



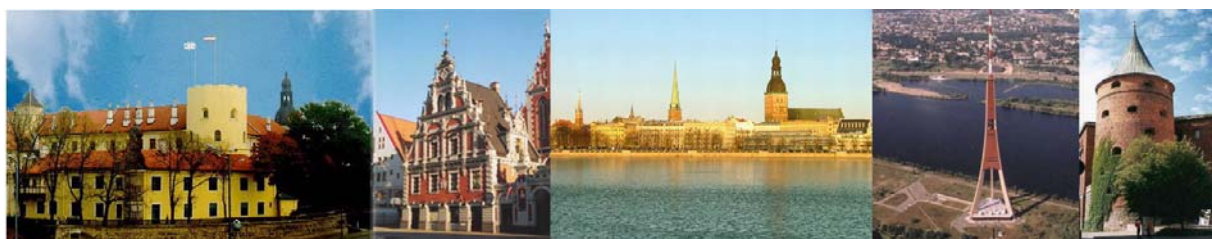
**UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA**

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**NATIONAL RESEARCH  
PROGRAMME "CLIMATE  
CHANGE AND WATERS"**

The University of Latvia, National research programme "Climate change and waters" and ASTRA has the pleasure to invite you to the the 3rd Conference "Climate change and waters" to be held at University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia



**May 10 - 12, 2007**

University of Latvia, 19 Raina blvd., LV – 1586, Riga, Latvia



## LATVIA AND RIGA

The area of **Latvia** is about 64 thousand square kilometers. The population of the Republic is 2,5 million people.

**Riga** - capital of Latvia is located on the Baltic Sea and a third of all Latvians live here (800 thousand inhabitants). Riga is more than 800 years old.



Riga was a major centre of the Hanseatic League, deriving its prosperity in the 13th–15th centuries from the trade with central and Eastern Europe.

Riga once was a fortified city, walled in by high ramparts with turrets and fortified gates. These walls were eventually torn down, though a few small sections remain with the so-called Swedish Gate being the oldest remaining portion and the Powder Tower.

Riga became an important economic centre in the 19th century, when the suburbs surrounding the medieval town were laid out, first with imposing wooden buildings in neoclassical style and then in *Jugendstil* (Art Nouveau). It is generally recognized that Riga has the finest collection of art nouveau buildings in Europe.



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## **CURRENCY**

In Latvia only Latvian lats can be used. You can change your currency in the airport, hotel or in banks. 1 EUR is approximately 0.70 LVL.

## **PASSPORT AND VISA**

For the citizens of most of the European countries a valid passport is all that is required to enter Latvia. For more information please visit the web site of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.am.gov.lv/en/service/visas/> . It is each participant's responsibility to acquire the necessary traveling documents. Official invitations needed for a visa will be provided by the Conference Secretariat at the request of participants.

## **INSURANCE**

Participants are advised to arrange appropriate travel and health insurance before departing from their home country. The Conference Secretariat cannot accept any liability for personal accident, loss or damage to private property, belonging to Conference participants, either during or as a result of the event.

## **CLIMATE**

The climate in the beginning of June in general is very pleasant in Latvia. You can expect maximum temperatures around 25°C and mild nights.

Full information about climatic conditions can be obtained from home page of The Latvian Hydrometeorological Agency [http://www.meteo.lv/public/index\\_en.html](http://www.meteo.lv/public/index_en.html)

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**



**University of Latvia**

The University of Latvia was founded in 1919 on the basis of the former Riga Polytechnic (founded in 1862). In 1923 this school received its present name - the University of Latvia (Universitas Latviensis). The former building of Riga Polytechnic is located at 19 Raina Boulevard and serves as the symbol of the University even nowadays.

With Latvia regaining freedom the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia confirmed the Constitution of the University of Latvia in 1991. It stated that the Higher School is "a state establishment of academic education, science and culture which serves the needs of Latvia and people".

University of Latvia integrates diverse fields of research and studies with creative initiative to provide higher education of European standard, to cultivate the Latvian language and traditions of cultural cooperation.

<http://www.lu.lv/>

## **ACCOMMODATION**



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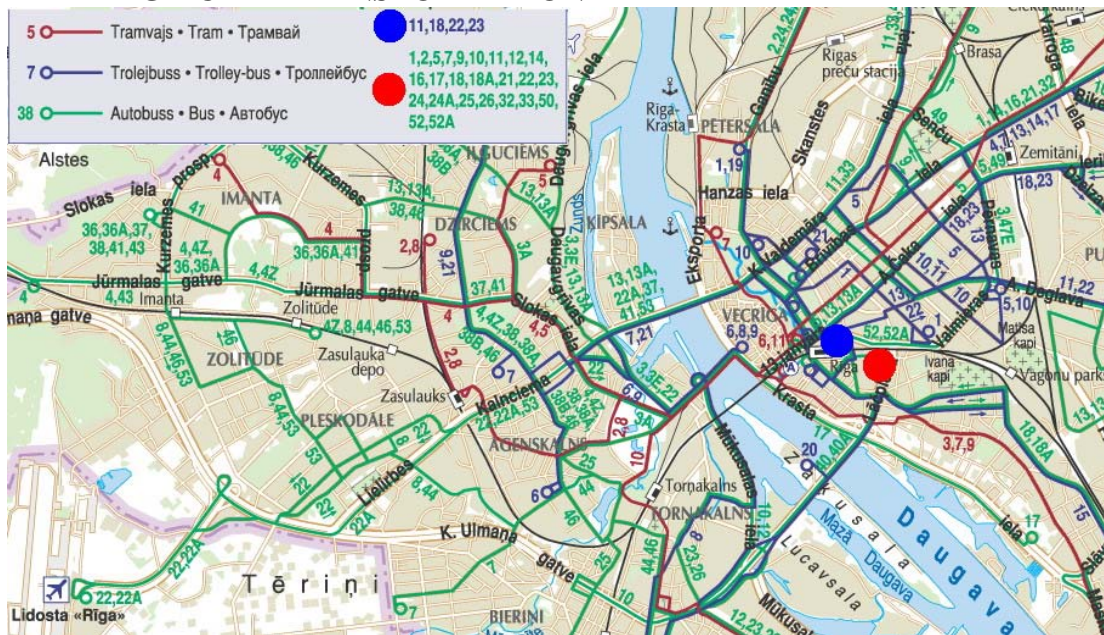
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# TRANSPORTATION

## RIGA CITY TRANSPORTATION MAP



### FROM AIRPORT

There is a regular **bus** service (bus No. 22 and 22a) between Riga airport and the city centre. To get on the bus at the airport look for bus stop located opposite the terminal behind the car park. Frequency 10 - 30 minutes from 5:30 a.m. to 10:40 p.m. Journey time about 30 minutes. Tickets are obtained in the bus and the cost of the ticket is 20 or 25 santims.

The most convenient way to get to the hotels from the airport is **by taxi**. Taxi stop is located in front of the Arrival hall. The fare is about 10 LVL.

More information about public transport, taxis, car rental etc can be obtained from Riga Tourism Coordination and Information Centre:

<http://www.rigatourism.com/riga/?alias=en>

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