



# NORDROCS 2008

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NORDROCS 2008 or the Second Joint Nordic Meeting on Contaminated Sites gathered some 240 participants to Helsinki in September 2008. Participants came mainly from Nordic countries; however, the conference was also noted in several non-Nordic countries. Participants from Germany, UK, USA, Canada, Russia, Latvia and Spain had the opportunity to enjoy the conference and couple of beautiful autumn days in Helsinki.



The NORDROCS was sponsored by several companies active in Nordic countries. In addition to our nine sponsor companies, eleven other companies participated the meeting and presented their activities in exhibitions area.



The feedback gained through the evaluation form was quite positive. Generally, the presentations were found very interesting. Especially, the sessions devoted to chlorinated solvents was found very good as well as the short course on the same topic arranged a day before the actual meeting. The PowerPoint presentations can be viewed at <http://www.mutku.fi/presentations>

Four presentations were cancelled in such a short notice that it was not possible to find replacing speakers. However, this allowed us to have a bit longer breaks.



We were also happy to receive some very valuable suggestion that help us planning of the next meeting. More case studies and presentation of academic research and innovative methods were demanded. Arrangement of more workshops was seen important. Longer breaks allowing more time for discussion and viewing the poster were requested. The exhibition halls were found too small and unpractical. Next organising committee will try to do their best to full fill all these expectations.



Dinner was held at the Restaurant Bank. The band at the party was not too exiting. Therefore, the after parties were kept in neighbouring bars and pubs.



The Friday after the meeting was reserved for excursions. Remediation projects at Myllypuro landfill and Vuosaari harbor were presented at Helsinki excursion.



After the second successful meeting it is easy to say that NORDROCS is here to stay.

Next NORDROCS will be hosted by ATV Jord og Grundvan in Denmark. More information on NORDROCS 2010 will be available in spring 2009.

