



## ***Second Announcement***

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Baltic University Programme Rectors' Conference January 24-26, 2018, Turku, Finland**

Dear Rectors of the Baltic Sea Region,

In April this year Vice Chancellor Eva Åkesson, Uppsala University and Rector Mikko Hupa, Åbo Akademi University in Turku, have invited You to the 5<sup>th</sup> Baltic University Programme Rectors' Conference in Turku, Finland, 24-26 January 2018. The invitation is directed to Rectors, or their representatives, from all interested universities, both those who already are Baltic University Programme (BUP) Member Universities and new ones.

The main aim of the Rectors' Conference is to set the goals and strategies for our BUP network cooperation, including innovations in research, mobility and teaching as well as current societal challenges. You will also be able to discuss and give feed back to the international policy level, to the Council of Baltic Sea States, and more specifically to the activities of the ongoing Baltic Science Network project ([www.baltic-science.org](http://www.baltic-science.org)). We also present the new BUP PhD Award receivers. The final programme will be settled at the Preparatory Conference in Uppsala, 9-10 October 2017, to which we invite participants from all universities in the region. The preliminary conference programme and practical information is now available on the website <http://www.bup.fi/rectors-meeting/>. **Registrations by 31 October 2017.**

The Baltic University Programme ([www.balticuniv.uu.se](http://www.balticuniv.uu.se)), initiated and coordinated by Uppsala University, has been working as an international inter-university network in the Baltic Sea Region since 1991. Åbo Akademi University has actively participated in the BUP development. The 5<sup>th</sup> BUP Rectors' Conference will take place in Turku, in the honour of the 100 years celebration of Åbo Akademi University.

***Warmly welcome to the BUP Rectors conference in Turku, Finland!***

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