

PROPOSAL FOR HOSTING THE

## 9TH BIENNIAL WMO/GAW BREWER USERS GROUP MEETING

### VENUE

The proposed venue is Hotel Riekonlinna at Saariselkä Tourist Centre in Ivalo, Finland.

The site chosen is believed to offer a pleasant environment for a fruitful meeting, versatile activities for your leisure time, and an inspiring access to the Arctic Research Centre of the Finnish Meteorological Institute, where high latitude ozone studies are being carried out.

Saariselkä

Rovaniemi

Helsinki

### DATES AND SCHEDULE

We have made two alternative reservations for

- (a) March 16 – 18, 2005, and
- (b) March 30 – April 01, 2005

A draft of the schedule is as follows :

Tue	18:55	Last arrivals (an eventual RBSG meeting in the afternoon)
	20:00	Ice Breaker
Wed	09:00 – 12:00	Opening and the first session, including a coffee break
	12:00 – 16:00	Lunch and winter leisure activities (see below)
	16:00 – 19:45	Second session with a coffee break
	20:00	Welcome dinner at the hotel invited by FMI
Thu	09:00 – 12:00	Third session, coffee break
	12:00 – 16:00	Lunch and winter leisure activities
	16:00 – 19:00	Fourth session with a coffee break
	19:00 – 20:00	Dressing and climbing/driving up to Huippu restaurant on top of the fell Kaunispää, 2 km from Saariselkä
	20:00 –	Dinner; walk or sledge ride down
Fri	09:00 – 12:00	Fifth session, coffee break
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 – 15:00	Bus to the Arctic Research Centre (67.4°N, 26.6°E) at Sodankylä
	15:00 – 17:00	Visit at the Centre, coffee break
	17:00 – 19:00	Bus to Saariselkä (optional connection to Rovaniemi airport and a flight to Helsinki at 18:05 or 20:35)
	19:00 –	Sauna bath and dinner (optionally departure to Helsinki at 19:25)

## TRAVELLING

### International

All major European airline companies, most of them share-coded with companies from the other continents, have good daily connections to Helsinki. Some of them also serve other cities. Frequent direct intercontinental connections from North America and Asia ensure an easy travelling for our overseas' guests. Polar routes shorten the flight times considerably. Please, see e.g. *Destinations* at <http://www.finnair.com>.

### Inside the country

Two flights are currently scheduled in March 2005 from Helsinki to Ivalo Airport. The flight time is 1.5 hours. There is an immediate transfer bus from the airport to Saariselkä which takes 20 minutes.

Return to Helsinki can take place from Ivalo or from Rovaniemi. More connections will be announced later.

N.B. Due to the popularity of travelling to Lapland during the spring-winter, early booking of transportation is highly recommended.

### Discount

Those who can use Finnair flights may want to benefit from a 50% discount (excl. tax) offered to us on tickets in Business Flex and Economy Flex classes from more than 20 international destinations<sup>\*)</sup> to Ivalo. The reservation code of the offer is IT5AY2BREWER.

## ACCOMMODATION

We have booked 50 single rooms at the Hotel Riekonlinna for the two alternative dates of the meeting. The price per person is 87 eur in a single, and 64 eur in a double. This includes a buffet breakfast, daily sauna bath and access to the gym. A limited number of rooms will also be available for the weekend or Easter holidays for those who wish to stay for additional meetings or leisure activities. Alternatives to this hotel will be available, too, if desired. Early booking is highly recommended.

The rental of the conference room, two daily coffee breaks with snacks, a lunch or lunch box, and a dinner is included in a conference fee of about 100 eur per participant. This fee can be lower if further support will be available.

Assistance will be provided for those who need accommodation during an eventual stop-over in Helsinki.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

After the previous meeting we were informed that Kipp & Zonen has kindly indicated that they may be able to provide some support for the next meeting.

Finnish Meteorological Institute is prepared to take care of all local arrangements and to sponsor a welcome dinner and the excursion bus to the Arctic Research Centre. Other sources of support are under negotiation and will be announced later.

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<sup>\*)</sup> STO, GOT, OSL, HAM, DUS/ FRA, MUC / STR, ZRH, LON, MAN, BCN / MAD, BRU, AMS, PAR, JFK, TYO / OSA, BKK, HKG, PEK, SHA, and SIN

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Saariselkä, located at 68.5°N, 27.2°E in Northern Lapland in the middle of the fells near Urho Kekkonen National Park is an international tourist centre which has managed to retain its human touch, hospitality and genuine Lapp mentality. It is a lively village offering a wide variety of services from cross-country and downhill skiing to safaris with snowmobiles, huskies or reindeer – and it also has a spa and saunas for those who wish to thaw properly.

Night life offers its temptations with a full scale of pubs and dance restaurants, but for the latter you may also choose to go to the famous Ski Boot Dances daily at 14:00–17:00 hours at restaurant Laanihovi.

The mean temperature in March is -8.2°C and -2.2°C in April. The length of the day is 12 – 13 hours but the twilight period is much longer than at low latitudes. The moon and aurora borealis together with the reflecting snow will considerably add to the amount of light available at night, too.

Relevant links are as follows :

- The main site of Saariselkä <http://www.saariselka.fi/eng/index.html>
- Hotel Riekkonlinna, link at <http://www.riekkoparvi.fi/>
- Restaurant Huippu <http://www.saariselka.fi/huippu/indexen.html>
- Finnish Meteorological Institute <http://www.fmi.fi/en/index.html>
- Arctic Research Centre of the Finnish Meteorological Institute <http://fmiarc.fmi.fi/>
- Pallas-Sodankylä Global Atmospheric Watch station <http://fmigaw.fmi.fi/>

We will be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

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