



Innovative ICT

– Networking in the Baltic region

**Welcome to IVA's Royal Technology Forum,
28 October 2010, 13.15–16.30**

Background



ICT and the Internet is playing an ever more important role in our lives. Today, private individuals, businesses and organisations are dependent on the Internet for numerous functions in both business and private life. The need for infrastructure and Internet services is rapidly growing. Among other things, the Internet offers a multitude of opportunities for companies and government agencies to expand and improve their offerings. A determined effort towards integrating information technology in society is also helping to reduce the impact on the climate by reducing the need for travel and rendering transportation more efficient.

Why is it important to be a successful ICT nation? In the same way as the industrial revolution helped increase prosperity in the 20th century, information technology and the Internet are helping to improve competitiveness in the 21st century. For every indicator for the prospects for industrialisation in the 1900's, there are similar indicators for positive development of the Internet in this century.

Constructive use of ICT throughout a society will naturally support economic, democratic and climate-improving development. The Internet can be seen as a tool to get what we want, not a technology that sets limitations on our actions.

Moderator: Mr. *Curt Andersson*, Director, Swedish Institute for Information Technology

Programme

13:15

Welcome/Introduction

Prof. *Lena Treschow Torell*, Chairman IVA

Ms. *Annika Rembe*, Director general Si

Prof. *Björn O. Nilsson*, President IVA

ICT and democracy, legislation and regulations

Prof. *Ene Ergma*, PhD, DSc in Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Professor in Astrophysics, Member of Estonian Academy of Sciences, President of Estonian Parliament and Foreign Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences

Prof. *Cecilia Magnusson Sjöberg*, Professor, LL.D. Director of the Swedish Law & Informatics Research Institute (IRI) Faculty of Law, Stockholm University

ICT and innovations

Prof. *James A Weyhenmeyer*, Senior Vice President and Senior Vice Provost at Research Foundation of State University of New York

PhD, *Erwin Laure*, Director, Center for High Performance Computing at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

ICT and new Media

Mr. *Per Axbom*, Web Strategist and User Experience Designer

The seminar also includes short presentations by experts and researchers from the Swedish Institute's Baltic Programme

16:30

Summary and end of forum

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