

Post-Conference **Excursion B – 23.-24.09.2006** –
following the *ISRS European Meeting 2006* in Bremen:

Natural Treasures and Cultural Heritage at the Baltic Sea

Germany's coral reefs are limited. However, some fascinating spots can be visited in the far Northeast of the country, close to the Polish border, on the coast of the **Baltic Sea**.

The **German Oceanographic Museum** (over 600.000 visitors/year) invites the conference participants for a two-day post-conference excursion to visit the museum and aquarium situated in the historic town-centre of the **UNESCO cultural heritage**, the **medieval Hansetown of Stralsund**.



Right on the coastline of the Baltic Sea, vis-à-vis of Germany's largest island Rugia, the excursion will offer a mixture of fossil and cultural heritage (the spectacular Cretaceous cliffs of Rugia-island and the historic town-centre of the old Hansetown Stralsund). An exclusive tour around the German Oceanographic Museum and Aquarium and a dinner-party in Germany's only public sea-turtle Aquarium (a total of 700 m³ cold water and tropical show-aquaria – with some 6000 m³ more to come in 2008), will be part of the program.



A bus tour with hiking breaks around the spectacular Jasmund National Parc and other geological sites of Rugia-Island will demonstrate Cretaceous cliffs, land-sea interaction and glacial landscape forming, as well as modern aspects of ICZM in a tourist region. Depending on the seasons progress about 40.000 grey cranes (*Grus grus*) may have arrived in the area to rest for six weeks on their trip to the Spanish Extremadura (optional bird-watching).



Draft program (minor changes/specifications possible according to number of participants):

Sat. Sept. 23rd

8.00 a.m. meeting at **Bremen main train station**,

8.15 ETD of train ride via Hamburg and Rostock to Stralsund,

12.59 ETA Stralsund

Transfer to Hotel(s) - maybe quick lunch – or lunch in museum.

14.00 Visit to the **German Oceanographic Museum** with tour around exhibitions and aquaria;

16.30-18.30 Guided tour around the historic town-centre of the Hanse town Stralsund;

19.00 Slide lecture “Biogenic Coasts of the Baltic Sea”, and “Dinner under the Whale” or “Dinner with Sea-turtles” in the museum (open end).

Sun. Sept. 24th

9:00 meeting for bus excursion, round-trip on the Rugia-island, visiting the famous Königstuhl and/or Wissower Klinken (compare drawing by Caspar David Friedrich).

Around **12.00** Lunch at the with Jasmund National Park visitors Centre;

14:00 moving on to the Granitz-Castle (Architect Schinkel) with viewing tower, or walk along the beach promenade at Binz with historic architecture from the Emperor period, shopping (optional), return to Stralsund **17:00**.

18:00: At dusk bird-watching of grey cranes returning to the sleeping places (optional)

20:00 Farewell evening in local medieval pub.

Mon. Sept. 25th

Morning: Individual onward travel by train from Stralsund via Berlin or Hamburg

(recommended), or to Hannover^{*}). Travel arrangements can be assisted.

Total costs for the excursion will be max. (!) 300,-Euro/ person (subject to # of participants, minimum 10), covering the train ride to Stralsund, accommodation, program, city tour guide, lectures, trips, dinners.

Registration Excursion B: Please register directly with the excursion organizer at address or email below. Excursion fees have to be bank-transferred by August 30, 2006 to the following bank account:

Excursion fees:

Please transfer fees for the respective excursion to:

Deutsches Meeresmuseum:

Account number: 542 05 42 00; **Banking Code** 130 700 00; **IBAN** DE 75 130 700 00

BIC (Swift Code) DEUTDEBR.

IMPORTANT: Pls. note keyword **EU-ISRS-2006 Excursion B**

Remark: Sorry, but we cannot accept to be charged international transfer fees.

Please send your **Registration** and **Requests** directly to:

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*⁾ The excursion can be booked to bridge the time gap between the conference and the subsequent post conference field-trip to Sinai/Egypt led by Gert Wörheide and Mike Reich, starting from Hannover September 26th early. See <http://wwwuser.gwdg.de/~gwoerhe/sinaifieldtrip2006.pdf>.