

## ***Info on the event***

**What?** 25<sup>th</sup> Nordic-Baltic diatomists meeting

**When?** 8.6.-12.6.2026

**Where?** [Oulanka Research Station | University of Oulu](#) in Oulanka, Kuusamo (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/zJDpG2Bn7AC3ZHos6>)

**Register by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, using this link:

<https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/059BCAF1DD45496E>

**Send your abstract for oral or poster presentation by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, to this email: [nordicdiatomists2026@gmail.com](mailto:nordicdiatomists2026@gmail.com). We aim to give everyone a chance to present.

## ***Short program***

### ***Monday 8.6.2026 – Arrival***

An organized shuttle service leaves from Oulu airport (via Oulu train station/city center) to the Oulanka Research Station at latest at 16:00. In the evening, there will be a welcome reception with snacks and sauna.

### ***Tuesday 9.6.2026 – Science day 1***

The day starts with breakfast and an official welcome and introduction to the Oulanka Research Station. Then, there will be a keynote talk entitled “Benthic diatoms for freshwater monitoring – metabarcoding and microscope data compared” given by Dr. Maria Kahlert (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden). This will be followed by lunch and oral presentations from the participants. In the evening, there will be dinner and sauna.

### ***Wednesday 10.6.2026 – Science day 2***

After breakfast, we will drive to Lake Julma-Ölkky (Hossa National Park), where we will make a short boat trip and collect some diatom samples from the stony shores. We will have a field lunch before driving back to Oulanka. In the afternoon, there is a demo on sample treating and preparation at the laboratory given by Dr. Satu Maaria Karjalainen (Finnish Environment Institute Syke, Finland), followed by dinner. After that, there will be a poster session and sauna.

### ***Thursday 11.6.2026 – Taxonomic workshop***

After breakfast, Professor Bart van de Vijver (Meise Botanic Garden, Belgium) will give a taxonomic workshop on *Punctastriata*, *Pseudostaurosiropsis*, *Distrionella*, *Stauroforma* and *Fragilariforma*. There will be a lunch and a coffee break during the workshop. After dinner, we will take a short walk to the Kiutaköngäs waterfalls, where evening snacks and refreshments are served at the fireplace. Of course, sauna will be warm when getting back to the station.

### ***Friday 12.6.2026 – Discussions and farewell***

After breakfast, we will discuss various diatom-related topics (e.g. difficult taxa to identify, next meeting...). Then we will pack up, and after lunch, the organized shuttle service will leave for the Oulu airport via Oulu train station. We will be at Oulu airport at 16:00 the latest.



### ***What does all of this cost?***

The registration fee is 175 euros, which includes the entire program, transportation from Oulu to Oulanka and back, and snacks and refreshments. The registration fee should be paid to the account of the Suomen Kasviplanktonseura (Finnish Phytoplankton Society). We will send the payment directions by email after the registration deadline is over.

In addition, the accommodation cost is 278 euros per person, which includes a bed in a shared (2-3 persons) room for four nights, linen and towels, breakfast (Tuesday–Friday), lunch (Tuesday–Friday) and dinner (Tuesday–Thursday). The accommodation costs will be paid either by card at the station during the stay, or afterwards with invoice or electronic invoice.

We have applied for funding to reduce the costs of participation. If we get more funding, we will reduce the accommodation costs for everyone by paying a part of the cost.

### ***Please note***

**Note 1:** If your flight schedules do not fit the shuttle service timetable, please consider arriving a day earlier to Oulu, or leaving a day later. There are also affordable options for accommodation in the city center. The public bus between the city center and the airport is 2.6 euros/one way. The train station is in the city center.

**Note 2:** We will send a questionnaire after the registration deadline to ask for details on arrival times to Oulu. That way we can plan the shuttle service pick-up times and places so that no one would have to wait for too long.

**Note 3:** Sauna is separately for ladies and gentlemen, and it is optional.

**Note 4:** Questions? Send us an email at [nordicdiatomists2026@gmail.com](mailto:nordicdiatomists2026@gmail.com).

## **Welcome to Oulanka in June 2026!**

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