

# XII UBC General Conference

Mariehamn, 1-4 October 2013

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# Åland Islands

- An autonomous, demilitarized Swedish speaking region of Finland
- 6,500 islands, of which 65 are inhabited
- 28,355 inhabitants (31.12. 2011)
- Main industries include shipping, trade, banking, farming and the production of food items
- own flag, own stamps and internet top-level domain (.ax).

# Åland Islands

- Strategically located between several main Baltic Sea destinations



# Town of Mariehamn

- The only town in Åland, a small metropolis
- 11 263 inhabitants
- 11,6 km<sup>2</sup>
- founded in 1861 by Tzar Alexander II at a time when Åland and Finland were a part of the Russian Empire. Mariehamn is named after Tzar Alexander's wife, Maria Alexandrovna.







# ONCE HOME PORT FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST SHIPPING FLEET

- Maritime museum
- Museum ship Pommern
- Maritime quarter



# Åland Islands Peace Institute

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- The Åland Islands Peace Institute (ÅIPI) is a politically and religiously independent charitable foundation.
- Its aim is to promote and support practical work as well as research in the broader area of peace and conflict resolution and from the vantage point of Åland and its unique status

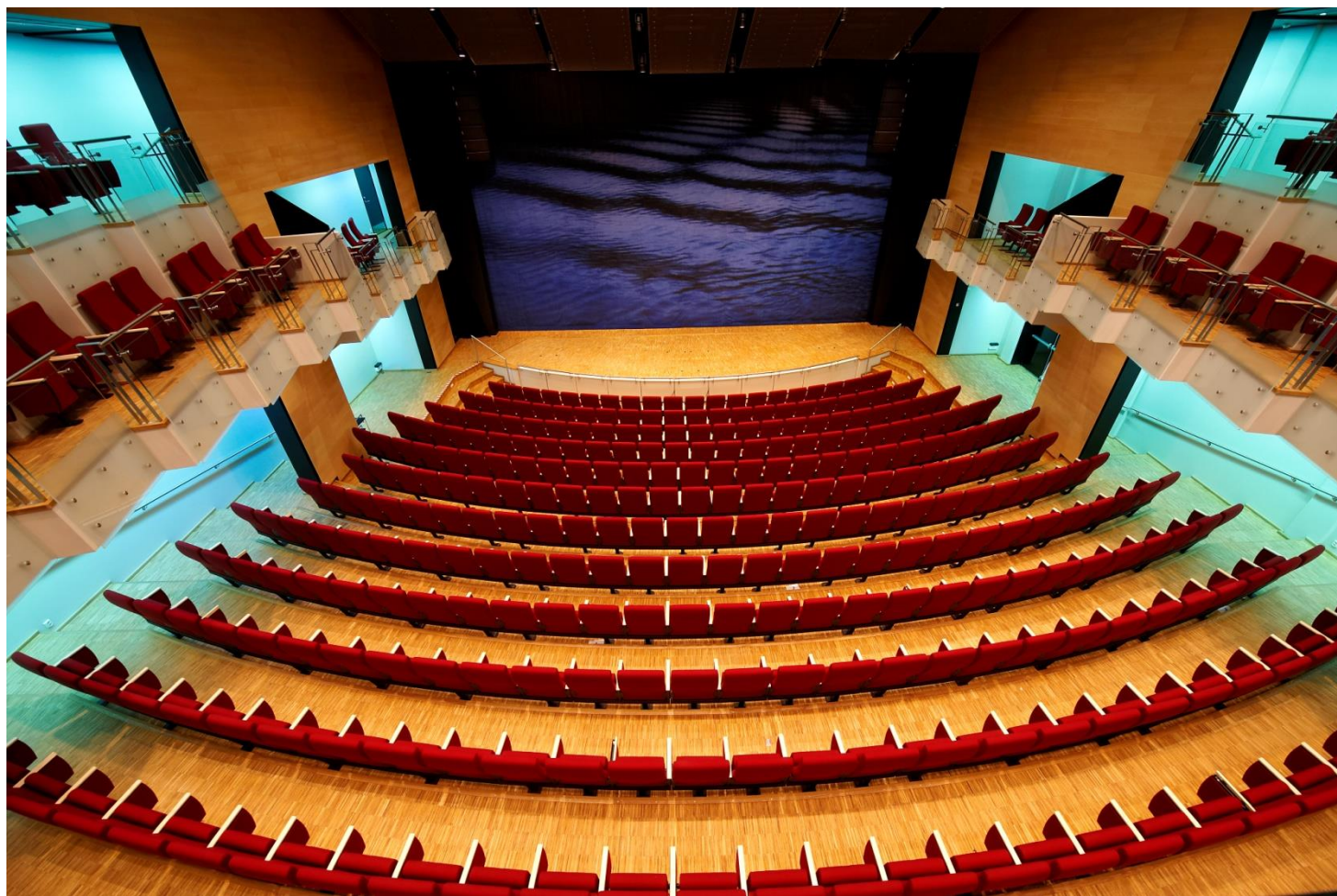
# Possible theme

## **'Empowerment for peaceful societies'.**

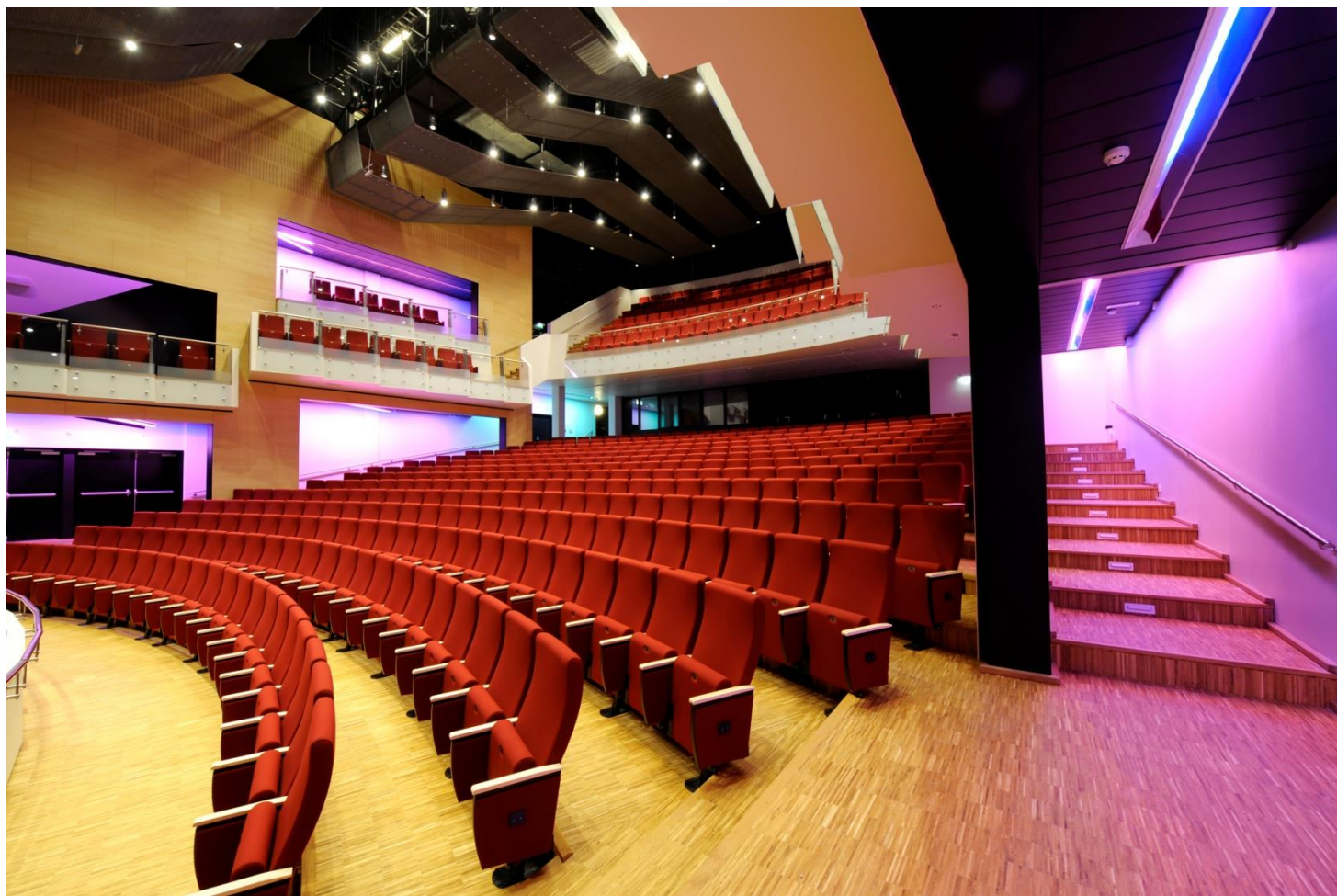
- - Strengthening networks of peaceful societies around the Baltic sea (the roles of civil society, minority protection, language diversity, mediation, conflict prevention, self-government etc)
- Proactive and preventive work methods among young people for gender equality and against sexual violence









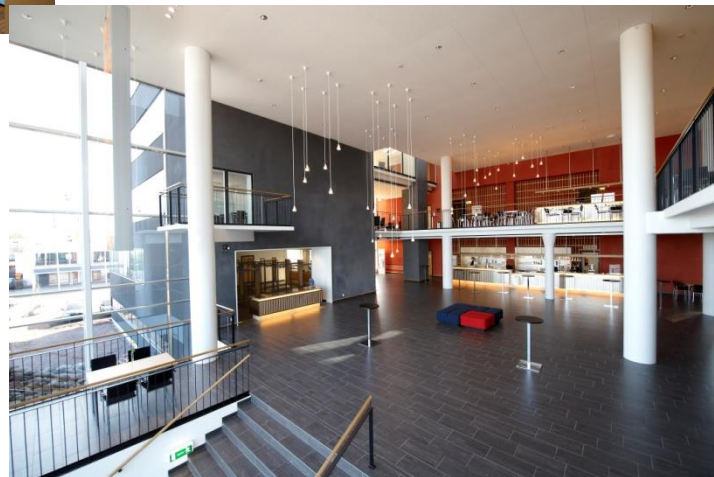


















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