

CONFERENCE PROGRAM 15/16-18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8-9.30

Lappeenranta City Hall

Preparing GEOFAIR / Registration

9:30- 10:50

9:30 Music/ Dance **9.40** Host **9:50** Kristof Vandenberghe / Secretary of IGGP **10.00** Artur Sa / President of GGN **10:10** Ilias Valiakos / Coordinator of EGN **10.20** Greetings from the city of Lappeenranta: Joonas Grönlund / Chairperson of the City Council & Sanna Koskenranta / Chairperson of the City Board **10:30** Saimaa Geopark greetings: Mikko Ikävalko / SGP Executive Director & Jaakko Jäppinen / SGP Chairman

10:50-11:20

COFFEE BREAK

11:20-11:50

Keynote speeches:

Saku Vuori / Geological Survey of Finland, Director General & Petri Ajo / LUT University, Chief Growth Officer

11:50-13.15

11.50 LUNCH / **12:45** Posters

13.15-16:00

13.15 GEOFAIR start

13.30 GEOFAIR open to schools / municipal residents, inc. INACS project activities XAMK and small speeches

COFFEE BREAK during the GEOFAIR

16-18.00

Parallel sessions 120 min

8:15-10:00

Lappeenranta City Hall

8.15 Day open

8.30 Parallel sessions 90min

10-10:30

COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00

Parallel sessions 90min

12-13:30

12.00 LUNCH / **13.00** Posters

13:30-15:00

Workshops

15-15:30

COFFEE BREAK

15.30-16:45

CLOSING CEREMONY

15.30 Wrapping the conference, rewards & speeches

16.30 Closing words : Satu Sikanen & Heini Utunen / Regional Mayors of South Karelia & South Savo

17.45 Buses leave from hotels

18:45 Imatrankoski rapids

20-23:00

Gala dinner & band

22.30 Buses leave back to Lappeenranta

Karaoke & after party / Restaurant Kyllikki & Bar Las Palmas

8.00-19:00

FIELD TRIPS

**Start from
Lappeenranta Harbour**

16-18.00

PREPARING GEOFAIR

18-21.00

ICE BREAKING EVENT / REGISTRATION

**Saimaa Geopark´s geosite:
Lappeenranta old fortress**

Get together:

Vety/Atomi-local food workshop
Saimaa welcomes speeches