

**Barents Press  
International**



**PROGRAMME  
BARENTS PRESS INTERNATIONAL  
ANNUAL MEETING  
BODØ, APRIL 16-18 2010**

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Accommodation and conference venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Bodø



**Nordland**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

## FRIDAY 16

Arrival delegations

**12:00 – 23:00**

**Registration at Radisson**

**13:00**

Lunch at Radisson

**15:00**

Excursion to **Joint Rescue Coordination Centre** (walking distance from the hotel)

A rescue helicopter will demonstrate a “pick-up” right outside the building (if not on a call-out) – good photo possibilities!

**17:20**

Arrival Murmansk and Arkhangelsk delegations

**17:45**

Bus departure from Radisson – via Bodø Airport

**18:15 – 20:30**

Tour, discussion and supper at the **High North Centre for Business and Governance**

**20:00**

*Arrival Swedish, Finish and Karelian delegations – supper at Radisson*

**20:30**

Return to Radisson by bus

**21:30**

Film at Radisson: **From Vardø with Love** – a documentary of music and good neighbours in the middle of the Cold War

## SATURDAY 17

**07:00 – 08:30**

Breakfast at Radisson

**08:30 – 09:00**

### **Official opening:**

Robert Sandström, Board Chairman, Barents Press International  
Arne Egil Tønset, Board Chairman, Barents Press Norway  
Odd Eriksen, President, Nordland County Government  
Dag Kristoffersen, Head of Journalist Programme, Bodø University College

**09:00 – 09:30**

**Future Security and Defense Issues in the North** – opening statement and discussion:  
Thorvald Stoltenberg

**09:30 – 11:15**

### *Parallell session a:*

**Future Security and Defense Issues in the North** (continuing) – statements and discussion:  
Mediator: Kjell Dragnes, Editor of Foreign News, Aftenposten  
Thorvald Stoltenberg  
Jon Fredriksen, Ministry of foreign affairs, Norway  
Kristian Åtland, Norwegian Defense Research Establishment  
Grigorij Pasko, freelance journalist, Moscow

**09:30 – 11:15**

### *Parallell session b:*

**Youth Chat – the way ahead for young journalists in the Barents Region:**  
Sari Pöyhönen, Finland  
Dag Kristoffersen, Norway  
Inna Rozhina, Russia  
Amalie Vatnan Løkås, Nordland County Youth Assembly  
Kristine Iversen, Nordland County Youth Assembly  
Mats Mikalsen, Nordland County Youth Assembly

**11:30**

**Bus departure from Radisson**

**12:00 – 15:00**

**Visit to Norwegian Defense Operations Headquarters, Reitan:**  
Presentation by Lt. Colonel John Espen Lien.  
Major General Bernt I. F. Brovold will be available for photo and interviews

Lunch at Reitan

### **15:00 – 16:15**

#### **Presentation of Barents Scholarship Project 2009 – a study of journalists' working conditions in Russia:**

Kjersti Sjursen Lien, Ida Kroksæther and Beth Mørch Pettersen, former students of Bodø University College

#### **Why choose NOT to become a journalist in today's Russia? – statements and discussion:**

Mediator: Gunnar Sætra, Norway

Jelena Larionova, Russia

Aleksej Sjirjajev, Russia

### **17:00 – 18:00**

#### **Boat Trip to Værran** (walking distance to the harbour)

Guiding by Torghatten Nord representative

### **19:00 – 19:25**

#### **Opening to the East – 25 years of cooperation and challenges** – lecture at Radisson:

Odd Eriksen, President, Nordland County Government

### **19:25 – 19:45**

#### **Courses and exchange programmes for journalists in the Barents Region:**

Elnar Seljevold

### **20:00**

Dinner at Radisson

Music, dance and entertainment

## **SUNDAY 18**

**07:00 – 09:00**

Breakfast at Radisson

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Barents Press Scholarship Strategy** – statements and discussion:  
Mediator: Magne Kveseth, Altaposten, Norway

**10:15 – 10:45**

**National reports**

**10:45 – 11:15**

**Barents Press International Web Service** – presentation:  
Roberts Sandström: Head of international board

**11:15 – 11:30**

**Presentation of the Barents Secretariat's travel support programme for journalists**

**11:30 – 12:00**

**Elections**

**12:00 – 12:15**

**Official closing of Barents Press International annual meeting**

**12:15 – 12:45**

**Barents Press International board meeting**

**13:00**

Lunch at Radisson

Departure

**14:00**

**Guided tour of the Norwegian Aviation Museum**  
for the Murmansk and Arkhangelsk delegations (guiding in English)

Supper

## **MONDAY 19**

**07:00**

Breakfast at Radisson

**10:20**

Departure Murmansk and Arkhangelsk delegations

### **Fees:**

Finnish/Norwegian/Swedish delegates in single rooms NOK 1100

Finnish/Norwegian/Swedish delegates in double rooms NOK 800

Finnish/Norwegian/Swedish students NOK 400

Russian delegates NOK 300

Russian students FREE

Participants without a room at the hotel NOK 800

The fee will be collected when you register. Please bring cash!

Welcome!

We are looking very much forward to seeing you in Bodø.

On behalf of Barents Press International

**Arne Egil Tønset**

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