



International Conference  
**“Narrow gauge  
railways –  
an important  
cultural heritage in  
Estonia”**

Dedicated to the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first narrow gauge railway in Estonia

## ***INVITATION***

110 years pass from opening the first public narrow gauge railway in Estonia on 17 October 2006. To celebrate the above event we are inviting you to participate in an international conference introducing the history and present day of narrow gauge railway in Estonia and our neighbouring countries. Best experts in the field from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and England make presentations on preservation and heritage conservation of the narrow gauge railway; the floor is open for discussion.

In addition to the conference we introduce sites connected to the railway in Pärnu and Lavassaare; there will also be a guided tour and a trip on Lavassaare Museum Railway.

Estonian Heritage Society

Estonian Museum Railway

Pärnu Town Government



**Time of the conference:** 31 October 2006

**Conference venue:** Raeküla Vanakool, 1 Lembitu St., Pärnu

**Conference programme:**

- 9.30 - 10.00 Welcome Coffee and Registration
- 10.00 - 10.05 Opening the Conference
- 10.05 - 10.15 Greetings of the Ministry of Culture
- 10.15 - 10.20 Greetings of the Pärnu Town Government
- 10.20 - 10.50 Narrow Gauge Railway – an Important Cultural Heritage in Estonia  
Mehis Helme, non-profit association Estonian Museum Railway
- 10.55 - 11.10 About the railway of Naissaare fortified naval base  
Rein Zibbo, Railway of Naissaare Fortified Naval Base Foundation
- 11.10 - 11.30 The heritage conservation of the narrow gauge railway in Latvia  
Andris Biedrinš, Gulbenes Aluksnes Banitis
- 11.35 - 11.55 The heritage conservation of the narrow gauge railway in Lithuania  
the presenter will be specified
- 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch at Raeküla Vanakool
- 13.00 - 13.20 About Jokioisten Museum Railway  
Jussi Tepponen, Jokioisten Museorautatie OY
- 13.20 - 13.35 About the activities of NERHT in Eastern Europe  
Frank Cooper, NERHT
- 13.35 - 13.50 Preserved railways and tourism  
Barry Worthington, NERHT
- 13.50 - 14.05 Open Floor
- 14.05 - 14.30 Coffee Break
- 14.30 Guided tour introducing sites connected to railway in Pärnu and  
a trip to Lavassaare where the tour continues with a railway trip  
Closing the Conference and a light dinner with wine
- 19.00 Back to Pärnu by bus

**Participation fee:** until 20 October EEK 450 (conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch, guided tour, dinner), after 20 October EEK 600. Please transfer the participation fee to SEB Eesti Ühispank account No. IBAN EE871010902000026004, Reiser OÜ (we shall issue an invoice at your request).

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