

XI Baltic Stratigraphical Conference

August 19–21, 2024

Tartu and Arbavere, Estonia

Second Circular



The 11th Baltic Stratigraphical Conference will take place in Estonia in August 2024. The scientific sessions in Tartu and Arbavere Research Centre will be complemented by geological excursions to central, northern and western Estonia. Like in the case of previous Baltic stratigraphical conferences, this meeting is not restricted to stratigraphy, but contributions on a broad range of regionally relevant geological topics are welcome.

The initial plan and conference venue were slightly changed on the basis of registered participants. Instead of two days of scientific sessions in Tartu, we will have one day of sessions in Tartu and one day at the completely rebuilt

Arbavere Research Center and core repository of the Geological Survey of Estonia.

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Important dates

Note the changes from the initial plan!

June 1, 2024	Deadline for registration, payment, abstracts and short papers
August 18, 2024	Arrival in Tartu, Icebreaker
August 19-21, 2024	Scientific Sessions in Tartu and Arbavere Research Centre, Mid-conference field trip and conference dinner
August 22–25, 2024	Post-conference field excursion (starts and ends in Tallinn)

Registration and fees

Regular registration was closed on June 1, 2024. The post-conference field trip is fully booked.

For late registration, please fill out the registration form as soon as possible at <https://stratigraafia.info/11bsc> and contact the organisers.

Late conference fee	250 €
Conference dinner	60 €

The conference fee covers conference bag, lunches, coffee breaks, refreshments, the mid-conference field trip and one night of accommodation in Arbavere. It does not cover conference dinner. The excursion fee covers transport, accommodation (4 nights), breakfasts and lunches, and an excursion guidebook.

Updated schedule

Sunday, August 18	Arrival to Tartu, Registration and Icebreaker <i>Location and time:</i> Chemicum, Ravila 14A, registration desk is open from 15.00, Ice-Breaker starts 18.00 <i>Accommodation:</i> in Tartu, to be arranged personally
Monday, August 19	Conference in Tartu <i>Location:</i> Chemicum, Ravila 14A <i>Accommodation:</i> in Tartu, to be arranged personally
Tuesday, August 20	Mid-conference field trip <i>Departure:</i> from Tartu; <i>Activities:</i> Visiting outcrops in central and NE Estonia, Conference Dinner in the evening; <i>Accommodation:</i> in Arbavere (included in the conference fee)
Wednesday, August 21	Conference and workshop in Arbavere <i>Location:</i> Arbavere Research Centre and Drill Core Repository <i>Departures:</i> to Tallinn and Tartu in the evening <i>Accommodation:</i> - to be arranged personally for those not attending post-conference excursion; - participants of the post-conference excursion have accommodation booked in Tallinn (included in the excursion fee);
Thursday, August 22	Post-conference field trip <i>Departure:</i> from Tallinn; <i>Focus:</i> outcrops in northern and western Estonia; <i>Accommodation:</i> University of Tartu Field station in Laelatu
Friday, August 23	Post-conference field trip <i>Focus:</i> outcrops on Saaremaa Island <i>Accommodation:</i> in Saaremaa
Saturday, August 24	Post-conference field trip <i>Focus:</i> outcrops on Saaremaa Island <i>Accommodation:</i> in Saaremaa
Sunday, August 25	Post-conference field trip <i>Focus:</i> outcrops in central Estonia Expected time of arrival: 16.00 Tallinn, 18.30 Tartu. <i>Accommodation:</i> to be arranged personally

Conference venue

Note the change from the initial plan!

The conference will start in **Tartu**, the academic capital of Estonia. In 2024, Tartu is also the European Capital of Culture. On the first day, August 19, the scientific sessions will be hosted in the **University of Tartu Chemicum Building**, Ravila 14A, Tartu (see <https://g.co/kgs/aMiWFvw>). This will be followed by a mid-conference excursion ending in Arbavere, North Estonia. The second day of the sessions, August 21, will be held at the **Arbavere Research Center** and core repository (<https://egt.ee/en/organisation-news-and-contacts/contacts/arbavere-research-centre>, <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CNxUwp8ZcCy7aG2VA>).

Programme

Oral and poster presentations are welcome on diverse topics related to Baltic regional geology and stratigraphy. Scientific sessions are planned to cover the main time slices well represented in the region. In addition, special sessions / workshops are planned to discuss the state of stratigraphic service in different countries, demonstrate new features of digital geology (such as 3D geological mapping) and geological databases. Other ideas of workshops or demonstrations are welcome, please share your thoughts with the organisers.

Publications

One-page abstracts will be published in the conference volume. Download the abstract template from the conference website: <https://stratigraafia.info/11bsc> and submit your contribution by e-mail to 11bsc@ut.ee.

In addition, manuscripts of short papers (4-8 printed pages) may be submitted for a thematic issue in the [Estonian Journal of Earth Sciences](#), to be published in December. The deadline for both abstracts and papers is **June 1, 2024**.

Field trips

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The conference includes a **one-day mid-conference field trip** in central and North Estonia (Silurian to Cambrian) on August 20, 2023.

The **four-day post-conference trip** will take participants from Tallinn, across western Estonia, to Saaremaa Island and then back to central Estonia, ending in Tallinn. The excursion fee includes accommodation for 4 nights, breakfasts and lunches, transportation and a field guide. NB! The excursion is fully booked. For more information and localities to be visited, check the conference website: <https://stratigraafia.info/11bsc>.

Social events

Icebreaker will take place on August 18, 2024, in Chemicum Building, Ravila 14A, Tartu. Scheduled start: 18.00.

Conference Dinner will be on August 20, 2024, following the mid-conference excursion.

European Capital of Culture 2024

There are various activities and events going on in Tartu in August, during the time of our conference. Please check the programme and other information on the [Tartu 2024 website](#).

Travel and accommodation

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Tartu can be easily reached by car, bus or train. Those arriving by plane to Tallinn or Riga would take a bus to Tartu. For international bus lines check <https://eurolines.lt/en>, domestic bus tickets can be booked online at <https://www.tpilet.ee/en/>.

Booking accommodation in Tartu (and in Tallinn after the field excursion if needed) is the responsibility of the participants. A selection of hotels in the city centre: [Dorpat](#), [Lydia](#), [Antonius](#), [Barclay](#).

Budget accommodation is arranged in Tartu Downtown Hostel for two nights, from August 18-19, 2024. Price per double room (without breakfast): 30€ (single occupancy) / 35€ (double occupancy). Booking at tartuhostel.ee, using the keyword "11BSC". NB! The number of pre-booked rooms is limited.

Please note that due to the change in conference venue, the participants will stay in Tartu for two nights, **August 18 and 19**. Accommodation for **August 20** is booked by the organisers in Arbavere, North Estonia, and this is covered by the conference fee. Those not attending the post-conference excursion should arrange their accommodation individually either in Tallinn or Tartu, for **August 21**.

For participants of the post-conference excursion, accommodation for **August 21** is booked in Tallinn (Academic Hostel; included in the excursion fee). The post-conference excursion ends in Tallinn on August 25, but a minibus will take people to Tartu as well; accommodation for August 25 in Tallinn or Tartu should be arranged individually.

Studying geological collections

The geological collections hosted at the Natural History Museum, University of Tartu, can be visited during your stay in Tartu. Please contact Mare Isakar (mare.isakar@ut.ee) to arrange your visit or should you have any questions.

The second conference day (August 21) will include drill core demonstrations and a workshop at the Arbavere Research Center of the Geological Survey of Estonia. If you are interested taking samples from the cores, permission needs to be asked in advance. Please contact Tavo Ani for details (tavo.ani@egt.ee).

Collections can also be studied at the Department of Geology, Tallinn University of Technology, and the Estonian Museum of Natural History. Please discuss the options with Ursula Toom (ursula.toom@taltech.ee) and Karin Truuver (karin.truuver@loodusmuuseum.ee), respectively.

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