

PROGRAM

SAALASTI HALL, UNIVERSITY OF OULU, MAIN BUILDING



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

8.00 Registration, coffee, and exhibitions

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**

- Tapio Kosunen, Director General, Department for Higher Education and Science Policy, 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 own cost

13.00 I PANEL DISCUSSION

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
- Dr. Mari Maasilta, University Lecturer of Media Education, University of Lapland
- Pirita 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

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