



Public Lecture

“Protection of Arctic Sea Areas - Progress and Challenges”

by Ambassador **David A. Balton**

January 29 at 13:00 in the Viikki Science Campus,
Lecture Hall 2402 in the Biocenter-3 (Viikinkaari 1)

David A. Balton is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State. In March 2005, the President, with the consent of the Senate, accorded to Mr. Balton the rank of Ambassador during his tenure.

Ambassador Balton previously served for 6 years as Director of the Office of Marine Conservation in the Department of State. In that capacity, he was responsible for coordinating the development of U.S. foreign policy concerning living marine resources and overseeing U.S. participation in international organizations dealing with the conservation and management of these resources.

Ambassador Balton also worked for 12 years in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the Department of State. His international law practice covered such areas as the law of the sea, human rights and international claims. Ambassador Balton negotiated numerous treaties and other international agreements on fisheries, marine mammals and other matters pertaining to the marine environment.

Ambassador Balton received his A.B. from Harvard College in 1981 and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985.

