

The Finnish Launch of International Polar Year

1st of March 2007

Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland

Programme:

10.00 am Opening Speeches

Dr. Paula Kankaanpää, Director, Vice-rector, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
Mr. Petteri Kauppinen, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Education
Ms. Ann-Britt Ylinen, Director, Bilateral and Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Environment
Dr. Johanna Ikävalko, Director, Biosciences and Environment Research Unit, Finnish Academy
Mr. Pekka Aikio, Chairman, Saami Parliament
Dr. Markku Poutanen, Chairman, National Committee of Polar Research of Finnish Academy of Science and Letters
Dr. Elias Ekdahl, Director General, Geological Survey of Finland
Ms. Outi Snellman, Executive Secretary, University of the Arctic

11:20 Presentation of Finnish IPY Stamp

Ms. Helena Juntila, Business Manager, Finland's Post

11:30 Presentation of Nordenskiöld Commemorative Coin

Mr. Håkan Forsgård, Communicational Manager, Nordic Moneta

11:40 Keynote speech about Nordenskiöld

Prof. Esko Häkli, The National Library of Finland

12.00 Lunch

Poster Session

Press conference

School pupils' press conference

13.00 Science Session: the Finnish IPY & Polar Research

Dr. Esa Turunen, Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory
Prof. Esko Kyrö, Finnish Meteorological Institute
Prof. Veli-Pekka Salonen, University of Helsinki
Dr. Ari-Pekka Leppänen, Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority
Dr. Jari Haapala, Finnish Institute of Marine Research
Prof. Heikki Henttonen, Finnish Forest Research Institute
Dr. Timo Ruskeeniemi, Geological Survey of Finland
Prof. Kaj Riska, IIS Oy/Ministry of Transport and Communications

15.00 Coffee Break, Poster Session

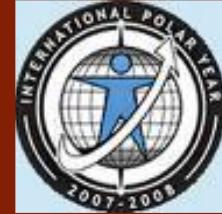
15.30 Science Session Continues

Ms. Helena Soimakallio, Managing Director, Association of Finnish Civil Engineers
Dr. Kari Strand, Thule Institute, University of Oulu
Dr. Florian Stammer, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
Mr. Markku Norrena, Project Manager, Lapland Cold Technology Center
Dr. Lassi Heininen, Chairman, Northern Research Forum

16.45 Closing

Dr. Kari Laine, Director, Thule Institute, University of Oulu

17.00 End of the Seminar



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