackle the questions of maritime safety and response to accidents at sea.

We will also get outsiders' views on this – to see if we can learn from experiences in other regional sea areas. Also, some experience from the industry's point of view will be presented.

Please see the attached programme. If you find this of interest, please do join us and fill-in the attached registration form - and return it to us by 14 February 2005 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Christine Brusendorff  
Executive Secretary

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

<b>Opening remarks</b> Moderator of the Conference - Ms. Susanna Ginman	<b>10:00 - 10:10</b>
<b>Overview of navigational risks and HELCOM actions to improve safety of navigation</b> Speaker - Ms. Ingelore Hering, Chair of HELCOM MARITIME	<b>10:10 - 10:30</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	10:30 - 10:35
<b>Global shipping risks</b> Speakers - Mr. Wolf-Rüdiger Grohmann and Mr. Martin Shaw, BP-Germany	<b>10:35 - 11:00</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	11:00 - 11:05
<b>Safety of navigation in the straits of Malacca and Singapore - Marine Electronic Highway</b> Speaker - Mr. James N. Paw, IMO	<b>11:05 - 11:30</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	11:30 - 11:35
<b>EMSA's contribution to environmental protection in the Baltic Sea</b> Speaker - to be confirmed	<b>11:35 - 12:00</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	12:00 - 12:05
<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>12:05 - 12:15</b>
<b>Vessel Traffic Management and Information System in the Gulf of Finland</b> Speaker - Mr. Matti Aaltonen, Finnish Maritime Administration	<b>12:15 - 12:35</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	12:35 - 12:40
<b>Danish approach towards designating Places of Refuge</b> Speaker - Mr. Jørgen Magner, Danish Environmental Protection Agency	<b>12:40 - 13:00</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	13:00 - 13:05
<b>HELCOM actions to ensure preparedness to respond to shipping accidents in the Baltic</b> Speaker - Mr. Thomas Fagö, Chairman of HELCOM RESPONSE	<b>13:05 - 13:25</b>
<i>Questions and Answers</i>	13:25 - 13:30
<b>Closing remarks</b> Moderator of the Conference - Ms. Susanna Ginman	<b>13:30 - 13:40</b>

## REGISTRATION FORM HELCOM CONFERENCE

Please fill in your name and complete address, telephone and telefax numbers as well as e-mail address (in block capitals, please)

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