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Dear University President/Rector,

You are welcome to participate in the second UArctic Rectors' Forum at the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, on February 27-29, 2008.

Currently the University of the Arctic network has already 110 members; 79 of them are higher education institutions. The UArctic membership includes practically all northern Universities. Together they have the potential to have strong influence on the development of the northern areas which are drawing more and more interest on a global scale.

The UArctic Rectors' Forum brings together university and college Presidents, Rectors, Provosts, Chancellors as well as Vice-Presidents around specific themes. The Forum is reserved for institutional leadership and is not intended as an institutional representative forum; the Council of UArctic serves that function.

The second UArctic Rectors' Forum will be organized at University Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland in partnership with the Standing Committee of Arctic Parliamentarians (SCPAR [www.arcticparl.org](http://www.arcticparl.org)) on 27-29 February 2008. The Forum will be hosted by the President of The University of Lapland, Professor Mauri Ylä-Kotola.

The second Forum will focus on discussing university- industry partnerships for sustainable development of the region, the development of a Charter for the University of the Arctic as well as the terms of reference for the future work of the Forum.

The thematic focus of the joint Seminar with the Arctic Parliamentarians on February 28 is the role of Universities in addressing the pressing challenges on Adaptation to Climate change and the UN Law of the seas and how future borders will influence Access to the Arctic Sea. It is expected that the joint session will bring together about 15 members of parliament from the Arctic Countries (<http://www.arcticparl.org/?/profiles>), Rectors of UArctic, and a small number of invited experts.

Enclosed, please find a preliminary program/agenda for the second Rectors' Forum. Information about travel and registration is available on the UArctic website at <http://www.uarctic.org/rectorsforum>. Please note that the registration deadline is December 15 after which we are not able to guarantee accommodation. For any questions about the program and agenda, please contact Lars Kullerud, President of UArctic at [Lars.Kullerud@uarctic.org](mailto:Lars.Kullerud@uarctic.org) or Outi Snellman, Director of Administration and University Relations at [Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org](mailto:Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org).

Sincerely,

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