



STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE ARCTIC REGION

Meeting in Rovaniemi, Finland
February (27) **28 - 29**, 2008

Wednesday, February 27 (Optional)

- Afternoon / Arrival in Rovaniemi
Evening Accommodation
Hotel Scandic Rovaniemi
Address: Koskikatu 23
- 19.15 Departure from the hotel by bus
- 19.30 Dinner
Restaurant Sky Ounasvaara

Thursday, February 28

(Morning until lunch optional)

- 9.30 Departure for the Arctic Centre
- 9.45 Coffee
- 10.00 Information on the activities of the Centre, visit exhibition
Dr. Paula KANKAANPÄÄ, Director of the Arctic Centre

Start of actual meeting

- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.30 **Joint meeting**
SCPAR / University of the Arctic Rectors' Forum

Chairs:

Ms. Hill-Marta SOLBERG, Chair of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Norway

Mr. Steven JONES, Chair of the Rectors' Forum Planning Committee, Chancellor of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, USA

Welcome: Mr. Mauri YLÄ-KOTOLA, Rector of the University of Lapland, Finland

Keynote address: Mr. Pertti SALOLAINEN, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Finland (tbc)

Thematic Session 1: Adaptation to Climate Change

Dr. Grete K. HOVELSRUD, Senior Research Fellow, CICERO (Center for International Climate and Environmental Research, Oslo)

Mr. Pekka AIKIO, President of Sami Parliament, Finland (tbc)

Mr. Bob MILLS, Member of Parliament, Canada

Discussion

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **Thematic Session 2: Borders and Access to the Sea**

Mrs. Diana WALLIS, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Mr. Bernard COAKLEY, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, USA (Chair, ICARP II Working Group 4, Deep Central Basin of the Arctic Ocean)

Discussion

Sum-up of discussion by Chairs

Closing comments: Dr. Lauri LAJUNEN, Rector of the University of Oulu, Finland

17.30 Return to the hotel

19.15 Departure from the hotel by bus

19.30 **Dinner** hosted by Mr. Hannes MANNINEN, Chair of the Finnish delegation to the CPAR
Restaurant Santamus
Arctic Circle

Dinner speech: Ms. Åsa BERGENHEIM, Pro-Rector, Umeå University, Sweden (tbc)

Friday, February 29

8.45 Departure for the Arctic Centre

9.00 **Meeting of Standing Committee**

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Departure for the airport (those departing with flight AY 428 at 14.05)