

CONFERENCE INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) and the European CBRNE Center together with CHEMSEA project would like to invite you to participate in the Open Day Event on 5th of June in Stockholm, Sweden.

CHEMSEA (Chemical Munitions, Search and Assessment) is a flagship project of the Baltic Sea Region Strategy, financed by the EU Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013. Many leading scientific institutes and maritime decision makers from the region cooperate to assess and minimise risks related to sea-bottom activities near WWII chemical munitions dumping sites. This international applied science project gathered partners from Poland, Sweden, Finland, Lithuania and Germany as well as associated partners from other countries and organisations.

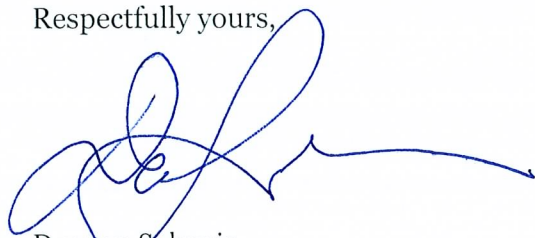
Initiated in 2011 and lasting through early 2014, the Project identifies the most relevant areas in the Baltic Sea contaminated with chemical warfare agents (CWA). Further, the project assesses the probability, range and ecological consequences of a potential CWA release from dumped munitions, provides stakeholders and national administrations with guidelines for handling contaminated material, updates existing procedures for fished munitions and gives suggestions for how to improve contingency planning.

The Open Day Event will be a forum to share and discuss information about the results of the project and its activities and will serve as a good opportunity to bring together maritime stakeholders concerned with the well-being and sustainable use of our shared resource.

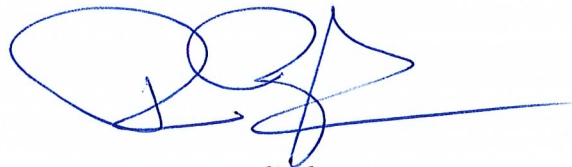
Please find enclosed the agenda for the Open Day Event starting at 8:45 AM on the 5th of June 2013 in Kista, Stockholm and send us your registration.

Your participation and contribution to the discussion are very welcomed.

Respectfully yours,



Dzenan Sahovic
European CBRNE Center, Director



Rune Berglind
FOI, Project Manager

AGENDA for the CHEMSEA Open Day Event:

Wednesday, 5th of June 2013
FOI, Gulfossgatan 6, Kista, Sweden

8:45	Registration
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9:00	Welcome words from organizers Rune Berglind, Dzenan Sahovic FOI/CBRNE
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Introduction to CHEMSEA project
Project leader Jacek Beldowski, Institute of Oceanology
of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IOPAS)

9:30	WP6: Guidelines on Chemical Munitions in the Baltic Sea Bartłomiej Paćzek, Polish Naval Academy (PNA) Anna Bäcklund, CBRNE
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10:15	Sea Dumped Chemical Weapons: the Scope and Purpose of the Chemical Weapons Convention conference, Christopher Kennedy
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10:45	Session for Swedish and international maritime stakeholders
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12:00	Lunch
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