

International Conference on GEODIVERSITY AND GEOLOGY FOR NATURE HERITAGE

May 20-24, 2007, in Vaasa, Finland

Vaasa is a 400-year-old town on the west coast of Finland. It is the centre of the county of Ostrobothnia and has 57 000 inhabitants, of which 71% speak Finnish and 25% Swedish.



Conference Venue: [Hotel Rantasipi Tropiclandia](#)

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Second announcement

The next meeting of the ProGeo – Northern European Working Group will be held in Vaasa, Finland May 20 – 24, 2007. The conference will focus on geodiversity, glacial dynamics and landforms, nature heritage and conservation. The Vaasa region is situated in the central part of the former Scandinavian Ice Sheet. The postglacial land uplift is among the fastest in the world as a result of glacioisostasy.

Topics

The conference offers a forum for presentations and discussions about recent achievements in the following topics:

geoconservation, transboundary co-operation, geotourism, geoparks, geosites, popularisation of geology, planning and management of conservation areas.

The conference provides two days for oral and poster presentations and two one-day excursions. On the first excursion day we will visit a few Geosites and sites included in a regional Geopark project. The second day concentrates on the newly approved Kvarken Archipelago World Nature Heritage Site. The important and universally outstanding geological sites are various glaciogenic features of the area, such as De Geer –moraines, transverse moraine ridges, interstadial / interglacial deposits and evidences of human activities before the last glacial maximum. Also raised shore deposits typical for land-uplift areas and a well-preserved impact crater will be visited.

The Conference will begin and end in Vaasa. Vaasa can be reached by flight from Helsinki and Stockholm several times/day (www.finnair.fi, www.blue1.com), by train from Helsinki (www.vr.fi) and by ferry from Umeå, Sweden (www.rgline.com). By bus or car the distance from Helsinki along highway E12 is 430 km.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIAL

Colleagues are invited to submit presentations in oral or poster form. Deadline for abstracts relevant to the topics of the symposium, maximum length one A4 page (see guidelines in the attached Appendix I) is **March 15, 2007**. Please send the abstracts via e-mail to peter.eden@gtk.fi.

Copies of the abstracts together with the excursion guide will be distributed to the participants and published on the Internet.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee is 180 €, including conference material, lunches and coffee /tea during the whole conference, icebreaker party, conference dinner and excursions. The fee without excursions is 120 €. The fee **does not** include accommodation.

Please return the final registration form (below) via e-mail **by March 15, 2007** to: Ilona Karjalainen, Geological Survey of Finland. E-mail: ilona.karjalainen@gtk.fi

ACCOMMODATION

Conference venue, Rantasipi Spa Hotel Tropiclandia:

single 88 €, double 56 €, triple 40 € / person / night. Including breakfast and free access to the Spa.

Hostel Kenraali (two km from the conference venue):

Single 40 €, double 25 € / person / night. Cooking facilities, no breakfast. Toilets and showers in the hallway.

Preliminary Programme

May 20 Sunday

Arrival in Vaasa

16 – 22. Registration

19.00. Icebreaker party

May 21, Monday (Conference venue)

08 – 10. Registration

09.00 Opening of the Conference.

09.15 – 12. Session 1. Geoconservation, transboundary co-operation

13 – 15. Session 2. Geoparks, geosites

15 – 17. Poster session

17 - Business meeting, ProGeo WG3 (Northern Europe). Jonas Satkunas

May 22, Tuesday (Conference venue)

09 – 12. Session 3. Geotourism, popularisation of geology

13 – 16. Session 4. Planning and management of conservation areas

19 – 00. Conference Dinner, Restaurant Strampen.

May 23, Wednesday

Field trip to the Söderfjärden impact crater and the Wolf Cave, the home of Neanderthal man before the last glaciation more than 50,000 years ago



May 24, Thursday

Field trip to the Kvarken Archipelago World Nature Heritage Site.

Glacial and Post-glacial formations, isostatic land uplift

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Final Registration Form

Copy and e-mail to: ilona.karjalainen@gtk.fi (no later than March 15, 2007)

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Name			
Organisation			
Address			
Phone			
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I would like to present:			
Oral presentation (author(s) and title)	Poster (author(s) and title)		
I intend to participate in the excursion(s)	1 st day	2 nd day	No
Accommodation			
Hotel Rantasipi Tropiclandia (Conference venue)			
Single Double Triple			
Arrival: / .2007		Departure: / .2007	
Hostel Kenraali			
Single ... Double ...			
Arrival: / .2007		Departure: / .2007	

PAYMENT

Whole conference, 4 days (conference material, lunches and coffee/tea, icebreaker party, conference dinner and excursions)	180 €
Without excursions (2 days + icebreaker and dinner)	120 €
Accommodation depending on where you prefer to stay (25-88 €/night) €

Payment should be done to (only by bank transfer):

the Geological Society of Finland, Bank no - account no: 800015 – 65744

BIC/SWIFT code: PSPBFIHH IBAN code: FI5780001500065744

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Indicate registration fee and accommodation separately when paying!

Sample Abstract

Sample of Abstract Format

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All fonts in Times New Roman. The title in 16 points and centred. Leave a blank line between the title and the author. Author name(s) in 12 points and affiliation in *italic*, aligned left. E-mail address of corresponding author in 12 points. Leave a blank line between the affiliations and the abstract body.

Abstract body in 12 points and justified. The purpose of the abstract is to define the precise subject of the presentation for potential inclusion into the program. No acknowledgements, figures or references should be included. Abstracts should contain previously unpublished material and be written in English.

References in 10 points. Abstract should not exceed one A4 page.

Margins on A4 paper are: top 25mm, left and right 30mm, body of text 145mm wide.

References:

Helmens, K., Räsänen, M., Johansson, P., Jungner, H. and Korjonen, K., 2000. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 19, 1605-1623.

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