

## Mr Arne Ören, Norway, enters the Chair of BSSSC

Arne Ören is appointed Chairman of BSSSC 2006 - 2008. The chair will switch on 22nd September 2006, during the 14th annual BSSSC Conference in Kiel.

Arne Ören is holding the position as Chairman of the Regional Cooperation Board of Eastern Norway County Network – a voluntary political cooperation of the eight counties in southeastern part of Norway - Akershus, Buskerud, Hedmark, Oppland, Oslo, Telemark, Vestfold and Östfold.

Since 1991 Mr. Ören has been Chairman of the County council of Östfold, Norway, representing the Norwegian Labour Party. Östfold county, with its 260.000 inhabitants, is located southeast of Oslo, by the border with Sweden. Mr Ören is a member of the board of different organisations and institutions, and he has long experience in politics at local and regional level in Norway and through European regional organisations.

Arne Ören has been member of the BSSSC board since the organisation was founded in 1993, and he is one of few in today's network that has followed the work of BSSSC closely over these past 13 years. Since 1997 Mr. Ören has chaired a working group dealing with sustainable development, environmental related issues and Local Agenda 21.

Mr. Ören is 62 years old and lives with his wife in Fredrikstad. Beside his political engagement Arne Ören spends much time with his children and grandchildren at their cottage at Hvaler, outside his hometown.

