

Preface

The series of Baltic DB&IS biennial conferences was started in 1994. The first conference was held in Trakai, Lithuania. It was initiated by Prof. Janis A. Bubenko Jr. (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden) and Prof. Arne Sølvsberg (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway) and organised by Institute of Mathematics and Informatics (Lithuania), Vilnius University (Lithuania), Vilnius Technical University (Lithuania). This time was a hard time for Baltic research community. After the crash of Soviet Union the cooperation with the research centres in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Novosibirsk was broken. The horizontal cooperation between research centres in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia was weak developed. We had almost no touch with the research centres in West countries and even in East European countries. The idea of Janis A. Bubenko jr. and Arne Sølvsberg to organise Baltic Workshops on databases and information systems was indeed a great idea. It helped to consolidate research communities in Baltic countries, to establish contacts with research centres in West and East European countries, and even to renew contacts with the researchers in Russia. These workshops have become a real incentive for development of regional research and boost of international cooperation.

Janis A. Bubenko jr. and Arne Sølvsberg helped also to receive founding and even trained us in West European conference organization technologies. Despite the fact that Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius had big experience in organizing large soviet conferences, this experience was almost not applicable in organizing conferences according to West standards. Besides, the time was very hard. It is enough to mention that during the conference in Trakai the conference venue and diner room were protected by armed safeguard.

In year 2000, the international workshop was transformed into international conference. Two years earlier, the selected papers of the conference started to be published by international publishers. The detail statistic data are presented in the table below.

The analysis of this table shows not only positive but also some negative trends. Starting from year 2008, the geography of participants contracted significantly. It seems that it happened not only for reasons of world-wide financial crisis, but also for changes in state scientific policies. In our opinion, the trend to ignore international conferences and to accent publications only in high-quality international scientific journals is not perspective and even malign.

Another negative trend is the permanently enlarged gap between research communities and industry. If first conferences had significant industrial tracks and intensive round table discussions, in three recent conferences the participation of industry partners is less than minimal. In our opinion, this is the evidence that, at least in Baltic countries, the state policy oriented to encourage the cooperation among research centres and industry is not effective. Despite these negative trends, we remain optimistic and believe that Baltic DB&IS biennial conferences reborn for its new life.

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Year/ Venue/ Status	Proceedings	PC		Submissions		
		Number of members	Number of countries	Number of submissions	Number of countries	Accepted
1994 Trakai Workshop	Local	16	5		11	43 (Australia-1, Belgium - 1, Estonia+ , Finland-2, France-3, Latvia-5, Lithuania-7, Norway-3, Sweden-10, UK-3, USA-2)
1996 Tallinn Workshop	Local	25	14	55	19	36 (Australia-3.5, Estonia-5, Finland-3.5, France-5, Germany-2.75, Israel-0.25, Latvia-7, Lithuania-1, Malaysia-1, Netherlands – 1, Russia-1, Sweden-3, Switzerland-1, UK-3, USA-1)
1998 Riga Workshop	Local	31	16	46	17	39 (Australia-0.5, Brasil-1, Denmark-1, Estonia-1, Finlandia-4.5, France-1, Germany-2, Hungary-1, Korea-1, Latvia-10, Lithuania-5.5, Malaysia-1, Netherlands-1, Poland-3, Sweden-1, UK-1.5, USA-1)
2000 Vilnius Workshop	Local + Kluwer Academic Publishers (selected papers)	37	18	60		39 (Belarus-1, Brasil-2, Estonia-5, Finland-4, France-1, Germany-9.33, Japan-1, Latvia-5.8, Lithuania-14, Norway-1, Poland-5, Russia-3, Spain-1, Sweden-0.33, UK-2.03, Ukraine-1, USA-2.5, Yugoslavia-1)
2002/ Tallinn Conference	Local + Kluwer Academic Publishers (selected papers)	33	18	60	23	41 (Australia-0.5, Czech Republic-1, China-1, Denmark-2, Estonia-11, Germany-7, Italy-1, Japan-1, Latvia-11, Lithuania-3, New Zealand-1, Norway-1.5, Poland-3, Portugal-1, Russia-3, Spain-1, Sweden-1, UK-1, USA-1)
2004 Riga Conference	Local + IOS Press (selected papers)	35	14	59	17	35 (Czech Republic-3, Estonia-3, Finland-1, France-1, Germany-5.5, Latvia-4, Lithuania-4, New Zealand-1,

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2006 Vilnius Conference	Local + IOS Press (selected papers) + IEEE (selected papers)	87	35	84	21	48 (Australia-1, Austria-2, Belgium-0.3, Brazil-0.5, China-1, Denmark-0.5, Estonia-2, France-5, Germany-2, Italy-1.5, Latvia-17, Lithuania-11.8, Mexico-0.5, Netherlands-0.7, New Zealand-2, Portugal-1, Russia-1, Spain-0.5, UK-1.7, USA-1)
2008 Tallinn Conference	Local + IOS Press (selected papers)	43	22	43	12	29 (Austria-1, Estonia-8, Finland-1, Germany-2, Latvia-13, Lithuania-5, Poland-1, Russia-1, UK-1)
2010 Riga Conference	Local + IOS Press (selected papers)	51	15			36 (Austria-0.5, Estonia-6.5, Germany-2.5, Latvia-17, Lithuania-2, Poland-1, Russia-0.5, Sweden-1)
2012 Vilnius Conference	Local + IOS Press (selected papers)	64	23	69	14	43 (Algeria-1, Canada-1, Estonia-6, France-3, Germany-3, Latvia-17, Lithuania-9.5, Russia-3, Slovenia-2, Switzerland-0.5)