







To: BSHC Members, IHO Secretariat, Observers

Riga, June 2025

Subject: 30th Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference - Riga, Latvia

# Dear BSHC Colleagues,

As a Chairman of the Baltic Sea Hydrographic Commission, I'm happy to invite you to the 30th Baltic Sea Hydrographic Conference, on **22–24 September 2025 in Riga**, **Latvia**. The conference will be arranged as a face-to-face meeting and hosted by Maritime Administration of Latvia.

# Meeting Venue: Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel

11. novembra krastmala 33, Riga https://www.wellton.com/en/hotels/wellton-riverside-spa-hotel

The meeting of the Conference commences on Tuesday, 23 September 2025, 09:30 and is scheduled to close on Wednesday 24 September 2025, approx. 16:00. Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided between the sessions.

On Monday 22 September 2025 at 19.00 an Icebreaker reception will take place at the premises of Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel where all delegates are kindly invited. Conference dinner on Tuesday at 18:30 will be hosted by Maritime Administration of Latvia. Detailed information will be provided at a later stage. A full BSHC30 program is attached as an Annex A.

### Agenda

You are also kindly invited to propose agenda items for the Conference. A draft v.1.0 BSHC30 Agenda is attached as Annex B. Please provide your comments/additional agenda items no later than **25 July 2025.** 

### Meeting documents

Please provide all BSHC documents no later than **11 August 2025** to janis.krastins@lja.lv with a copy to normunds.duksis@lja.lv

## Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. Maritime Administration of Latvia has pre-reserved rooms at **Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel**. The price per room/night is set to 94 EUR/night (standard single) or 99 EUR/night (standard double). These prices are valid for nights between 22 September and 25 September 2025. <u>Prices include breakfast</u>.

To get the set prices, book your stay directly with the hotel through the hotel website and use booking code **BSHC30.** Please make your reservation **before 22 August 2025.** Link for booking:

https://www.secure-hotel-booking.com/d-edge/hotel-operator-vvm/2Y6C/21042/en-US/RoomSelection?arrivalDate=2025-05-19&departureDate=2025-05-20&selectedAdultCount=2&currency=EUR

(Wellton Riverside Spa Hotel

11 Novembra krastmala 33, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvija).

### Registration

Delegates are kindly invited to register their participation using the IHO portal. Please register no later than **1 August 2025.** 

### Transportation

Riga Airport (RIX) is located about 10 km from the Riga city center.

# **Public Transport**

**Bus number 22** will take you from the airport directly to the Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel (bus stop Grēcinieku iela) and also to city center and Old Town, and it takes about 30 minutes.

One hour ticket for  $(1.5 \in)$  can be purchased at the ticket machine outside the airport near the bus stop.

**Taxi.** Journey by taxi takes 20-30 minutes depending on traffic. **Bolt** taxis are usually available at the arrivals exit. Price to the city center or Wellton Hotel is approximately 15-20 euros depending on the traffic.

# <u>! We strongly recommend to use public transport or Bolt applications to order a taxi instead of taking a random taxi outside the airport !</u>

Delegates coming to Riga by car are kindly asked to contact Normunds Duksis (normunds.duksis@lja.lv) who will provide details of parking.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Riga for a productive and enjoyable conference. Yours sincerely, Jānis Krastiņš BSHC Chair CEO, Maritime Administration of Latvia