

# POLICY SUPPORT FROM ARCTIC RESEARCH, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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**Time:** Thursday 16 May 2013, 12.00-17.00

**Venue:** House of the Estates, Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki, Finland

**Registration:** by invitation only at [www.academyevents.fi](http://www.academyevents.fi) , (keycode ARCTIC) until 12:00 on 12 May.

The event can be followed as a live or recorded webcasting at [www.aka.fi/arctic2013](http://www.aka.fi/arctic2013). Questions and comments can be sent via a Twitter hashtag named #arcticpolicies. The session will be in English.

## SCOPE AND PURPOSE:

The Finnish Prime Minister's Office, the Academy of Finland and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) are jointly organising this Arctic seminar on "Policy Support from Arctic Research". The aim is to share views, discuss and clarify the kind of Arctic research that would best enable to assess the need for policy actions and help establish effective policy interventions.

The Finnish Government has discussed its Arctic policy and decided that the Arctic Strategy is to be updated in spring 2013. By participating in Arctic cooperation, Finland will continue to play a role in the future of the Arctic region. Arctic issues concern especially northern Finland and its people but the significance of the region is increasing also more widely, for example, from the perspective of the Finnish economy.

The Academy of Finland funds research in all areas of science. Issues relating to Arctic themes are well represented in the wide range of disciplines funded by the Academy via its funding schemes, such as centres of excellence, research programmes and international collaborations.

From IIASA's point of view this is a scoping meeting for the development of a new research agenda in the rapidly changing and geopolitically crucial region of the Arctic. IIASA's research in a number of programs is either directly concerned with Arctic issues — such as energy resources, air quality, and fisheries — or relevant to the need for understanding and adapting to the many challenges to national and international policies and activities related to the Arctic.

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## PROGRAMME



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**Chair:** State Secretary Olli-Pekka Heinonen, Prime Minister's Office

## 12.00 WELCOME STATEMENT AND OPENING REMARKS – SETTING THE SCENE

- State Secretary Olli-Pekka Heinonen, Prime Minister's Office
- Professor Heikki Mannila, President of the Academy of Finland

## 12.15 OVERVIEW OF IIASA AND NEW INTEGRATED RESEARCH INITIATIVES

- Professor Pavel Kabat, Director of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis IIASA, Austria

## 12.30 ARCTIC POLICIES

### Finland's new strategy for the Arctic region – scope and purpose

- Ambassador Hannu Halinen, Arctic Affairs at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

### Similarities and differences between Finland's new strategy and the Arctic region strategies of Sweden and Norway

- Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, Ulrik Tideström, Embassy of Sweden in Helsinki
- Special Adviser Christine Daae Olseng, Program Coordinator for the Polar Research Programme, the Research Council of Norway

## Discussion

## 13.30 COFFEE

## 14.00 SCIENCE SUPPORT TO ARCTIC POLICYMAKING

### Needs and possibilities for Arctic research from the

#### • **viewpoint of industry**

Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer Kari Knuutila, Outotec Oyj, Finland

#### • **viewpoint of climate change**

Professor Markku Kulmala, University of Helsinki / Chair of the Finnish Panel on Climate Change

#### • **viewpoint of foreign and security policy**

Director Teija Tiilikainen, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland

#### • **viewpoint of society and culture**

Dr., Researcher Seija Tuulentie, Finnish Forest Research Institute

### Panel discussion

- Professor Pavel Kabat, IIASA
- Professor Robert Corell, Principal of Global Environment and Technology Foundation and Chair of GSA, US
- Professor Markku Kulmala
- Director Teija Tiilikainen
- Professor Paula Kankaanpää, Director of Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland
- Senior Vice President Kari Knuutila

### Moderator

- Professor, Dr. Thomas Jung, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, Germany

## 15.40 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

## 16.15-17.00 COCKTAILS



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