

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 Junttila, 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 Ruskeenieniemi, 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 Stammler, 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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