



Region Finland Balticum

Report of the regional conference in Lahti 16-18.9.2016

General

The regional convention of Finland Balticum was arranged this year in Lahti. This lively city is situated 100 km north of Helsinki with good railway and highway connections. Altogether 31 club members and Scandinavian leaders participated the convention. In addition there were ten other members and observers who participated the convention partially.

Reception of the city of Lahti 16.9.2016

The convention started with the reception that was hosted by the Mr. Mika Kari, the member of Finland's Parliament and the chairman of the board of Lahti City. He wished the participants welcome and after the versatile food and drink service he also presented the city hall.



Picture 1, Mr. Kari addresses the participants



Picture 2, From left, MP Mika Kari, RD Fin-Balt Jorma Sinkkilä and AP Knud Hougard Klausen



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Get to gether evening on Friday 16.9.2016

Friday evening continued with the get-together- dinner in hotel Cumulus and the devotion in the Church of the Cross, Lahti.



Picture 3, Get-together dinner, Danish team

Picture 4, Get-together dinner, Pärnu team



Picture 5, Church of the Cross, Lahti



Picture 6, Saturday 17.9, morning walk to the ski-stadion and ski jumping place for which Lahti is well known



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Annual meeting in the parish center on Saturday 17.9.



Picture 7. Meeting ready to start



Picture 8. PRD Algirdas' musical opening



Picture 9, Meeting going on

Cruising and dinner at lake Vesijärvi

On Saturday evening the participants made a cruising on the lake of Vesijärvi. The sunny weather favored the cruising and all participants enjoyed the delicious dinner and music and singing.



Picture 10, Dinner time on the ship



Picture 11, Mr. Jan Dobrowolski played the accordion and conducted the common singing



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Picture 12, Members of Cesis and Vilnius Community enjoy the dinner and music

Sunday Service in Hollola Medieval Church 18.9.2016

The Service on Sunday morning took place in the medieval church of Hollola Community 20 km west of Lahti. Before the service the general secretary of YMCA Finland addressed the audience in the old community house of Hollola telling the new plans and projects of YMCA..



Picture 13, Juha Virtanen, General Secretary of YMCA Finland addressing the audience



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Picture 14, Service in the Hollola Church



Picture 15, Mr. Kyösti Toivonen, former Member of European Parliament tells the participants the history of the church



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Picture 16, The participants of the convention in front of Hollola Church



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Lunch in Community house and closing the convention

After the service there was a lunch in the old community house of Hollola before closing the convention.



Picture 17, PRD Algirdas Ciuksys thanks and congratulates RD Jorma Sinkkilä, left CP Arturas Francevicius of Vilnius C. and right PAP Ineta Krumina

30.9.2016

RD Jorma Sinkkilä

RS Veikko Juvonen