

Dear Geography Days meeting participants!

Once again, on behalf of the organising committee, we welcome you to the **Annual Meeting of Finnish Geographers – ‘Extreme Geographies** – at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu! We apologise that some of the details have been a bit slow in coming, so we are writing to you now with these last minute details and instructions.

The **official opening** of the meeting takes place tomorrow, Thursday 27.10 at 9.45 in lecture hall AU100, the Aurora II building. The Aurora II building is on the right, not the building with the restaurant. A campus map can be found here: [http://www.uef.fi/yhteystiedot/kartat\\_jns](http://www.uef.fi/yhteystiedot/kartat_jns) The Aurora building is No.6, while the other main conference site – Educa – is No.1.

**Registration** takes place just outside the lecture hall in Aurora II starting at 8.00. We ask you to wear your name badge during the conference as this entitles you to coffee during the breaks.

Please be advised that the conference does not include lunches, but there are many **restaurants on campus** – the most convenient will be the Aura restaurant in the Aurora I building. The other main conference building – Educa – has a cafeteria that offers light lunches (soup, sandwiches). A list of the main restaurants can be found here: <http://www.uef.fi/en/services/restaurants>

After a delay, you can now find the **updated and finalised programme schedule** here: <http://www.uef.fi/en/web/maantieteenpaivat2016/tyoryhmat> . The individual panel organisers have set the schedule for individual presentations, we hope that there are no major mistakes or problems. During the conference, there will be info desks in both conference buildings – in Aurora II in the main lobby, and on the second floor lobby of the Educa building.

About the **conference dinner** on Thursday evening – unfortunately, it is sold out so if you did not register (and pay) separately for the dinner, then chances are you are not attending.

**People registered for the dinner** will be receiving a dinner ticket with their name badges. The dinner will be held at the Laulutalo (Song House) at 19-23.00 at Kauppakatu 51 in the centre of the city: <http://joensuuunmieslaulajat.fi/laulutalo/> . We ask that you arrive on time for the welcoming toast. During the evening, there will be some musical entertainment – and hopefully enough wine! Unforeseen to us in the spring, the area around Laulutalo currently is torn up for street repairs – Kauppakatu up until the building is impassable. Please, see this [map](#) of the location of Laulutalo and the constructions – don’t worry, you can still reach the dinner.

**People not registered for the dinner** – all is not lost! We have organised an **AFTER-PARTY** where a band– the **Pielisjoki River Delta Blues & Rock Band** – consisting of department members will be playing from 23.30 until the early morning for your entertainment at the Ravintola Kerubi, Siltakatu 1 (on Ilosaari island): <http://www.kerubi.fi/> ! So we suggest that you visit the restaurant Kerubi at the same address for your meal before the after-party starts downstairs.

This [map](#) on our website also shows the location of Kerubi.

We hope that you have a safe journey to Joensuu and we look forward to meeting you over the next few days.

**Welcome to Joensuu!**

**The Organising Committee**

