

PREFACE

In 1997, Kalmar was celebrating the 600th anniversary of the union between the Nordic Countries. More than 200 seminars and conferences as held during that historical celebration in Kalmar. The conference on Waste Management and the Environment - Establishment of cooperation between Nordic countries and countries in the Baltic Sea region was held on the 5th – 7th of November that year. The conference was considered very successful and I was asked to organise the conference again and try to make it to tradition with a return period of 2 year.

The second conference was held under the title Kalmar ECO-TECH'99 - Seminar on Ecological Technology and Management, on the 22nd – 24th of September 1999. The effort during this conference was not only to built bridge of knowledge and information between the countries and over the Baltic Sea but also between the Nature and Technology sciences as well as between researchers/teachers, engineers in companies/industries, city engineers and administrators dealing with environmental issues. Emphasis was directed towards representative of the small and medium size enterprises and includes them as speakers or participators of the conference. In 1999, 64 papers were presented and totally 130 people from 9 countries participated at the conference.

The third conference is directed towards “Leachate and Waste Water Treatment with High-Tech and Natural Systems” and carried out in cooperation between these three departments: Department of Technology, Faculty of Natural Science and Baltic Business School at the Kalmar University. Kalmar ECO-TECH '01 aims are to provide a forum for knowledge exchange and networking between businesses, universities and local authorities dealing with leachate and wastewater treatment. The conference will build on the successful concept of the two previous conferences in developing and establishing new areas of co-operation between the business sector, the academic sector and policy-makers.

The conference's main objective: to get together to increase knowledge synergies and cooperation over subject borders.

During the future trends in water and waste management, and how to implement environmental projects and a network for environmentally technology development in the Baltic Region and combinations of advanced technical methods of treatment urban waters with natural based methods will be discussed. The participants from the different countries represent a huge amount theoretical and practical knowledge. The conference should be seen as a forum for exchange of existing knowledge in an optimal way and make it possible to transform it to cost beneficial and environmental friendly technical solutions improving the pollutant situation in the Baltic Sea region. The exchange of knowledge and technical know-how shall create a base for future cooperation between the countries.

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Leachate and Wastewater Treatment with High-Tech and Natural systems
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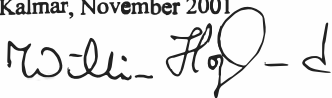
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