

SPEAKERS

Dr. Kai-Uwe Bindseil is the CEO of BioTop, developing strategies aiming at a clear-cut commercial vision for biotechnology in the Berlin-Brandenburg area. His background is in bioorganic chemistry, where he holds a PhD.



Dr. Wolfgang Blank will speak about life science competencies in the Baltic Sea area based upon results of the recent study "ScanBalt Competence Region". Blank has a PhD in microbiology and is the managing director of BioCon Valley and Vice chairman of ScanBalt.

Prof. Børge Diderichsen is the Vice President of Novo Nordisk A/S, a healthcare company and a world leader in diabetes care. He holds a PhD in microbiology and is the former President of the European Federation of Biotechnology. He will talk about opportunities and challenges for the ScanBalt BioRegion.





Bertel Haarder, Danish Minister for Education and Ecclesiastical Affairs is also among the opening speakers. He has also been Danish Minister for Integration and European Affairs.

Uwe Hermann is Senior Director and Corporate University Liaisons at Siemens AG. He will talk about the frameworks for cooperation on ICT in the Baltic Sea Region.



Jaakko Kuosmanen is the CEO of ICT Turku Ltd, a local development company, and will speak at the seminar session on ICT collaboration. Kuosmanen has worked for many years with development in Finnish IT-companies and is today also a chairman of the IT Service Management Forum in Finland.

Uffe Elleman-Jensen is the Chairman and founder of Baltic Development Forum. He was Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs 1982-1993. He will open the conference.



Dr. Harald Ringstorff is among the opening speakers. He is President of the German Bundesrat and Minister President (SPD) of the federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. His academic background is in Chemistry.

Prof. Bo Samuelsson, Chairman of ScanBalt Bioregion will also take part in the session on ScanBalt BioRegion. He is a researcher in transfusion medicine at Sahlgren's University hospital, Göteborg. He is also chairman of several boards and committees within the ScanBalt organization.





Dr. Cord Schlötelburg is Head of Department Section at VDI/VDE-Innovation + Technik GmbH in Berlin and a key expert with Agency “Competence Cluster Germany”, an initiative to support the TOP 100 German technology clusters. He is an expert on IT – life science interfaces and will talk about this during the ICT-session.

Folke Snickars is the elected Faculty Dean of the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. He holds a PhD degree in Optimisation and has is Professor of Regional Planning. He has worked on Baltic development matters for the Swedish Ministry for Industrial Development, EU, and other international agencies, concerning foreign direct investments and spatial development.



Carsten Søndergaard is the Danish Ambassador to Berlin. He will open the conference.

Gard Titlestad from the Department of Education, Research and Labour Affairs at the Nordic Council of Ministers will take part in the Panel discussion.



Prof. Linnar Viik is Associate Professor at Estonian IT-university, and known as the Estonian “IT-guru”. He has been an advisor for the Estonian government and lectured in several different countries in the Region.