

## Chair's corner

The 27th Nordic Hydrological Conference in Oulu in August - what a pleasant way to start working again after the summer holiday. This year I enjoyed presentations on both water quantity and quality together with about 240 colleagues. Most of us came from the Nordic and Baltic countries, but every continent was represented. Under a clear and sunny sky we also experienced a flood in Oulujoki that made our excursion in Oulu River Park a real hydrological event! I'd like to thank the organizers for an excellent arrangement!

It was especially good to see that so many students and young scientists participated and also that both scientists and water managers were present. In this way I hope we can strengthen the aim of our association to bridge the gap between research and practice in hydrology and to be a forum where young and more experienced hydrologists can meet.

NHF hopes to increase the interest of students to become members. Therefore the General Assembly decided that MSc and PhD students will have a free membership fee. In addition, as we would also appreciate having retired hydrologists continue as members in the association, they will also be offered a free membership.

To encourage discussions of hydrological questions and present new scientific results and operational tools, NHF will support the arrangement of workshops, seminars and study courses. More information about funding possibilities are found [here](#). We hope that this will contribute to further Nordic and Baltic cooperation and maybe we will meet at a NHF supported hydrological event even before the 28th Nordic Hydrological Conference in Stockholm in 2014!

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*Oulu River Park*

