# Baltic Sea Rotary Action Network – First Member Meeting

**Webinar on February 23rd 2021**

**at 9.00–11.00 CET (at 10.00–12.00 EET)**

## Speakers

### Lotta Ruokanen
(Helsinki Finlandia Hall Rotary Club, Finland)

Lotta Ruokanen coordinates the Baltic Sea Challenge at the city of Helsinki. Baltic Sea Challenge is a network initiative joining over 300 organisations to water protection and Baltic Sea work. Lotta has a double Master of Science in limnology and environmental engineering, and has earlier been Secretary General of the environmental NGO Nature League, leader of the Algaline operational Baltic Sea observation program at the Finnish Institute of Marine Research and project manager for an urban eutrophication combatting project at the HELCOM Secretariat. She joined the Finlandia Hall Rotary Club in Helsinki in 2012 and has participated in Rotarian Baltic Sea projects.

### Holger Knaack
Rotary International President 2020-21
(Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany)

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor. He has been an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

### Anna Törnroos-Remes
Åbo Akademi University

Anna Törnroos-Remes is an Assistant Professor at Environmental and Marine Biology and The Sea at Åbo Akademi University. Her research focuses on the functioning of coastal areas, marine environments and particularly the seafloor. She is especially interested in what organisms do in the system, that is what functions they perform and how that translates to services such as food resources for us humans. Her recent work also brings her across disciplines to investigate our human relationship to marine animals and how marine ecology and knowledge can merge with maritime business, social science and the arts. The Sea ( www.abo.fi/sea ) is an interdisciplinary strategic profile area at Åbo Akademi University funded by the Academy of Finland. The Sea aims to find solutions to marine wicked problems such as eutrophication, climate change and pollution for a sustainable future in the Baltic and Nordic Seas.

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(Finlandia Hall RC, BASRAN secretary)

## Pentti Aspila
(Forssa Rotary Club, Finland)

Baltic Sea Rotary Action Network, Chairman. Finnish Rotary Services, Chairman of Rotary Foundation Committee. District Governor, D-1410, 2016-2017. Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, D-1410, 2013-2016 and 2017-2020. President, Forssa Rotary Club, D1410, 2006-2007. Leader of the Rotary Project to introduce computers in the Kenyan Schools 2006-2014. Member of Forssa Rotary Club since 1994. He has Ph.D. in Agricultural Sciences.

## Jannica Haldin
HELCOM

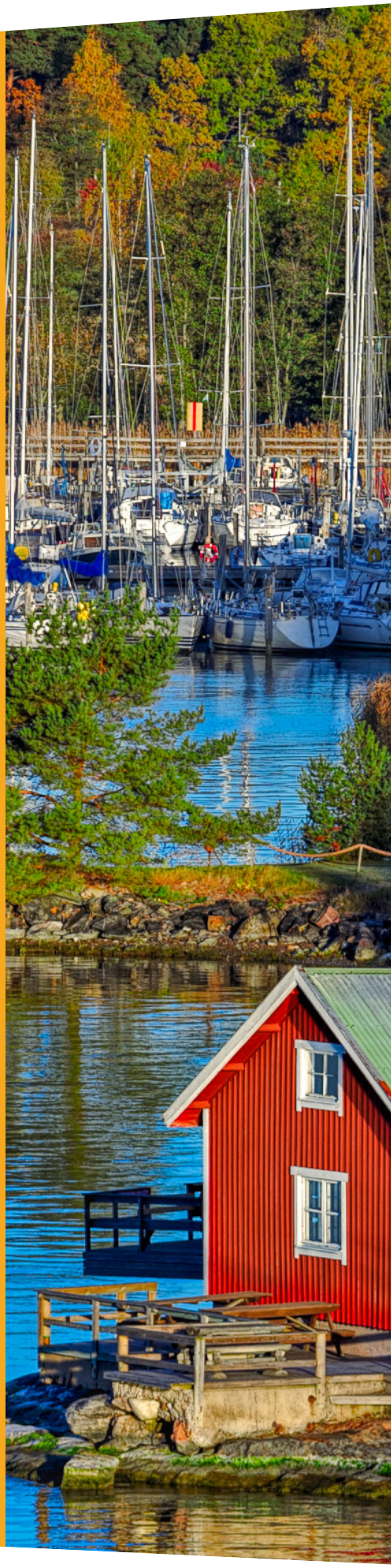
Jannica Haldin works as a Professional Secretary at the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM). She is a marine biologist a strong focus on international policy work. On a personal level she is a proponent of taking a holistic approach to managing human activities affecting the sea, ensuring focus is placed on taking decisions of ecological relevance and that the ecosystem remains at the center of management actions. Throughout the last 10 years, she has collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders, from local industry and administration to internationally recognized researchers and organisations. In her current position, she guides HELCOMs work on topics such as conservation, biodiversity, monitoring and assessment, climate change and the implementation of the ecosystem approach, and she manages the work for the holistic assessment of the state of the Baltic Sea environment. As a sailor and diver, her love of the sea is also a key part of her private life.

## Tommy Lekenmyr
(Rotary club of Nynäshamn, Sweden)

Tommy Lekenmyr has served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Swedish Armed Forces, Naval Head Quarters, and is very experienced in Marine issues. He is Board member of Baltic Deep Water Life. Tommy served as the District Governor in District 2370 in 2018-19. He is District 2370 Youth Exchange Committee Chair and contact person for the Baltic Sea activities in the District.

## Martin Weigel
(Rotary Club of Greifswald, D-1940, Germany)

Martin Weigel is Medical Doctor and works as a Physician in Department of Internal Medicine, University Medicine Greifswald. Earlier he has been active in Rotaract actions being President of Greifswald Rotaract Club and is presently Honorary member of the Club.



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## Mark Krawczynski

(Rotary Club Warszawa City, Poland)

Architect, Construction Manager, Pianist and composer, Director of the company Carshade Australia Pty Ltd and Elemental Flow Towers Ltd in Ireland, Marketing Consultant, Motivational Speaker & Lecturer, President of the foundation “The Future for Poland”, Past President of Rotary Club Warszawa City, Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 18, Member of NSW Board of Architects in Australia and the Polish Architects Institute SARP. Paul Harris Fellow, TRF Major Donor, Acting Chair of HOC for RI Convention for Warsaw for 2023-25 for District 2231 and RI Convention Promotion Committee for Seoul, Atlanta, Toronto and Taipei. Project Principal for EFT designs and ecology cluster-building principles. Founding Director of Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group in the USA 2015-17.

## Päivi Kippo-Edlund

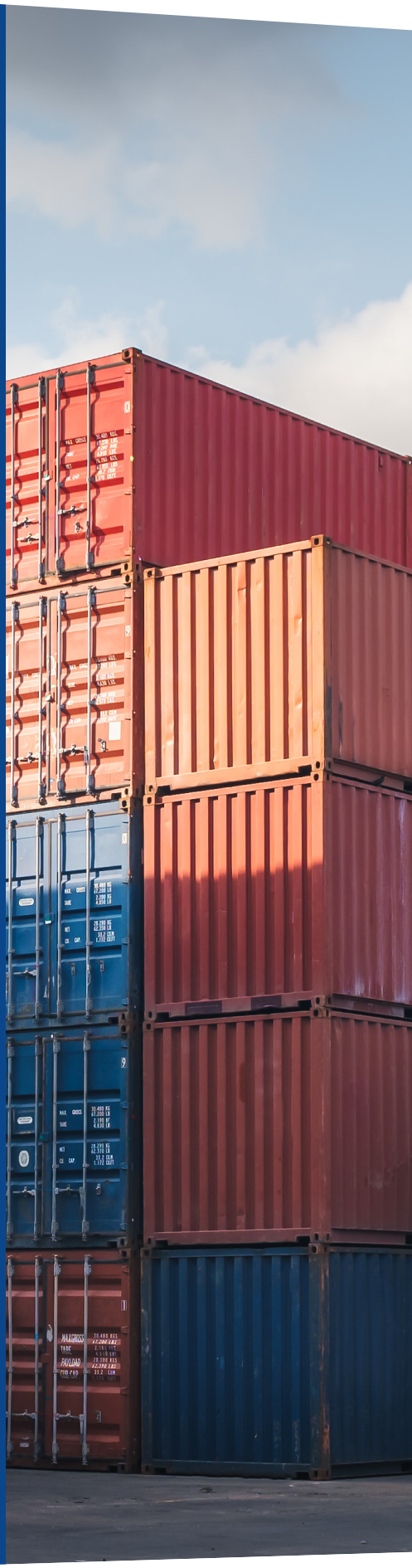
(Borgå västra-Porvoo läntinen RC, Finland)

Päivi Kippo-Edlund is a Director of Environmental Monitoring and Supervision at the City of Helsinki. Her unit is in charge of the Baltic Sea action program of Helsinki and the Baltic Sea Challenge network, monitoring the state of the waters outside Helsinki and Päivi is in charge of environmental supervision. She has a Master of Sciences in the ecology of the Baltic Sea. Earlier she worked as a leading consultant within environmental management and also a researcher at the Finnish Environment Institute and as a sustainable development project director at the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities. Päivi is the Chair Elect of the District International Services Committee, D1420, Past Chair of D1420 Baltic Sea Committee and Steering Group Member of Baltic Sea Rotary Action Network, BASRAN. She is the President of Borgå västra-Porvoo läntinen RC 2020-2021.

## Gunilla Östberg

Consultant in sustainable business development,
Member of ESRAG Europe leadership
(Stockholm-Djurgården RC, Sweden)

Gunilla Östberg is a civil engineer and technical licentiate and have gone from research and development to a commercially oriented business leader in the industrial sector. She has worked in a number of industries such as the process industry, the energy and transport sector where focus has been on creating competitiveness, growth and profitability based on long-term sustainability; ecologically, socially and economically. Since 2009 she has been working as a consultant in sustainable development helping companies and cities to change in a sustainable direction. In 2016 she published a book "Sustainable business – and you will increase the company's competitiveness and profitability".



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