

**EXPEDITION „B A L T O S C A N D I A – 2016“
CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA, LATVIA**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

August 20, 2016

10 am

- Opening of the Conference
- *Speeches and presentations:*
Speech, presentation from Latvia
“The Baltoscandian Idea: Birth and Developing of it through Previous Century and Forcoming Perspectives. Lithuanian Geographical Society and prof. Kazys Pakštas. Expedition “Mission Lithuania 100.” Mr. Arūnas Bliūdžius, Academia Baltoscandia, Lithuania, Mrs. Genovaitė Kynė, the president of Lithuanian Geographical Society, Mr. Gintautas Babravičius, leader of the expedition “Mission Lithuania 100”, Wanderers Club, Lithuania
- *Speeches of representative from Lithuanian community in Latvia, conference participants, discussions*

12 am

- Closing of the conference

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MISSION – to promote a celebration of 100 year anniversary of modern Lithuanian state in Northern Europe and to facilitate an image of Lithuania as part of Baltoscandia in the Baltic states and Scandinavia.

GOAL – to make a tour through Baltic and Scandinavian states commemorating prof. Kazys Pakštas and his idea of Baltoscandia as well as to unite Lithuanians around the world.

MAIN TASKS:

- 1) to commemorate activities of promotion of Baltoscandic idea of prof. K. Pakštas in 30-ies and 40-ies of the 20th century among academic communities in the Baltic and Scandinavian countries; to organise meetings and conferences in Universities, visited by prof. K. Pakštas;
- 2) to commemorate 25th anniversary of diplomatic recognition of independence of Baltic states and thank Northern European nations for their exceptional role in this process;
- 3) to present Lithuanian regional aspirations for the societies of those nations and Lithuanians abroad and to promote ideas of Matas Šalčius „The World for Lithuania, Lithuania for the World“;
- 4) to meet communities of Lithuanians in visited countries, discuss issues of education and integration;
- 5) to note 25th anniversary of „Baltoscandinavian academy“, which was promoting ideas of closer collaboration of Baltic and Scandinavian countries since its foundation.

Expedition „B A L T O S C A N D I A – 2016“ is the first stage of the round World tour „Mission LITHUANIA 100“. This tour or mission is devoted to the 100 anniversary of Lithuanian independence. The goal of the mission could be described by three verbs: celebrate, educate, promote. The collaboration between all nations is a condition for survival of any nation in modern times.