

23rd Baltic Sea Ice Meeting September 1-3, 2008 Helsinki, Finland

Greetings from the BSIM Chair,

Please accept this letter as an invitation to participate in the 23rd Baltic Sea Ice Meeting (BSIM), to be held in Helsinki, Finland, September 1-3, 2008. The meeting will be hosted by the Finnish Institute of Marine Research (FIMR).

Since its founding in 1925, BSIM has helped the Baltic Sea operational ice services better meet the needs of their national and international maritime clients through coordination and cooperation in data sharing, standards, products development, etc.

As decided in the 22^{nd} BSIM in Tallinn, Estonia October 3-7, 2005, BSIM meetings shall be shortened from 5 days to 3 days.

Traditionally all ice services, and also representatives of icebreaking authorities of the Baltic Sea have participated the BSIM. We hope you will give serious consideration to joining us at BSIM-23 to help us understand your clients and service, and work with other ice services to meet the challenges facing the operational ice charting community both today and tomorrow.

The agenda will be developed latter. Information of previous BSIM could be found at http://bsis.eisdienst.de/material/BSIM-22.pdf.

Looking forward for seeing you in Helsinki in September.

Sincerely,

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