

B7 Newsbrief

January 2006



The B7 Åland Chairmanship has begun and we would like to give you some information about what is going on and the year to come.



Board Meeting

Helsinki, 18-19 January.



The first B7 Board meeting of the year was held in a cold and windy Helsinki, 18-19 January.

The B7 Board also visited Helcom on the 18th and was given presentations on the Finnish approach to a Maritime Policy and the BONUS project on the 19th.

Minutes from the Board meeting has been sent out this week.



New Board Member representative from Åland



Susanne Andersson

B7 Chairman 2006



Britt Lundberg

B7 President 2006

The Government of Åland has a new Board member on the B7 Board. The new Board member, and Chairman of the B7 Åland Chairmanship 2006, is Susanne Andersson.

Both the B7 President 2006, Britt Lundberg, and the B7 Chairman 2006, Susanne Andersson, are looking forward to an exciting and fruitful year of the B7 Åland Chairmanship 2006.

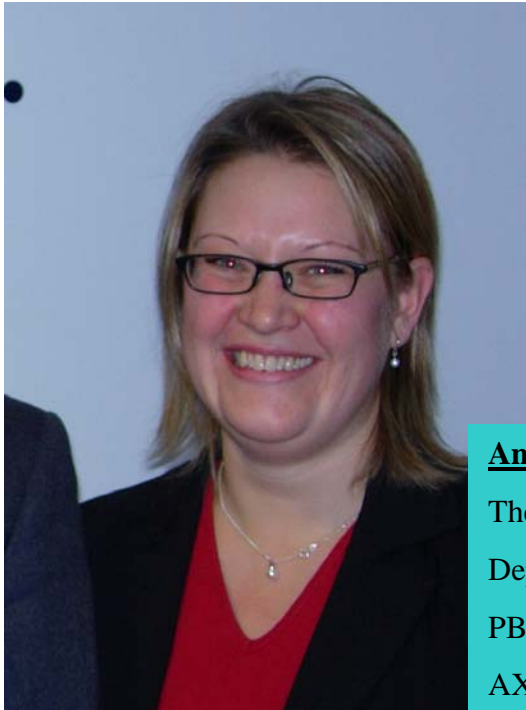
Britt and Susanne want to encourage all B7 members to participate in the conferences, seminars and meetings in the programme for this year.

Britt also wants to take the opportunity to emphasise the importance of participation from both the Board and the Steering Committee.

To all B7 members; welcome to Åland in June!

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B7 Åland Chairmanship 2006



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The secretariat will be run by Ms Ann Wallskog this year.

Ann started working for the Government of Åland just in time for the Helsinki Board Meeting.

Ann moved to Åland from Stockholm last year. In Stockholm she worked as an environment- and health inspector for the City of Stockholm.

Since she moved to Åland, and before she started this job, she has taught environmental science at the vocational school in Mariehamn.



Themes and programme for
The B7 Åland Chairmanship 2006



Sustainable Islands in the Baltic Sea

Environment – Energy - Economy

EXTENDING NETWORKS – for co-operation and influence

INCREASING KNOWLEDGE – for innovative action

EVALUATING ACTIVITIES – to learn, plan and develop

DEVELOPING STRATEGIES – for sustainable islands



Programme

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| 18-19 Jan | Board Meeting, Helsingfors: HELCOM, BONUS project, presentation on Finnish approach to a Maritime Policy. | |
| 29-31 March | Lobbying in Brussels: MP (Baltic Sea), COM, CoR, NGOs, CPMR, Maritime Policy, Environment. | |
| 26-28 April | BEN Conference, Board Meeting in Hiiumaa. | |
| 7 - 8 June | Conference: Energy, Åland | (WGE) |
| 18-22 June | Alandia Cup, Åland | |
| 14 – 16 July | Chess games, Hiiumaa | |
| 26-29 July | B7 Games, Hiiumaa | |
| 18-23 July | Maritime Event: Traditional Boats & Culture | |
| 26-27 Sept | Seminar: Evaluation and Strategy | |
| 21-22 Nov | AC: "Maritime Policies & Sustainable Islands" | |



Steering Committee & Board Meetings

Steering Committee Meetings:

- 29-31 March** Lobbying in Brussels: MP (Baltic Sea), COM, CoR, NGOs, Maritime Policy, Environment
- 26-27 Sept** Seminar: Evaluation and Strategy
- 21-22 Nov** AC: "Maritime Policies & Sustainable Islands"

Board Meetings:

- 18-19 Jan** Board Meeting, Helsingfors
- 29-31 March** Lobbying, Board Meeting in Brussels
- 26-28 April** BEN Conference, Board Meeting in Hiiumaa
- 7 - 8 June** Conference: Environment and Energy
- 26-27 Sept** Seminar: Evaluation and Strategy
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