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New BALTEX Science Steering Group Chairs

Following Hartmut Grassl's wish to resign, the BALTEX Science Steering Group (SSG) at its 19th meeting in Göteborg, Sweden, 24 May 2006, elected **Dr Joakim Langner** as the **new chair of the BALTEX SSG**. Joakim is director of the research department at the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) in Norrköping, Sweden. He is associated professor in meteorology and his key interest and specialisation include atmospheric dispersion modelling, development and application of various chemistry-transport models from local to global scales, and atmospheric chemistry.

Further, the BALTEX SSG elected **Dr Timo Vihma**, senior research scientist at the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) and docent in meteorology at the University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, as **new vice-chair of the BALTEX SSG**. Timo's specialisation and interest include boundary-layer meteorology, sea-ice thermodynamics and dynamics, polar meteorology, meso-scale atmospheric modelling and air-sea interaction.

The BALTEX SSG also confirmed **Prof Anders Omstedt**, Professor for Oceanography at Göteborg University, Earth Science Centre, Göteborg, Sweden, as **vice-chair of the BALTEX SSG**.

During BALTEX Phase II, the BALTEX SSG will therefore be guided by a chair and two vice-chairs. The BALTEX SSG approved a three-years term for their chair and vice-chairs with the possibility of a prolongation.

Photos see next page.

Links:

SMHI's Research Department: <http://www.smhi.se/sgn0106/if/iflista.htm>

FMI's Research: <http://www.fmi.fi/research/>

Göteborg University, Anders Omstedt:

<http://www.gvc.gu.se/geovetarcentrum/PERSONAL/OmstedtAnders.htm>



Historical meeting: The “old” and new BALTEX SSG chairs met at the International BALTEX Conference on Assessment of Climate Change for the Baltic Sea Basin, Göteborg, 23 May 2006. Left: Lennart Bengtsson, BALTEX SSG chair 1994-1999, second from right: Hartmut Graßl, BALTEX SSG chair 1999-2006, right: Joakim Langner, BALTEX SSG chair since May 2006. Second from left: Mikko Alestalo, Deputy Director General at FMI, Finland and member of the BALTEX SSG.



Participants at the 19th BALTEX SSG meeting, 24 May 2006 in Göteborg, Sweden, including the new chair and vice-chairs Joakim Langner (7th from left), Timo Vihma (6th from left), and Anders Omstedt (4th from right).