

MONITORING LAND COVER AND LAND USE IN BOREAL AND TEMPERATE EUROPE

Joint NASA LCLUC Science Team Meeting and GOFC- GOLD/NERIN, NEESPI Workshop

Tartu, Estonia

August 25-28, 2010

(Training sessions August 21-23, 2010)

MEETING LOGISTICS

I. VENUE

The Joint NASA LCLUC Science Team Meeting and GOFC-GOLD/NERIN, NEESPI Workshop will take place in Atlantis conference center, Tartu, Estonia. Atlantis (Narva mnt.2, Tartu, 51009 Estonia) is located in a park on the river Emajõgi in the center of the city.

Opening and registration

The Meeting will open at 9.00 am on 25 August 2010. Participants are encouraged to arrive at the venue at 08.30 am for registration and to pick up meeting materials.

Official language of Estonia and working language of the meeting

The official language of Estonia is Estonian. English and Russian languages are widely spoken. The working language of the meeting is English.

Documents

All documentation for the meeting is available from the website:

http://lcluc.umd.edu/products/ScienceTeamMtg/2010_Aug/TartuMeeting/index.asp (accessible through a link on the LCLUC webpage <http://lcluc.umd.edu/>).

Social events

Welcome reception will be held in the art museum of University of Tartu, located in the main building of the university on August 25. Conference dinner will take place in the history museum of Tartu University on Toome hill in the center of Tartu on August 26.

Participants of NASA LCLUC Science team meeting are also invited to an exclusive guided walking tour around the city of Tartu in the afternoon of 26 August 2010. All participants are invited to a day-long field excursion on 27 August to north-eastern Estonia with local expert in order to demonstrate and discuss different types of land cover and land use in Estonia. The participants should bring comfortable clothes, walking shoes, sun glasses and caps/hats.

Organizers of the meeting

NASA LCLUC Program (Dr. G. Gutman and Dr. Chris Justice), GOF-C-GOLD Program (Dr. Olga N. Krankina) and NEESPI Program (Dr. Yuri Knyazikhin, Boston University) are overseeing the organization of the meeting and are responsible for circulation of official invitations to the participants. Tartu Observatory and Enterprise Estonia provide official support on behalf of the Government of the Republic Estonia.

Tartu Observatory (Dr. Matti Mõttus and Ms. Tiia Lillemaa) are responsible for preparation of necessary documents and overall organization of the meeting in Tartu

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II. TRANSPORT

Tartu airport is located about 10 km out of town in Ülenurme (international code TAY). It has few connections with Riga (Latvia) and Stockholm (Sweden). The international airport of Tallinn (code TLL) is located 180 km from Tartu. When arriving in Tallinn, take a taxi to bus station (cost about 100 kr, equivalent to about US\$10, payable in Estonian kroons only), buses to Tartu leave at one hour's interval from 6 am to 10 pm (cost: 150 kr (~US\$10), travel time 2.5 hrs). Currency exchange and ATMs are available at the airport. International bus connections are available with Riga (Latvia), St. Petersburg and Pskov, occasionally also with Moscow (Russia). Check your travel agent or internet (<http://www.eurolines.ee>, <http://www.ecolines.ee>). No international rail connections are available. All buses going from Tartu to Tallinn stop upon request at Tallinn airport. Inform the driver when boarding the bus in Tartu. Bus tickets can be purchased for cash only in the bus station or from the driver.

Getting around in Tartu

Hotels are located in central Tartu within short walking distance from the bus station, shops, restaurants and banks. Taxis are available at taxi stands and can be ordered via phone (contact your hotel's reception). Buses arrive at the bus station in the center of the city, railroad station is located about 1.5 km from the center.

III. ACCOMMODATION

NB! Hotel booking should be made through the website

https://www.frens.info/site/tmpl/reg9_636.php

Link to the site is also provided on the meeting website

Hotels have all modern commodities, reception is open 24hrs. Depending on the hotel, services may be available in the hotel (restaurant, bars, sauna, beauty salon). Most other services are available in the city within a short walking distance.

Hotel Barclay

<http://www.barclayhotell.com>

Ülikooli 8, Tartu 51003, Estonia

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Located in a historical building in central Tartu, squeezed between a small park and Toome hill covered with trees. The hotel has 49 rooms, including 9 single rooms, 34 twin rooms, 3 junior suites and 2 suites with sauna and 1 with a balcony. One room also has a Jacuzzi. The top floor rooms have a wonderful view overlooking Tartu. All the rooms have pleasant interior including a bathroom. Amenities include safe-box, hairdryer, cable TV, mini-bar, phone and complimentary wireless internet.

Prices: single 710 kr. (45€), twin for single use 785kr (50€) twin/double room 945 kr. (60€)

Booking: https://www.frens.info/site/tmpl/reg9_636.php

Hotel Pallas***

<http://www.pallas.ee/>

Riia 4, 51004 Tartu, Estonia

Tel: +372 730 1200

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pallas@pallas.ee

Located in the center of Tartu. The rooms of Hotel Pallas are situated on the upper three floors of Hansakeskus, and offer a magnificent view of the city. The hotel has 61 rooms: 55 single or double rooms, 4 double deluxe rooms and 2 suites. All rooms have a bathroom with a shower or a bathtub, satellite TV and direct-dial phone, special rooms for people with disabilities, people suffering from allergies and non-smokers, internet connection in the rooms as well as at the reception desk of the hotel, all rooms are supplied with air conditioning.

Prices: single 790 kr. (50€), double 945 kr. (63€)

Booking: https://www.frens.info/site/tmpl/reg9_636.php

Hansahotell***

<http://www.hansahotell.ee/>

Aleksandri 46, 51004, Tartu, Estonia

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Located just a short distance away from the centre of Tartu. 22 rooms for 41 people: 3 single rooms, 12 double rooms, 6 apartments and 1 suite with sauna; a room for people with disabilities. All the rooms have a pleasant interior including a shower, WC, TV and phone. Hansa-style pub offering original Estonian hansafood and medieval atmosphere.

Prices: single 500 kr. (32€), double for single use 690 kr. (44€), double 800 kr. (51€)

Booking: https://www.frens.info/site/tmpl/reg9_636.php

Hotel Antonius

<http://www.hotelantoniusee.ee/>

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An elegant and luxurious hotel is waiting for you in the center of Tartu, right in front of Tartu University main building. The building is under protection as an architectural remembrance for its dignified history, thus we have recovered as much as possible from the historic interior and exterior with love and care. Cozy atmosphere offers all the modern conveniences with a look back into history. 6 suites, 3 double deluxe and 8 superior double rooms and a single garret room. In the rooms, all colors, wallpaper patterns, wall paintings, velvet or flowered upholstery fabrics, and accessories belonging to the corresponding era are carefully planned and harmonized. Half of the rooms have a magnificent view on the main building of Tartu University and its famous six columns. From the rooms located in the other wing of the hotel, one can admire the Old Town's red roofs and a Mediterranean-style courtyard where a cafe is opened in the summertime. The rooms are furnished with antique furniture which has been carefully matched with modern conveniences.

Prices: superior double 1400 kr. (89€), double de luxe 1520 kr. (97€), suite 3064 kr. (196€)

Booking: https://www.frens.info/site/tmpl/reg9_636.php

Payment

Payments may be made in any way convenient to our guests: cash (in Estonian Kroon), bank transfer, all major credit cards.

Communication services

Long distance phone calls are available at all hotels at extra cost. Free wireless internet access is available at conference facilities, most cafeterias and public places, and all hotels. Cellular GSM telephone networks cover the whole country, the frequency band used in Estonia are 900 and 1800 MHz (the standard in Europe)

IV. SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPANTS

There is no registration fee for the participation in the meeting and training sessions.

Participants are expected to cover their own transportation costs, meals, accommodation and all other expenses. We advise the participants to make their room reservations as soon as possible. Limited support for transportation and accommodation is available and will be decided on case-by-case basis with preference for participants who can cover some of their own costs. Contact Yuri Knyazikhin (jknjazi@bu.edu) before June 01, 2010 with explanation of your needs and estimate of transportation costs. Sponsored participants are fully responsible for all additional expenses (accommodation and meals in the days before and after the meeting, telephone calls from the hotel room, email and fax from the hotel, additional services at the sanatorium, laundry services, etc.).

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visa

The visa requirements vary by country and the participants should arrange for their own visas. Estonia is a part of the Schengen treaty, i.e. any valid EU visa can be used to enter Estonia. For details on visa requirements see <http://www.vm.ee/?q=en/taxonomy/term/41>. For further questions about visas, please contact the local consulate or embassy of the Republic of Estonia or visit <http://www.vm.ee>. If you require a letter of invitation please contact Tiia Lillemaa (lillemaa@aai.ee).

Weather

In late August the weather in Tartu is cool, expect maximum daily temperatures to be at 20°C or slightly higher (70°F), nightly minima could be as low as 5°C (40°F). However, daily maxima of 15°C are not uncommon and participants should be prepared for rainy weather.

Money

Dollars and Euros can be exchanged in banks and special exchange offices, hotel receptions offer a considerably less favorable rate. ATMs accept most common credit and debit cards. Estonian kroon has a fixed exchange rate with euro, 1 euro = 15.65 kr. Depending on the euro/dollar exchange rate, the cost of one US dollar is about 12 kr. All other major currencies can also be exchanged.

Electricity

The electric current for Estonia is 230V/50Hz. Western European (continental) plugs can be used in Estonia.

Water

Tap water is safe to drink, bottled water can be bought from convenience stores or supermarkets.



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