


Nordic Science Centre Association Conference 2023

September 13th -15th

Liepāja, Latvia



Have you heard that Liepāja is the city of music, wind and the sea? But that's not all. Every guest will be able to find an activity or opportunity to rest in Liepāja that suits them best – whether it be the beautiful nature, unique attractions and opportunities to explore science and technologies, various events or a multitude of culture options. No one is going to be bored in Liepāja!

Small space – big thoughts!

The Liepāja Science Centre differs from other science centers in Latvia and the world with its small infrastructure. That is why the slogan for this year's conference has been chosen as "Small space – big thoughts!" to prove that the science centre's small size is not a defect but an effect. More important than the size of the infrastructure is the content that is planned to be presented magnificently during the conference.

Conference venue

Liepāja Concert Hall Great Amber is a multifunctional art center of national and European significance, hosting a broad spectrum of contemporary culture services including art events in various genres representing Latvian and foreign professional arts, music, dance, visual and new media arts. The Concert Hall maintains the availability of professional art in the region, thus promoting intellectual pastime activities and the education of the public.



Programm

September 13th

15.00-17.00 NSCA Governing Board Meeting

18.00-18.30 Participants Registration

18.30-18.55 Welcome Reception

19.00-20.30 Brief Overview of Science Centers Representatives. Stands of local (Latvian) Educational aids, activities represented by each Latvian science centre (Liepāja, Ventspils, Cēsis and Daugavpils)

September 14th



Moderator
Mārtiņš Daugulis
Associate researcher of the Institute
of Foreign Policy of Latvia

Interest area
#academic reseach



Keynote Speaker
Thimon de Jong
Has been Ranked
'Highest Rated Speaker'

Interest area
**#what people are
going to do next
#future**



Speaker,
Workshop Leader
Miķelis Bendiks
Facilitator, process efficiency
and change management
consultant.

Interest area
**#co-creation
#designthinking**

09.00-9.55 Welcome Reception

10.00-10.05 Conference Opening Performance

10.05-10.20 Conference opening speeches

Gunārs Anšiš. Chairman of the City Council.

Kristīne Niedre-Lathere. Head of Liepāja Municipal Education Department.

Lars Leegaard Marøy. NSCA Governing Board' s Chairman.

10.20 - 11.50 Speaker 1 | **Thimon de Jong**

11.50 - 13.20 Speaker 2 | **Miķelis Bendiks**

13.20 - 14.20 Stands of Local Educational Aids & Lunch

14:20 - 14.40 Gathering at Organized Transport

14.40 - 18.00 Parallel Small Groups Workshops at Different Places

19.00 Dinner Together

Workshop No 1.

Title. Performance of Science and Education Innovation Centre's Science Theater.

Description. While most science centers offer the service of a "Science show," Liepāja has carved its own niche with the Science Theater. This unique approach adds a new dimension to both widely recognized and lesser-known natural science experiments through the art of theater.

Act. Experience a captivating 60-minute Science Theater performance designed for an intimate audience of up to 20 people.

Workshop No 2.

Title. Exploring Water Research in a Real Environment - A Mobile Vehicle Experience in Liepāja Lake.

Description. We believe that hands-on experiences are the most memorable. That's why we employ the "learn-by-doing" method. Join us in a workshop that never fails to surprise even our own science center employees. Each session is unique and unpredictable, making it impossible to fully prepare or anticipate the results. Let's delve into the fascinating world of zoology together, examining aquatic life under a magnifying glass!

Act. Immerse yourself in a 60-minute exploration of aquatic life, all while aboard a mobile vehicle. This workshop is designed for an audience of up to 20 people.

Workshop No 3.

Title. Exploring Lost Architectural Buildings of Liepāja through Augmented Reality.

Description. History is a valuable educator that cannot be erased. Even when the physical remnants of history are lost, its essence continues to exist. Thanks to modern technology, we can now bring history to life like never before.

Act. Join us for a captivating 60-minute tour through the significant streets of Liepāja, where you'll witness history come alive in a three-dimensional environment.

Workshop No 4.

Title. Exploring an Interactive Installations and Living Creatures at the Nature House.

Description. The House of Nature offers a range of interactive installations, many of which have been developed by our own dedicated employees in collaboration with higher education institutions and partners. Among the center's most prominent attractions are the living creatures, including Australian weaver ants and Madagascar hissing cockroaches. The Nature House serves as more than just a model for STEM fields; it also showcases the fusion of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) with a special emphasis on the artistic elements.

Act. Immerse yourself in a 60-minute excursion that allows you to fully engage with nature. Experience the tactile, auditory, and visual aspects of the natural world, right at your fingertips.

September 15th

7.30.-9.00 Organized transport to the Ventspils

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome Reception

9.30 - 12.00 Exploring the Science Center VIZIUM and Exhibitions

12.00-12.50 Lunch & Non-formal discussions

12.50-13.00 Farewall

13.00 Organized transport to the airport

Arrivals

Closest airport to Liepaja (65 km from Liepaja) is Palanga International Airport - PLQ. Perfect for Nordic countries - Norway, Denmark, Finland.

Riga International Airport - RIX (220 km from Liepaja) - Direct flights to more than 60 destinations worldwide.

! We offer organized free transport:

September 13

from Palanga International Airport, transfer possible at 4.00pm and from Riga International Airport transfer possible at 11.00am

September 15

to Palanga International Airport transfer possible at 1.00pm
to Riga International Airport transfer possible at 1.00pm

Recomended Hotels

HOTEL "Promenade Hotel"

Liepaja, Vecā Ostmala 40,
+371 63488288
Discount 20% promenadehotel.lv

with promo code - **NSCA**
HOTEL "Art Hotel Roma"
Liepaja, Zivju street 3, +371 63430000
Discount 20% arthotelroma.lv
with promo code - **NSCA**

HOTEL "Superior Class Hotel Līva"

Liepaja, Liela street 11,
+371 63420102, +371 29163686
Discount 10% www.livahotel.lv
with promo code - **NSCA**

HOTEL "Amrita"

Liepaja, Rigas street 7/9,
+371 63480888, +37122054688
Discount 10% www.amrita.lv
with promo code - **NSCA**



Participation fee

Early bird
untill July 31 –
300 EUR/person

Standart fee
untill September 5 –
350 EUR/person

Non members
- **400 EUR/person**

An invoice will be sent
to the email provided
on application form.

Click here to register

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