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All meeting rooms are equipped with computers, screens and projectors. ICT support will be available at any time. The whole hotel and all meeting rooms have free wi-fi connection.

Lasaretti is known for its arts that are made by internationally recognized Finnish artists. Paintings and sculptures can be found in meeting rooms, lobbies, corridors. There is an option to get a short guided Art tour during one of the breaks. Let the Oulu hosts know if you are interested.

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# Welcome to Oulu



Fulbright Finland together with the Thule Institute of the University of Oulu are pleased to serve as the hosts of the Mid-term Plenary Meeting of the 2015-2016 Fulbright Arctic Initiative (FAI). It is our pleasure to jointly welcome you to Oulu.

After the first meeting of the FAI scholars in Iqaluit, Canada, we chose to hold the next plenary in Oulu. While nearly on the same latitude as Iqaluit, Oulu offers a different look at the varied regions and realities in the North. As a capital of northern Finland, Oulu is a hi-tech business center

and university town with a highly developed infrastructure and transport connections. It is the fastest growing region in Finland. The city is an ideal place for the inaugural FAI scholar group to come together to continue their joint work, explore issues with invited experts and, for the first time as the full cohort, present their research to the general public at the Oulu Fulbright Arctic Symposium.

In addition to the public events and internal group work, we look forward to spending a day with you at the Kierikki Stone Age Center, a Europe Nostra Cultural Heritage Award winning pre-historic settlement and research site. Thanks to the City of Oulu, you will also experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna in the forest by lake Pehkolanlampi. And we encourage you to stop by the global Polar Bear Pitching event, gathering the most dedicated startups and visionary talents together with investors, media and large audiences around the coolest possible stage for pitching, a hole cut into the ice – find out why Finns speak concisely and what *sisu* is...

True to the Fulbright Finland spirit, organization of the Oulu week has been a joint effort. First and foremost, my sincere thanks go to the Thule Institute and the University of Oulu. I also wish to thank the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the U.S. Department of State, the University of the Arctic, and the City of Oulu for their invaluable support. I thank the many individuals and organizations that we have consulted and whose expertise we have relied on along the way. And finally, I cannot thank enough our wonderful Oulu colleagues working hand-in-hand with us in the organizational committee – they beat all the superlatives.

*Tervetuloa!* Welcome! We invite you to immerse yourself in the Oulu experience and wish you a fruitful, productive and enjoyable week in Finland!

**Terhi Mölsä**

Executive Director  
Fulbright Center Finland

# Message from Co-Lead Scholars



The Fulbright Arctic Initiative is at the half way mark and we are excited to gather once again as a group to share our progress and our vision for research that meets policy challenges to achieve a more sustainable future for the Arctic, its peoples and environment.

At our inaugural meeting in Iqaluit, Nunavut hosted by Fulbright Canada we came as individual scholars from the 8 Arctic Council states and left as a team focusing our research on the themes of Water, Energy, and Health and Infrastructure. We committed our effort to asking multidisciplinary research questions that are relevant to the wellbeing of communities as well as larger scale issues important to the Arctic Council such as climate change, energy policy, and the health of the Arctic Ocean and freshwaters.

This is an ambitious agenda for 17 scholars, two lead scholars and an 18-month time line. Our goal is to form a network of Fulbright scholars and their colleagues to make rapid progress on our shared research and to reach out to many stakeholders who care deeply about the future of the Arctic.

As our research grows and our conceptual models are refined we shift to planning for the dissemination of our work as scholars and to creative ways to engage with and share our findings with the global public and residents of the Arctic. Much of our time in Oulu will be devoted to this challenge.

We are grateful to Fulbright Finland for bringing us to Oulu and providing a beautiful and intellectually stimulating environment for our work. We are excited to make a road map to our culminating group meeting in Washington, DC in October 2016. All of us on the Fulbright Arctic Initiative team are mindful of the trust placed in our effort. Together with your help we can show that collaborative Fulbright research can make a difference, for the sustainability of the Arctic and for the world.

**Ross Virginia and Mike Sfraga**  
Distinguished Co-Lead Scholars  
Fulbright Arctic Initiative 2015–2016

# Saturday and Sunday, February 6–7, 2016

» Arrivals and advance team meetings

## Monday, February 8, 2016

### Kierikki Stone Age Center

**A day at the Kierikki Stone Age Center, a Europe Nostra Cultural Heritage Award winning pre-historic settlement and research site.**

The Kierikki Stone Age Center will take you on a journey back in time. A Stone Age Village complete with habitations will show you what daily life was like on the banks of the River Ii thousands of years ago. An easy-to-walk boarded walkway leads from the village and its neighboring snare path to the Kierikki Stone Age Center, where you can learn more about Stone Age life and artefacts through films and an exhibition. The Stone Age Village has been constructed on the basis of data from archaeological excavations.

These types of villages were located in the Kierikki area, in the delta of the River Ii, as long as 5000–6000 years ago. The village contains different types of buildings, mainly single-room houses but also large terraced buildings. There are fire sites around the houses, and a river running past the village. The inhabitants rowed in flat-bottom boats made from single tree trunks.

**Important:** Remember warm outdoor clothes and shoes, it can be very cold in February! Also note that the reconstructed Stone Age houses are very smoky due to open fires that keep them warm.

## Program

- 8.50 Meet the group at the lobby of the hotel
- 9.00 Bus to Kierikki departs from Lasaretti
- 10.00 Arrival and warm drinks
- 10.30 Guided tour at the exhibition and film of the research history at the region  
Guides: Archaeologist Sami Viljamaa/Antti Palmroos
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 A Stone Age tribal competition, a light-hearted competition in a pre-historic style  
Group photo
- 15.30 Departure by bus to Lasaretti
- 16.30 Arrival at Hotel Lasaretti
- Evening free

*You can borrow a kick-sled or walking sticks from the Lasaretti Hotel reception to explore the neighboring parks in Finnish style or go ice-swimming in Oulujoki. Hotel sauna and the swimming pool are open daily at 6–8 and at 16–21, and the gym at 6–8 and 17–21.*

## Background Information: Kierikki pre-historical settlement site

Kierikki pre-historical settlement site is located on the north bank of Iijoki River, 60 km northeast from Oulu. The first signs of settlement reach back 7000 years, being among the oldest settlements in the region. Archeological excavations made in the 1960's revealed several settlements and thousands of artifacts from pre-historical era, and it was understood that Kierikki area had been a central site of livelihood and commerce for stone-age people, especially 5000–3000 years B.C. Archeological excavations and research sparked again in 1990's, leading to opening of the Kierikki Center consisting of an exhibition/museum and reconstructed Stone Age village.

## **Exhibition**

The Kierikki Center main exhibition presents findings from the archeological excavations of the site. The visitor becomes familiar with different aspects of life in the region during the Stone Age: environment, housing, tools, commerce, beliefs, culture. In addition, there are regularly changing exhibitions focusing on specific themes.

## **Reconstructed Stone Age village**

In the Stone Age village, the visitor gets to experience how life was during the pre-historical times. The village consists of different housing types, fishing sites and hunting sites that are reconstructed based on the original research and results obtained from the archeological excavations. The village resembles the original settlements that were located by Iijoki River in the Kierikki area 5000–6000 years ago. The Stone Age village is connected to the Kierikki Center with half a km walking path that goes through a forest framing the Iijoki riverside.

## **Research**

Kierikki Center is active in research, and scientific excavations are arranged throughout every summer. In addition to scientists, the general public has a possibility to participate the excavations and assist the researchers in their work for two weeks every summer. Kierikki Center has international collaboration with researchers studying pre-historical life in northern and arctic areas. One field of research conducted at the Kierikki Center is functional archeology, constructing and testing different theories about life in pre-historical times in practice.

## **Awards**

Kierikki Center won the European Union and Europa Nostra cultural heritage award in 2002 in the category of archeological sites. Europa Nostra Award is the most important, internationally recognized, European cultural heritage award.





# Tuesday, February 9, 2016

**Full-day meeting on progress reports and discussion. Evening event at Tellus Innovation Arena.**

*Venues: Lasaretti. Merikoski Hall for the joint meeting and two meeting rooms (Linna-kabinetti and Rossi-kabinetti) for group work. All meetings, breakfast, and lunch take place in the same building.*

## Program

- 8.00 Breakfast with Fulbright Finland and Thule Institute, University of Oulu: Introducing the program and local arrangements team of the FAI Oulu Week and the Lasaretti story
- 9.00 Plenary session  
Lead by FAI Co-Lead Scholars Mike Sfraga and Ross Virginia
  - » Agenda overview
  - » Update and report on working group activities
  - » Update and report on individual exchanges and activities
  - » Progress and challenges
  - » Goals and expectations for the week
  - » Symposium planning
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.30 Breakout sessions: Energy, Water, Health and Infrastructure
  - » Working group preparation for presentationsCoffee
- 15.00 Plenary session
  - » Working groups report back, group feedback
- 16.30 Wrap-up
- 17.00 Departure by bus to the University of Oulu

## “At the Crossroad of Business, Art and Science”

Meet and create connections with the business sector in Oulu to learn more about the research innovations and business in the region.

*[www.businessoulu.com/en](http://www.businessoulu.com/en)*

Opening of the Art Exhibition by Itty Neuhaus, Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholar and Artist.

*Venue: Tellus Innovation Arena, University of Oulu*

*Address: Erkki Koiso-Kanttilan katu, entrance R*

### Program

- 17.30 Opening remarks, University of Oulu & Fulbright Finland
- 17.40 Greetings from BusinessOulu, Petri Karinen, BusinessOulu
- 17.45 Business Kitchen and Tellus Innovation Arena concepts, Johanna Bluemink, University of Oulu
- 17.50 Snow Room concept, Simo Kekäläinen & Kaisa Pappila, TellUs Project Drivers
- 18.00 Pitching (3 min each) Business innovations from Oulu start-up companies
- 18.20 Opening of the Art Exhibition by Itty Neuhaus, Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholar and Artist
- 18.30 Networking & Refreshments, viewing of the exhibition and Tellus Innovation Arena

Organizers: Thule Institute at University of Oulu, Fulbright Finland

- 19.30 No-host dinner

# Wednesday, February 10, 2016

**Full-day presentation and dialogue on groups' progress and results with comments and feedback by invited experts. Followed by evening event at the Pehkolanlampi Lake hosted by the City of Oulu. Finnish cuisine served at a casual dinner in a wooden villa, with an opportunity to experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna.**

*Venue: Lasaretti, Merikoski-hall*

- 9.00 Plenary session lead by Co-Lead Scholars
  - » Planning for the presentations and discussion with invited experts
- 10.00 Breakout sessions: Energy, Water, Health & Infrastructure
  - » Working group preparation for discussion with invited experts
- 11.45 Lunch with invited experts
- 13.00 Presentations and meetings with invited experts
- 14.00 Break
- 14.15 Thematic feedback sessions with invited experts
- 15.45 Wrap-up session
- 16.30 End of program
- 17.45 Bus departs for the evening event at the Pehkolanlampi Lake
- 18.00 Evening event hosted by the City of Oulu (by invitation only)

Casual dinner with Finnish salmon soup served in a wooden villa (guest house), with an opportunity to experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna (optional) and to roll in the snow to cool off (also optional). Towels, bathrobes, slippers, hairdryers and toiletries are available at the guest house.
- 21.45 Bus departs for Hotel Lasaretti

## Invited experts:

### **Dr. Katariina Ala-Rämi**

Senior Researcher, Centre for Maritime Studies, University Turku (based at the University of Oulu)

### **Dr. Antonio Caló**

Thule Institute, Faculty of Technology, University of Oulu

### **Dr. Terry Callaghan**

Distinguished Research Professor of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; Professor of Arctic Ecology at the University of Sheffield and Professor; National Research Tomsk State University, Russia

### **Dr. Heidi Eriksen**

Utsjoki Health Center

### **Jennifer Ey**

Chief of Staff, Office of the Special Representative for the Arctic, U.S. Department of State

### **Dr. Bruce Forbes**

Research Professor, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland; Docent in Plant Ecology/Biogeography at the Faculty of Science, University of Oulu; Research Professor, Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth College

### **Markku Heikkilä**

Head of Science Communications, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

### **Dr. David Hik**

Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Canada

### **Liisa Holmberg**

Rector, The Sámi Education Institute

### **Dr. Rhonda Johnson**

Department of Health Sciences, University of Alaska Anchorage

### **Dr. Timo Pauli Karjalainen**

Docent, Thule Institute, Faculty of Education, University of Oulu

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President, The University of the Arctic

### **Dr. Eva Pongrácz**

Docent (adjunct professor), Thule Institute, Faculty of Technology, University of Oulu

### **Dr. Arja Rautio**

Professor, Thule Institute/Faculty of Medicine, University of Oulu

### **Malgorzata Smieszek**

Doctoral student, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, IASC fellow



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**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

**Fulbright Arctic Symposium:  
Towards a Sustainable Arctic Future**

*Venue: University of Oulu, Saalastinsali, University Main Building  
Address: Pentti Kaiteran katu 1*

**Program**

- 7.45 Bus to University leaves from Lasaretti
- 8.00 Registration, coffee and Exhibitions

Host: Dr. Kari Laine, Vice President of Research, Professor,  
University of the Arctic

**OPENING SESSION**

- 9.00 Musical performance, Oulu University Chamber Orchestra
- 9.10 Opening Remarks, Dr. Jouko Niinimäki, Rector,  
University of Oulu
- 9.20 Remarks, Matti Pennanen, Mayor, City of Oulu

- 9.25 Video Greeting, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry
- 9.30 Fulbright Welcome, Terhi Mölsä, Executive Director, Fulbright Center, Finland

## BRIDGING ARCTIC POLICIES AND SCIENCE

### Update on Arctic Policies, Priorities and Challenges

- 9.40 **United States Arctic Council Chairmanship Program Goals**  
» Charles C. Adams, Jr., Ambassador of the United States of America to Finland
- 10.00 **Arctic Change and the Role of Education and Research – Finnish Perspective**  
» Anita Lehikoinen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture
- 10.20 Coffee break
- 10.40 **Government and Indigenous Perspectives on Arctic Policies, Priorities and Challenges**  
» Aleksi Härkönen Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland  
» Andrée Noëlle Cooligan, Ambassador of Canada to Finland  
» Jennifer Ey, Chief of Staff to the Special Representative for the Arctic at the U.S. Department of State  
» Liisa Holmberg, Rector, The Sámi Education Institute  
» Åge B. Grutle, Ambassador of Norway to Finland
- 11.30 **Challenges for the Arctic Environment and Communities**  
» Dr. Terry Callaghan, Distinguished Research Professor of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; Professor of Arctic Ecology at the University of Sheffield and Professor; National Research Tomsk State University, Russia
- 12.00 Lunch at Restaurant Kastari for invited speakers, Fulbright scholars and co-leads

### **Fulbright Arctic Initiative: Informing Policy through Collaborative Research**

- » Introduction: Stephen Money, Academic Exchange Specialist, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State

Moderators:

- » Dr. Ross A. Virginia, Director, Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth; Distinguished Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2015–16
- » Dr. Mike Sfraga, Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Distinguished Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2015–16

### **Presentations by a panel of Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars on the three Fulbright Arctic Initiative themes:**

#### **Energy:**

- » Dr. Gregory Poelzer, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- » Dr. Maria Tysiachniouk, Center for Independent Social Research, Russia
- » Dr. Bjarni Magnússon, Reykjavik University School of Law, Iceland

#### **Water:**

- » Dr. Niels Vestergaard, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark
- » Dr. Tamara Harms, University of Alaska, USA
- » Dr. Øystein Varpe, University Centre in Svalbard, Norway

#### **Health and Infrastructure:**

- » Susan Chatwood, Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, Canada
- » Gwen Holdmann, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, USA
- » Dr. Linda Chamberlain, State of Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project; University of Alaska, USA

14.30 Coffee break



## 14.45 II PANEL DISCUSSION

### **Presenting the Arctic to the World: The Role of Scholars and the Media in Translating Science to the Public**

Moderators:

- » Dr. Bruce Forbes, Research Professor, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland; Docent in Plant Ecology/Biogeography at the Faculty of Science, University of Oulu; Research Professor, Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth College
- » Markku Heikkilä, Head of Science Communications, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Panelists:

- » Yrsa Grüne, Editorial Writer, Hufvudstadsbladet
- » Anne Nuorgam, Researcher of Sámi Research, University of Lapland
- » Piritä Näkkäläjärvi, Director and Head of Yle Sápmi, the Sámi-speaking arm of the Finnish Broadcasting Company Yle
- » Laura Tauriainen, Student, TIEMA, University of Oulu

## 15.45 CLOSING SESSION – FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

- » Lars Kullerud, President, University of the Arctic
- » Dr. David Hik, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Canada

16.20 Closing words

- » Dr. Kari Laine, Vice President of Research, Professor, University of the Arctic

Performance by Ailu Valle, Sámi Rap Artist

16.30 Symposium closes

## Exhibitors:

- Arctic Council
- City of Oulu
- Embassy of Canada
- Finnish Environment Institute SYKE
- Fulbright Center Finland
- Lapland University of Applied Sciences
- LYNET
- Natural Resources Institute Finland LUKE
- Thule Institute
- UArctic
- University of Lapland / Arctic Centre
- University of Oulu
- U.S. Embassy Helsinki / American Resource Center
- VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
- Worldwide Fulbright Program and the Fulbright Arctic Initiative

16.40 Bus departs from the University for the Hotel Lasaretti

17.00 Exhibitions close

17.15 Escorted group departure from the Hotel Lasaretti for those who wish to go to the Polar Bear Pitching Event Oulu and from there to the City Hall

18.45 Departure for the City Hall from the Hotel

19.00 Reception hosted by City of Oulu

20.30 Reception ends

## Optional activities

20.00- The Official Polar Bear Pitching After Swim Party, 25 Eur  
<http://polarbearpitching.com/event/tickets>  
*Venue: Radisson Blu, Hallituskatu 1*

# Friday, February 12, 2016

## Outcomes, conclusions and next steps.

*Venues: Lasaretti. Merikoski Hall and two meeting rooms (Linna-kabinetti and Rossi-kabinetti) for group work.*

## Program

- 9.00 Plenary session lead by Co-Lead Scholars
  - » Summary of Symposium outcomes and conclusions
  - » Next steps for working groups
  - » Discussion of participation at key Arctic conferences and meetings
  - » Planning for final meeting in Washington, DC, October 24–28, 2016
  - » Next steps for group products, including publications
- 11.00 Breakout session
  - » Working group discussion of next steps and communication plan
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Plenary session
  - » Wrap up and conclusionCoffee
- 15.00 Program concludes
- 17.00 Debriefing meeting for the organizers of the Oulu week

# Saturday, February 13, 2016

- » Departures

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The Fulbright Center Board of Directors consists of eight members appointed by the Finnish Ministry of Education and the U.S. Embassy in Finland. The U.S. Ambassador to Finland serves as the Honorary Chair of the Board. The Center has a staff of seven.

# University of Oulu

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Founded in 1958, the University of Oulu is an international research and education community of 16 000 students and 3000 employees. The University of Oulu is one of the biggest universities in Finland. Ten faculties and specialized research units create the foundation for multidisciplinary research, innovation and training of experts for demanding professional tasks.

The University of Oulu creates innovation, well-being and knowledge for the future through multidisciplinary research and education. The University researches people and culture in a changing living environment, as well as opportunities that new technology provides for improving the well-being of people and the environment. The University of Oulu is a multidisciplinary expert in Northerness.

## Thule Institute



Thule Institute is a focus area unit of the University of Oulu which promotes and coordinates multidisciplinary research and doctoral training in the fields of environment, natural resources and northern and Arctic issues. Research coordinated by the Thule Institute concentrates on climate change and adaptation, sustainable use of natural resources, environmental and resource economics and health and well-being of people living in the northern environment. The Thule Institute supports 13 research groups that operate in the University's faculties.

The Thule Institute coordinates a Doctoral Program in Environment, Well-being and Technology in the North (Aurora DP). Aurora DP is built on the platform of the Thule Institute's multidisciplinary research, and is one of the doctoral programs of the University's Graduate School.

In addition, the Thule Institute promotes cooperation with Finnish national research institutes and international science organizations, arranges multidisciplinary seminars and courses, and provides information on environmental and northern issues. The University of the Arctic's Thematic Networks and Research Liaison Office is located at the Thule Institute.

# City of Oulu

# OULU

The City of Oulu, founded in 1605, is the largest city in northern Finland. The Oulu Region has over 200,000 inhabitants, and it is the fastest growing region in Finland. Oulu is situated on the shore of the Gulf of Bothnia, at the mouth of Oulu River, which is an ancient trading site. The name Oulu comes from a word in the indigenous Sami language meaning flood water.

From being a town known for tar and salmon, Oulu has evolved into a growing center of competence combining Northern hospitality, nature and culture with modern technology. There are good opportunities for studying and working, as well as research and development activities, especially in the hi-tech sector. In Oulu, there are several research institutes, including VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland and the University Hospital. Oulu is known for its cooperative, competent people, active development, high-class services, versatile business structure and strong economy.

Lively Oulu is a gateway to urban culture as well as the unique nature of the North. The Market Square area located by the seaside along with Rottaari Promenade and its surrounding streets with many cafes, restaurants and shops comprise the urban living room of the city. Oulu has many parks located around the city center, with Ainola Park being the most famous and also a home to many monuments and museums.

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preparing-for-your-stay](http://www.fulbright.fi/en/guide/preparing-for-your-stay)

### **University of Oulu**

[www oulu.fi/english](http://www oulu.fi/english)

### **City of Oulu**

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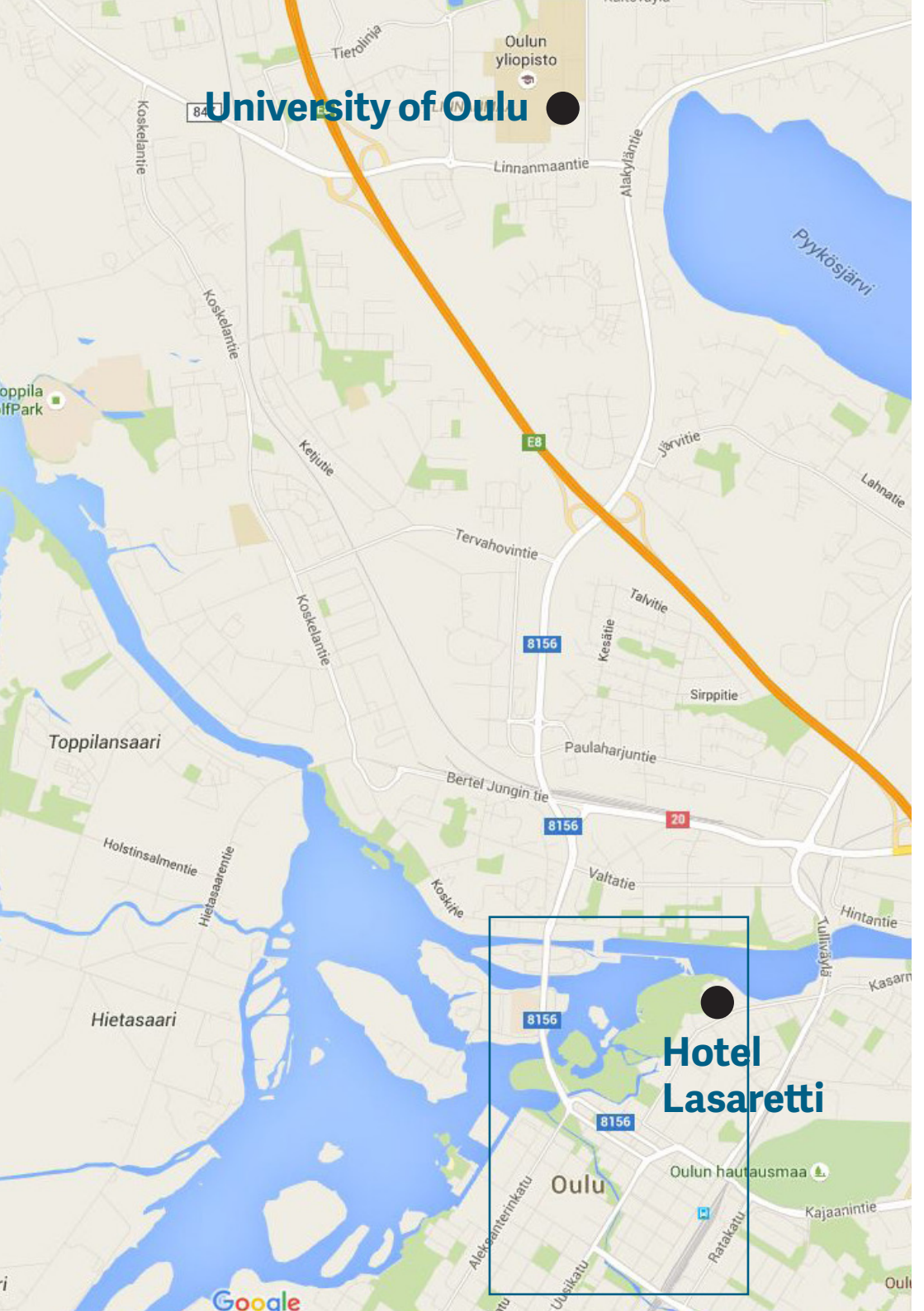
### **Oulu Tourism**

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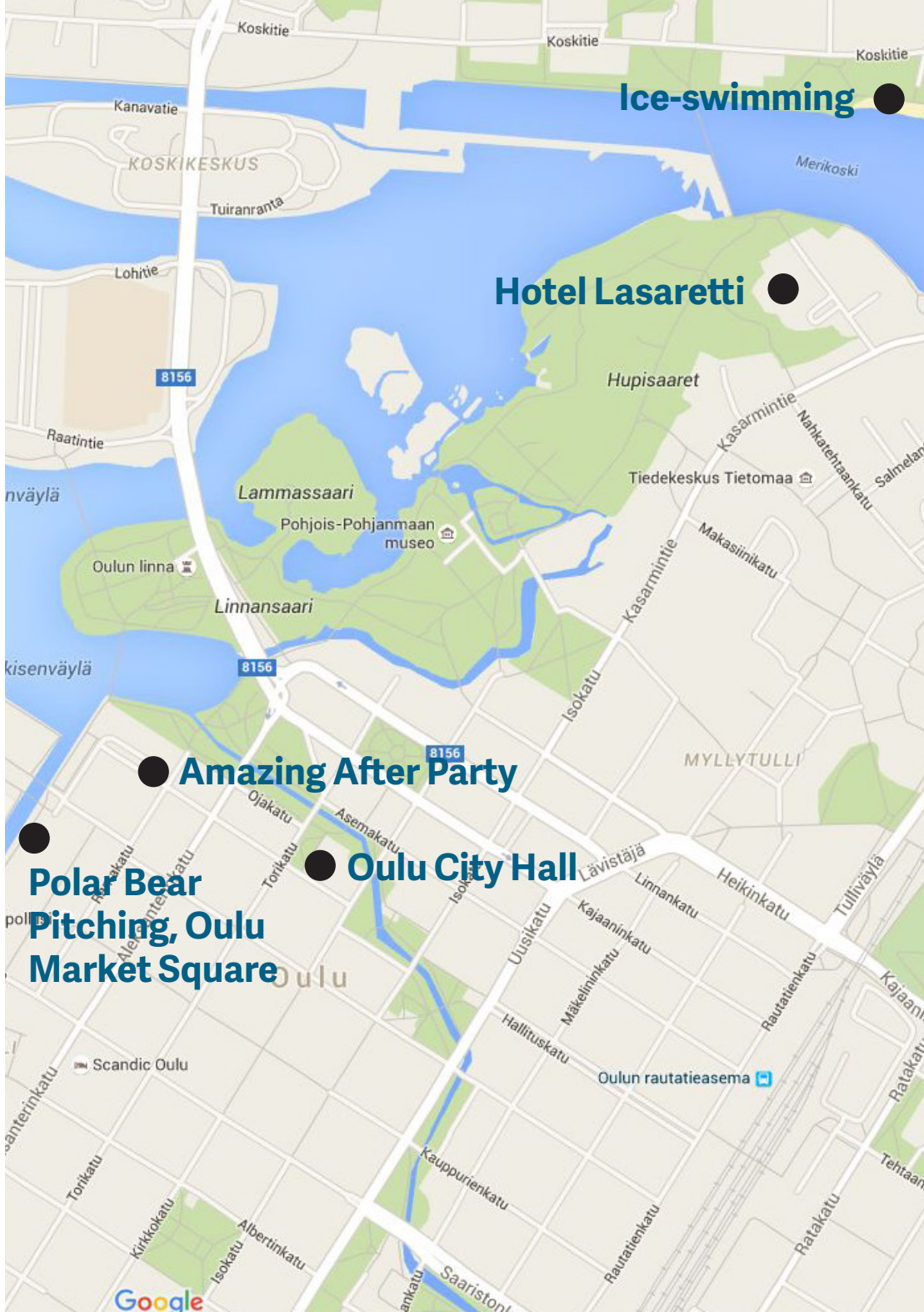
**Ice-swimming** ●

**Hotel Lasaretti** ●

● **Amazing After Party**

● **Polar Bear Pitching, Oulu Market Square**

● **Oulu City Hall**



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