



Barents

REUNION

PRESS INVITATION

Welcome to attend the second convention organized by the organization **Barents Reunion, on the 25-26th of June, 2009** in Haparanda-Tornio.

This year's theme for the Convention is **Energy and Environment**, and it focuses on energy and environmental issues specifically affecting the Barents region. The program includes lectures and presentations by the leading experts in this field, representatives of industry and the five nations, as well as Ingvar Kamprad, and Mats Paulsson, PEAB. The Convention shall continue the discussion and the work started at the first Convention, and shall contribute to increased vitality and confidence among the people of the Barents Region.

We invite the media to participate during the entire convention in Haparanda 25-26th of June or in individual parts of the program (Program attached).

In parallel with the Convention, there will be various cultural activities in Haparanda-Tornio, such as Jazz and Blues Festivals, Athletics and orienteering competitions for children and young people, sponsored by the Barents Reunion.

Time: 25-26th of June 2009, 13:00 -17:00 and 08:30-13:00

Location: Haparanda, Swedish-Finnish Folk High School and Stadshotellet

Notification

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Background

In connection with the opening of IKEA in Haparanda-Tornio Ingvar Kamprad donated 1 million Swedish Kronas per year during 2007-2016 to the annual event, Barents Reunion. More sponsors have joined the project; IKEA and PEAB are the main sponsors in 2009. The aim is to promote cooperation between the peoples of the Barents region. Conventions have different themes, with particular focus on entrepreneurship, education, labour, energy and environment, as well as culture and sport.

Current information about the Convention is available at www.barentsreunion.com