

**Program**  
**ArcResc Final Seminar**  
**FUTURE OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**  
**IN THE ARCTIC REGION**



**Rovaniemi, Finland**  
**27.9.-29.9.2023**

**Wednesday 27.9.**      *Arktikum Science Centre (Pohjoisranta 4)*

- 16.30      Coffee & registration
- 17.00      Welcome, *Executive Director Markus Aarto, Lapland Rescue Department*
- 17.15      Finnish views of Arctic cooperation, *Ambassador for Arctic Affairs/Senior Arctic Official Petteri Vuorimäki, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland*
- 17.30      Wildfires, prevention and preparedness in Alaska, *Deputy State Director Kent Slaughter, Fire and Aviation BLM Alaska*
- 18.10      Break 20 minutes
- 18.30      Wildfire prevention and preparedness in northern Canada, *Manager of Operations Carl Cibart & Emergency Response Officer Doug Cote, Yukon Wildfire Management*
- 19.10      CASE: large-scale wildfires in Alberta, *Fire Chief/President Ken McMullen, Red Deer, Alberta/Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs*

**Thursday 28.9.**      *Arktikum Science Centre (Pohjoisranta 4)*

- 8.30      Coffee & registration
- 9.00      Opening words, *Director Johanna Ikävalko, Arctic Centre*
- 9.15      Why the Arctic is in the focus? *Professor Timo Koivurova, Arctic Centre*
- 10.00      Preparing for the challenges of climate change, *Professor Sirkku Juhola, University of Helsinki*
- 10.45      Break 15 minutes
- 11.00      Indigenous people, environment change and future, *Former Researcher of Northern Culture and Nature, Ph.D. Pekka Aikio and Chief Reindeer Herder Henrik Sevä*
- 11.45      Lunch & Exhibition



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- 13.00 The fire and rescue services future directions in the arctic countries
- Finland, *Senior Specialist Pekka Tiainen, Ministry of the Interior, Department for Rescue Services*
  - Sweden, *Deputy Head of Department Patrik Perbeck, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, Civil Protection Department*
  - Norway, *District Commander Dag Svindseth, The Norwegian Directorate of Civil Protection*
  - Iceland (tba)
  - Canada, *Fire Chief/President Ken McMullen, Red Deer, Alberta/Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs*
  - Alaska/US, *Deputy State Director Kent Slaughter, Fire and Aviation BLM Alaska*
- 15.00 Coffee & Exhibition
- 15.30 Challenges of the fire and rescue services in the Arctic region, *Project Manager Joel Kauppinen, the Finnish Association of Fire Officers, ArcResc -project*
- 15.50 Discussion panel: how to prevent, prepare and respond to the disasters in the changing Arctic environment?

**Networking event**      *Frans & Chérie (Koskikatu 4)*

- 19.00 Opening, *Chairperson of the Board/Chief Fire Officer Veli-Pekka Ihamäki, The Finnish Association of Fire Officers/Rescue Services of Western Uusimaa*
- ArcResc project & international cooperation, *Senior Specialist Jari Honkanen, EU and International Affairs Unit Department for Rescue Services*
- ArcResc PechaKucha

**Friday 29.9.**                      *Sairaalanniemi (Jyrhämäkuja)*

- 9.15 Bus transfer leaving in front of hotel Vaakuna (*Koskikatu 4*)
- 9.30 EU Civil Protection Mechanism / European Civil Protection Pool
- High Capacity Pumping module and Arctic Rescue Team
  - Finn Rescue Arctic Ground Forest Firefighting Using Vehicles (FI GFFF-V)
- ~11.15 Bus back to city centre

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