



Riga

is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. With 696,593 inhabitants (2015). Riga today is a dynamic and pulsating city. Residents of Riga almost incessantly organize events, participate in them and discuss them. Riga is the largest city of the Baltic states and home to one third of Latvia's population. The city lies on the Gulf of Riga, at the mouth of the Daugava. Riga's territory covers 307.17 km² and lies between 1 and 10 meters above sea level, on a flat and sandy plain.



Venue

The Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija, Riga is the largest conference hotel in the Baltics and provides premiere access to businesses, attractions and city center destinations in Riga. The hotel stands as one of the tallest in the area, giving you stunning views of the nearby Baltic Sea and Riga cityscape. Hotel offers 571 modern and spacious rooms and suites, each non-smoking and including Free high-speed, wireless Internet and other high-quality amenities. Conference and Events Centre is one of the best venues for meetings, seminars or special events in Riga.

The hotel's position in Riga city centre places you close to several transportation options, major companies and attractions. The hotel is only 2 kilometres from the Riga Passenger Terminal and 15 kilometres from the Riga International Airport. If you're coming by car, the hotel is near major motorways and offers parking.



Riga was founded in 1201 and is a former Hanseatic League member. Riga's historical center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture. Riga was the European Capital of Culture during 2014, along with Umeå in Sweden. Riga is an academic, scientific and cultural centre. Riga's inhabitants have always been proud of the achievements of their contemporaries who have made the city known around the world.

12th Annual Meeting of the Northern European Network for Wood Science and Engineering WSE

Wood science and engineering - a key factor on the transition to Bioeconomy

**12-13 September, 2016
Riga, Latvia**



Invitation

Established in 2004, the Northern European Network for Wood Science & Engineering currently involves 10 partner countries. Beginning in Honne (N) in 2005, successful annual meetings have subsequently been held in Stockholm (SE), Helsinki (FI), Riga (LV), Copenhagen (DK), Tallinn (EST), Oslo (N), Kaunas (LIT), Hannover (DE), Edinburgh (UK) and Poznan(PL). During this period, the WSE platform has matured into an invaluable forum for researchers in all aspects of wood science and engineering to meet and share knowledge.

The organizers now look forward to welcoming you to Latvia's capital city, Riga, for an important event - the 12th Annual Meeting of WSE.

Scope

The conference will cover the following themes:

- Wood physics and mechanics
- Engineered wood products & composites
- Wood protection and modification, durability
- Application of wood based materials
- Wood engineering

A special session will be held on 'Role of wood engineering in boosting bioeconomy' including:

- New tendencies, markets
- New products (biofuels, chemicals, engineered wood products, etc.)

Call for abstracts

We encourage scientists and engineers, in particular early stage researchers (students and PhD students) to submit papers that cover the meeting themes.

We would be very pleased to receive interesting contributions to our special session on role of wood in bioeconomy.

Abstracts of the paper (max. 500 words) should be sent to the conference secretariat by email:

info@wse2016.lv

Alternatively to oral presentations posters will be displayed. Therefore please indicate whether you would like to give an oral presentation or to display a poster.

Templates for abstracts as well as for full paper are available from the website:

<http://www.wse2016.lv/>

Registration

Please fill in the registration form online from the website <http://www.wse2016.lv/> no later than July 15, 2016.

No conference fees will be charged to participants from WSE member countries (participants from other countries – 150 EUR).

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Deadlines

20.05.2016. Submission of abstracts

15.07.2016. Registration

15.07.2016. Submission of full papers