

I International Conference "Environment and Sport Education for Long-term Development" RESOLUTION

Attn.: Aigars Kalvītis, LR Prime Minister
Raimonds Vējonis, LR Minister for Environment
Baibai Rivža, LR Minister for Education and Science
Gundars Bērziņš, LR Minister for Health
Māris Kučinskis, LR Minister for Regional Development and Local Authorities Matters
Gundars Grīnvalds, LR Minister for Justice
Aldons Vrubļevskis, President of the Latvian Olympic Committee
Andris Jaunsleinis, Chairman of the Latvian Local Authorities Union
Environment Protection Non-governmental Organizations and the Environment Consultative Council
Non-governmental Organizations and the Latvian Civic Alliance
Latvian Universities and Higher Educational Institutions

This year on September 18-20 I International conference "Environment and Sport for Long-term Development" took place in Jurmala arranged by the Environment Education Fund „Par sakoptu Latviju” (“For Clean Latvia”) and „Projekts Pēdas” More than 150 participants from the Non-governmental organizations, state environment and education establishments, schools, universities, sport clubs and local authorities, as well as representatives and lecturers from foreign and international organizations attended the conference. Within the period of conference there have been presented different experiences, research and projects, as well as discussions were held on the situation in the field of environment and sport education in Latvia.

Participants of the conference expressed and initiated the particular proposals to the Latvian government and its organizations that are able to facilitate the development of environment and sport education in Latvia:

1. To facilitate mastering of knowledge, information awareness and understanding of the long-term development and integration of the long-term development principle into life, the government should be more involved and should delegate the functions directly to the non-governmental sector.
2. It is required to use the already existing experience of a lot of international organizations (UNDP, Olympic Solidarity, Agenda 21, Baltic 21, etc.) to popularize and favour in order the information on sport and environment education could be available.
3. State, local authorities', academic, non-governmental and private sector co-operation relative to facilitation to the long-term public model is insufficient, therefore, the existing Latvian state long-term development basic approach and policy documents have not been put into practice to the full extent.
4. Practical knowledge on the environment protection and people' health in their entirety should be included in the curriculum of educational institutions and schools, integrating human being' health aspects in the environment education as the logic link.
5. The lack of public awareness and the attitude of low-enforcement agencies to the Environment protection laws including enforcement of punishment in Latvia are inadequate, which bear evidence of not only insufficient public knowledge and information awareness, but also of insufficient action of the state to establish the rule of law.

Participants of the conference signified their satisfaction on the idea of the conference to call together representatives of all branches and professions, brought together by the environment and environments, as well as the process of sport education in diversified aspects. Participants of the conference proposed to organize this conference as an annual forum, where all the persons and organizations concerned which implement the basic principles of long-term development might take part in.

Co-chair persons of the Conference:

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