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**The 9th Conference of the Baltic Association  
of Paediatric Surgeons**

June 1-3, 2006, Riga, Latvia

**Second Announcement**



The 9th Conference of the Baltic Association of Paediatric Surgeons will be held from June 1 – 3, 2006 in Riga.

Riga, the capital of Latvia and geographical centre of the Baltic region, is situated on the crossroads between

Eastern and Western Europe, Russia and Scandinavia. This favourable position has always fostered the development of the city.

Since ancient times the name of Riga has been well known because Riga was a member of the Hanseatic League. From a small Liv village Riga grew into a famous export port of Eastern Europe. Foreign invaders were always tempted to conquer Riga, yet, the city quickly recovered after the destructive wars.

Riga is named after the Ridzene or Riga river which once flowed through the town and discharged into the Daugava river. In the year 2001 Riga celebrated its 800 years anniversary.

The city is famous for its architecture and culture, its skilled labour force and well-developed infrastructure. Riga is not only the backbone of economy of Latvia, but also the centre of science and education. Various cultural events, international exhibitions, scientific conferences and seminars held in Riga every year are a good evidence of this.

We hope that this information will help you discover Riga and you will get to know its history, architecture and culture.

Welcome to Riga!

## ORGANIZERS

Baltic Association of Paediatric Surgeons (BAOPS)  
Latvian Association of Paediatric Surgeons  
Lithuanian Association of Paediatric Surgeons  
Estonian Association of Paediatric Surgeons

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Aigars Petersons, Riga, Latvia  
Vidmantas Barauskas, Kaunas, Lithuania  
Karin Varik, Tartu, Estonia  
Klaus Schaarschmidt, Berlin, Germany

## LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Aigars Petersons, Chairman  
Arnis Engelis  
Dzintars Mozgis  
Aleksandrs Zakis  
Janis Dobelis  
Girts Salmins  
Inguna Stirbovica  
Inese Svekles  
Iluta Lielamure

## CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference venue is **Reval Hotel Latvija**  
(*Elizabetes str. 55, Riga*)

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English.  
Simultaneous translation into Russian is provided  
for nurses at request.

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS

## Wednesday, May 31

9.00 – 17.00

Workshop in laparoscopic surgery

*(In Latvian University Children's Hospital, Vienibas gatve 45, Riga)  
(Klaus Schaarschmidt, Berlin, Germany).*

## Thursday, June 1

9.00 – 17.00

Workshop in thoracoscopic surgery

*(In Latvian University Children's Hospital)  
(Klaus Schaarschmidt, Berlin, Germany).*

9.00 – 17.00

Workshop in hypospadias surgery

*(In Latvian University Children's Hospital)  
(Ahmed Hadidi, Heidelberg, Germany).*

14.00 – 18.00 Registration

*(In Reval Hotel Latvija)*

19.00 – 21.00 Welcome Reception

*(In the Museum of Decorative Applied Arts, Skarnu str. 10/20, Riga)  
Dress code: informal*

## Friday, June 2

08.00 – 17.00 Registration

*(In Reval Hotel Latvija)*

08.30 – 09.00 Opening of the Conference

09.00 – 11.00 Scientific Session

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Scientific Session



13.00 – 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 – 15.30 Scientific Session  
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break  
15.45 – 17.15 Scientific Session  
19.00 – 23.00 Conference  
Gala dinner

*(In Baltic Beach Hotel,  
Juras str. 23/25, Majori, Jurmala)*  
*Dress code: formal*



### **Saturday, June 3**

09.00 – 10.30 Scientific Session  
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break  
11.00 – 12.30 Scientific Session  
12.30 – 13.00 Coffee break  
13.00 – 14.00 Scientific Session  
14.00 – 14.30 BAOPS Member's Meeting  
15.00 – 18.00 Closing of the Conference  
*(In LIDO Recreation Centre, Krasta str. 76, Riga)*  
*Dress code: informal*

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR NURSES**

### **Wednesday, May 31**

14.00 – 18.00 Registration  
*(In Reval Hotel Latvija)*

19.00 – 21.00 Welcome Reception  
*(In the Museum of Decorative Applied Arts, Skarnu str. 10/20, Riga)*  
*Dress code: informal*

### **Friday, June 2**

08.00 – 17.00 Registration  
*(In Reval Hotel Latvija)*  
08.30 – 09.00 Opening of the Conference



09.00 – 11.00 Scientific Session  
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break  
11.30 – 13.00 Scientific Session  
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 – 15.30 Scientific Session  
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break  
19.00 – 23.00 Conference  
Banquet  
*(In Baltic Beach Hotel, Juras str.  
23/25, Majori, Jurmala)*  
*Dress code: formal*

### **Saturday, June 3**

12.00 – 14.30 Visit to the Latvian University Children's Hospital  
15.00 – 18.00 Closing of the Conference  
*(In LIDO Recreation Centre, Krasta str. 76, Riga)*  
*Dress code: informal*

*Coffee and lunch will be served in the Conference Centre in Reval Hotel Latvija.*

### **MAIN TOPICS**

Paediatric Trauma  
Neonatal Surgery  
Gastrointestinal Surgery  
Paediatric Urology and Gynaecology  
Thoracic Surgery  
Paediatric Oncology  
Orthopaedics  
Free papers

## INVITED LECTURERS

Prem Puri (Dublin, Ireland)  
Klaus Schaarschmidt (Berlin, Germany)  
Risto Rintala (Helsinki, Finland)  
Walter Chwals (Cleveland, USA)  
Ahmed Hadidi (Heidelberg, Germany)  
Claus Petersen (Hannover, Germany)  
Alexander Rokitansky (Vienna, Austria)  
Andrew Pinter (Pecs, Hungary)  
Amulya Saxena (Graz, Austria)  
Marie Edwinson Mansson (Lund, Sweden)

## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts must be submitted on the official abstract form in English and authors should indicate on the abstract form the type of presentation (oral or poster). Guidelines for preparation of abstract – see the abstract form in conference home page ([www.baops06.lv](http://www.baops06.lv)). Deadline for submission of abstracts is April 10, 2006.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

The time for oral presentation is 6 minutes including 3 minutes for discussion. Slides, overhead and multimedia projector are available. If specific programmes are needed to demonstrate certain applications (sound applications, video applications) information's should be provided in advance. Each presentation will be installed locally on our server.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters will be displayed during all the time of the conference. Dimensions of the poster should be 0,80 m x 1,20 m. The authors are asked to display their posters on the board together with the number of their paper in the final programme.

## EXHIBITION

An exhibition of pharmaceutical products and surgical equipment will be arranged. It will be held in the entrance hall of the conference centre.

## ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAMME

### **Friday, June 2**

09.30 – 16.30 (lunch included)

#### **Open-air museum and Sigulda tour**

The picturesque town Sigulda is about 50 km from Riga. On your way you will see the Open-air Ethnographical Museum with about 90 traditional rural buildings: farmhouses, windmills, fishermen's huts and churches that have been brought there from the four regions of Latvia: Kurzeme, Vidzeme, Latgale, Zemgale. In Sigulda you will enjoy the landscape and the walk to the sandstone grottoes on the ancient Gauja river bank. You will also see the 13th century Turaida Castle, sculpture park dedicated to Latvian folklore, the ruins of the 13th century Crusaders' Castle and the 19th century Kropotkin's Palace. You will have to walk a lot, so comfortable shoes are recommended.

*(Departure from Reval Hotel Latvija)*

### **Saturday, June 3**

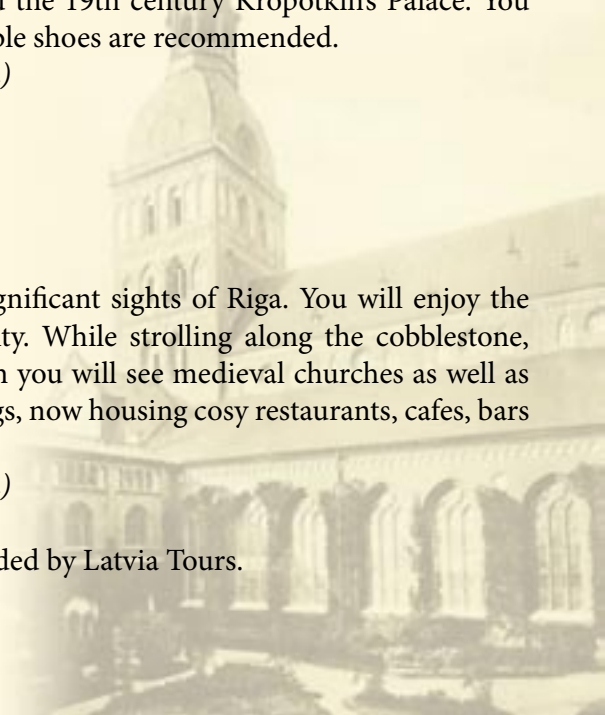
10.00 – 11.30

#### **Riga City walking tour**

The tour encompasses the most significant sights of Riga. You will enjoy the beauty of the ancient Hanseatic city. While strolling along the cobblestone, picturesque streets of the Old Town you will see medieval churches as well as many wonderfully restored buildings, now housing cosy restaurants, cafes, bars and souvenir shops.

*(Departure from Reval Hotel Latvija)*

Additional excursions will be provided by Latvia Tours.





## REGISTRATION

Deadline for the early registration (with lower fee) is April 1, 2006.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is April 10, 2006.

Acceptance of abstracts is May 1, 2006.

Submitted papers will be accepted for inclusion only if at

least one of the authors has paid the registration fee before April 1, 2006.

*(See the registration form in conference home page ([www.baops06.lv](http://www.baops06.lv))).*



## REGISTRATION FEES (IN EUR)

	Before April 1, 2006	After April 1, 2006
Participants	200	250
BAOPS Members	150	200
Residents	50	100
Nurses	50	100
Accompanying Persons	100	150

## THE FEES COVER:

For participants, residents and nurses: participation in the sessions, programme and abstracts, coffee-tea breaks, light lunches, the conference welcome reception, gala dinner and the conference closing dinner.

For accompanying persons: sightseeing tours including lunch, the conference welcome reception, gala dinner and the conference closing dinner.

Applications for participant scholarships and discounts, addressed to the local organizing committee will be accepted individually.



## PAYMENTS

All payments should be made in EUR (except for the Latvian delegates).

Money payments can be made to the bank account of the Latvian Association of Paediatric Surgeons or at the registration desk at the time of registration.

Transfer to accounts:

LV75 UBAL 1747 1510 0001 0 (EUR) or

LV27 UBAL 1747 1510 00001 (LVL)

A/S Latvijas krajbanka, Pardaugavas filiāle, Nr. 000309852

Vienības gatve 29, LV – 1004, Rīga, Latvia

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*(Details of payment: BAOPS Conference).*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Registration fees are not refundable.

## LETTERS OF INVITATION

Upon request, the president of the conference will be happy to send personal letters of invitation to facilitate the obtaining of supporting funds or visa for participation in the conference.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Delegates requiring visa for entry to Latvia (EU) are strongly advised to make their application in their home countries.

## INSURANCE

Please make your own insurance arrangement in respect of health, travel, cancellation and damage or loss of property.

## CURRENCY

All payments in Latvia must be made in Latvian Lats (LVL).

1 LVL = 0,7028 EUR.

Major international credit cards (VISA, MATERCARD / EUROCARD) are also widely accepted.

## WEATHER

Average temperature in Riga in June is about 18 – 20 degrees Celsius. But at the time of the year the weather is very changeable and it is advisable to bring warm clothes and an umbrella along.

## ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL / min walking distance	Single (EUR)	Twin EUR)
Reval Hotel Latvija ***+ (congress venue)	120.00	130.00
Laine ***+ (3–5 minutes)	90.00	92.00
Ekes Konvents *** (10–12 minutes)	85.00	NA
Viktorija *** (15–20 minutes)	48.00	NA

*Rates are per room per night, breakfast & taxes included.*

*Reservation is treated on a “First Come, First Served” basis, depending on the hotel availability.*

Due to high rate of hotel occupancy in Riga, we strongly advise you to book your room as early as possible.

For accommodation please contact Latvia Tours:

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## TRANSFER

The airport is about 10km south-west of Riga. It will take you approximately 20 minutes to the centre by express bus Nr.22a (fare – 0.25 LVL) or 30-35 minutes by regular bus Nr. 22 which runs every half hour from 05.50 till 23.15. By taxi it will take you about 15 – 20 minutes depending on the traffic. The charge for a ride to the Reval Hotel Latvija is about 5 – 7 LVL.

The central train station is located in the centre of Riga about 5- 10 minutes walk from the Old Town and many major hotels.

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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