The Baltic Marine Biologists (BMB) is an international non-governmental scientific organisation for marine biologists working in the Baltic Sea area. BMB was founded in 1968 when the political situation made it difficult for scientists to meet and exchange knowledge. Since then, the role of BMB has changed but the goals of the organisation remain the same: to promote research in the Baltic Sea area and to facilitate contacts between marine biologists working in the region.

BMB arranges intercalibrations where different methods for sampling, analysis etc. are compared, making it possible to interpret research results from different countries. Another important field of work is the holding of scientific symposia. Sixteen symposia have so far been arranged by BMB presenting more than 1,400 papers.

Membership of BMB is free of charge and open to all individuals who are involved in scientific marine biological research, management and education in the Baltic Sea Area. For more information about BMB please visit our website: www.smf.su.se.bmb.

Research in the Baltic Sea area is focusing more and more on co-operation among various disciplines. Consequently, a Baltic Sea Science Congress (BSSC 2001) will be arranged in Stockholm, November 25–29, 2001, with the theme ‘Past, Present and Future – A Joint Venture’. The focus of the congress will be on biology, oceanography and geology, and it will provide a forum for the scientific community to present the latest research to a broad audience. There will be plenary sessions in the mornings, more specialised symposia in the afternoons and poster sessions combined with pub-activities on two evenings. Some six hundred scientists are expected to participate in the Congress.

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