

The 4th NRF Open Meeting:
The Borderless North
October 5 - 8, 2006



Oulu and Tornio in Finland
and
Haparanda and Luleå in Sweden

Call for Participation and for Applications from Young Researchers

- **Funding application deadline for Young Researchers: June 15, 2006**
- **Early-Registration deadline: September 1, 2006**

The 4th Open Meeting of the Northern Research Forum (NRF), *The Borderless North*, to be held on October 5-8, 2006 in the Bothnian Arc, in Oulu and Tornio (Finland) and Haparanda and Luleå (Sweden). The event is being organized by the Northern Research Forum, together with the 4th NRF Host Planning Committee representing the City Administration of Luleå, City Administration of Oulu, Council of Oulu Region, Luleå University of Technology, Provincia Bothniensis, Provincial Government of Lapland, Provincial Government of Norrbotten, Provincial Government of Oulu, Regional Council of Lapland, University of Lapland and University of Oulu.

The main theme of the 4th NRF Open Meeting is *Tech-knowledge in Economies and Cultures*, with several integrated sub-themes and regional case studies. The discussions are expected to highlight in particular the matters of the role of research and the social relevance of science in addressing the issues of economics, knowledge and technology, borders, (sustainable/regional) development, international relations and politics, environmental politics, culture and community viability, integration and security, and regionalism and globalization in Northern regions.

For information on the Themes, Case Studies, Project-Day Topics, Special Sessions and format of the 4th NRF Open Meeting, as well as an introduction of the 4th NRF Hosts and Planning Committee members, please refer to the NRF website.

If you would like to be on the NRF notifications e-mail post list, then please send your information to Lára Ólafsdóttir at the NRF Secretariat (larao@svs.is).

Young Researcher Funding Eligibility:

Young researchers and young professionals, primarily graduate students and those who have recently passed their MA or PhD, are eligible to receive full or partial travel funding from the NRF in order to participate in the 4th Open Meeting in Finland and Sweden.

If interested, please apply by providing the NRF with the following:

- (1) Brief statement of interest describing how your research and professional or personal experiences relate to the particular themes or projects which the 4th Open Meeting will focus upon.
- (2) One page resume.
- (3) An abstract for a presentation to be considered for a Square Hour, Plenary Session, or Project-Day Session.

Please send these written materials to: nrf@unak.is

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For specific questions and additional information, please write to the NRF Secretariat.