GRUAN 9th Implementation and Coordination Meeting

12-16 June 2017
Finnish Meteorological Institute, Helsinki, Finland

Helsinki
Dynamicum

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http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/

Maps and Travel Information

Here you can open the Map, which marks the location of the FMI (Ilmatieteen laitos, Dynamicum building).

How to find Dynamicum?
http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/how-to-find-dynamicum

Interior of the FMI building:
http://www.virtualfinland.fi/helsinki/ilmatieteen-laitos/IL1.swf
Getting to Helsinki

Most attendees will arrive to Helsinki via Helsinki-Vantaa airport. To get to the city centre you can take train, bus or taxi.


*Getting to the city centre by train (convenient for Radisson Blu Plaza hotel):*

There is the Ring Rail Line connecting airport with the central railway station. You can take either direction as travel time is about the same (30 mins). Trains go every 10 mins. Tickets can be bought at the ticket machines on the platform or from the conductor on the train only in carriages which have corresponding marking. You need a **regional ticket** (5.50€).

*Getting to city by bus (convenient for AVA hotel):*

Buses may go less regularly than trains (every 30 minutes during weekends) and it takes slightly longer to get to the city (about 40 minutes), but for those staying at AVA hotel the bus connection may be more convenient. Buses stop on request. Take bus line 615 from platform 12 (Terminal 1), or platform 25 (Terminal 2). Tickets can be bought at the ticket machines on the platform or from the driver. You need a **regional ticket** (5.50€). For AVA hotel get off at the ‘Mäkelänrinne’ bus stop and walk for 500 m. For AVA hotel you can also take Finnair City Bus from platform 11 (Terminal 1) or platform 10 (Terminal 2). Ticket to city centre costs 6.20€ and can be bought from the driver.

*Getting to city centre by taxi:*

Taxi costs about 50-70 €.


Getting around Helsinki

Public transport in the Helsinki region connects several cities and municipalities, including Helsinki, Vantaa and Espoo. The airport is in Vantaa; FMI and the city are in Helsinki. One-zone tickets are valid for one city and are less expensive than a regional ticket (valid for Helsinki, Vantaa and Espoo). Once you have arrived from the airport, a Helsinki one-zone ticket should be adequate for your stay. More information is here: [https://www.hsl.fi/en/information/how-use-public-transport](https://www.hsl.fi/en/information/how-use-public-transport)

To travel in Helsinki you can buy single tickets (valid for 60 mins) or daily tickets. You can buy 1 to 7 days tickets. If you are staying in the city centre it may be advisable to buy a 5-day ticket since public transport tickets are also valid for ferries to Suomenlinna. More information about tickets and fares is available here: [https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares](https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares)

**If you are staying in AVA hotel** you can walk to Dynamicum (walking distance is about 1.5 km).

**If you are staying in Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza,** the options to travel to the meeting venue are taxi, a local bus or a local tram. Public transport details are here:
http://www.reittiopas.fi/en/

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To: Erik Palménin aukio 1

Tram line is 6T (about 30 minutes).
Bus lines are for example 68, 75, 77, 717, 717, 718, 722, 724, 731, 739, 739, 788 (bus stop is “Kumpulan kampus”, full journey with walking included is typically 25 minutes)

Optional Visit to Vaisala (Thursday morning)

Visit will take place on Thursday, 15 June, 2017. Bus (Lehtimäki) leaves from the Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza (Mikonkatu 23, Helsinki) at 8:30 (arrives Vaisala at 9:00). Return from Vaisala at 12:25. This bus will transport participants back to the FMI.

Meeting dinner

On Thursday, 15 June, 2017; starting time at 19:00

Ravintola Pörssi, Fabianinkatu 14, 00100 Helsinki
http://www.restaurantporssi.fi/en/front-page/

Registration fee

Registration fee will be collected at the site. Cash only payments will be accepted. Registration fee is not covering lunches. Meeting dinner is 70-75 EUR (final cost to be confirmed). Please send an email to Ruud Dirksen and let us know, if you plan to participate in the meeting dinner; Vaisala visit on Thursday; Sodankylä visit on Saturday/Sunday.

Accommodation

Block reservations have been made at the hotels listed below for 11-17 June 2017. Contact the hotel by phone or email and let them know the reservation code "GRUAN 2017".
Reservation first deadline is 15 April.

Hotel AVA (Karstulantie 6, Helsinki): single room 71€/night, single studio 80€/night, buffet breakfast (9 €/day) is not included in the price. Double and larger rooms are also available. Please see at ava.fi Contact: tel. +3589774751, email: varaukset@ava.fi; (see map).

Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza (Mikonkatu 23, Helsinki); http://www.radissonblu.com/plazahotel-helsinki
160 EUR / Standard single room
175 EUR / Standard double or twin room
Rates include Super Breakfast buffet during normal opening hours, wireless internet access (Wi-Fi), VAT and guest sauna.

Reservations:
Central Sales Services
Telephone: +358 20 1234 700 / individual room reservations
Telefax: +358 20 1234 740
E-mail: reservations.finland@RadissonBlu.com
Please quote the allotment code GRUAN 2017 when making a booking.

**Local meeting organizers in Helsinki:**
Rigel Kivi, Kirsti Kauristie, Jouni Pulliainen, Johanna Tamminen, Leif Backman, Hanna Manninen

**Other relevant meetings to attend in Helsinki in June 2017**

[13th International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space](http://iwggms13.fmi.fi/), 6-8 June, 2017, Helsinki, Finland

11th GEO European Projects Workshop, Helsinki, 19-21 June 2017.
Optional Sodankylä Site Visit

Visit to Sodankylä in the weekend after the meeting is optional, participants have to organize their own travel. Site visit on Saturday afternoon, including sonde launch at 11:30 UT.

During the pre-registration please let us know if you plan to visit Sodankylä.

Travel options: plane or night train to Rovaniemi. Shuttle transfer Rovaniemi-Sodankyla can be organized.

Flights to Rovaniemi (RVN) can be booked here:
https://www.finnair.com/fi/gb

The price of the flight tickets typically varies between 70 and 500 Euros, depending on the flight times and booking times.

Norwegian.com flights to Rovaniemi:
http://www.norwegian.com/

Train tickets to Rovaniemi:
https://www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/frontpage

From Rovaniemi to Sodankylä (or nearby Luosto, if hotel is in Luosto) by bus, taxi, rental car;

Bus timetables:

Accommodation is available in Sodankylä or in the FMI guest rooms (in guest rooms total of 16 beds are available). To book a guest room at the FMI, please send an email to Riitta.Aikio@fmi.fi with cc to rigel.kivi@fmi.fi.

Sodankylä hotels and travel to Sodankylä need to be booked as early as possible. This is the responsibility of each participant.

Luosto is 45 km from the site (several hotel options are available there).
Map of the location of the FMI (Erik Palménin aukio 1)

Map of the location of the Hotel Radisson Blu Plaza (Mikonkatu 23, Helsinki)