

**Commercial Counsellor's Office**  
**EMBASSY OF FINLAND**

Dear Sir,

It is our great pleasure to invite company representatives to have networking lunch in the residence of the Ambassador of Finland. The lunch will be hosted by the Ambassador of Finland, Pekka Wuoristo, and joined by Kuopio Chamber of Commerce delegation, and Ari Virtanen, the head of Finland Trade Center.

Kuopio is the biggest city in Eastern Finland and hub of research and high tech businesses. Kuopio Science Park has around 20 000 people studying or working in more than 200 companies (such as Honeywell and GE Healthcare) and organizations (University of Eastern Finland Medical School is the biggest one in Finland).

Delegation has 17 members from companies and education sector. Mr. Heikki Väänänen is the chairman of the Karelia hardwood floor manufacturer, which is one of the biggest in Europe (<http://www.kareliaparketti.fi/karelia-en/>). Högfors-Sahala is heat & energy company producing heat exchangers and pressurized vessels mainly for export. Member of the board Jyrki Sahala is joining the delegation. Other delegates represent many engineering, trade, insurance companies and education institutes.

Matti Niiranen's (the CEO of KCC) delegation: 17 pax

Matti Niiranen
Timo Pylvänen / CEO of Savon Voima (Energy) / Chair of KCC board
Pekka Ritvanen / Member of Os PeeÄssä board (Groceries sales)
Heikki Väänänen / Chair of Karelia Finland Oy board (wooden floors)
Aino Väänänen / Spouse
Matti Kuosmanen / Chair of Tahko.com (Tourism) board
Marja-Liisa Kuosmanen / Spouse
Risto Hallman / CEO of Wine Alahovi winery
Jaakko Ojanperä / CEO of Pohjois-Savon Osuuspankki (Bank)
Hannu Tarnanen / Rescue field association of Pohjois-Savo
Pekka Loikkanen / KHT-Accountant, PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Rauno Korhonen / One of leading HVAC entrepreneurs in Kuopio
Veli-Matti Tolppi / Savonia Polytechnic / Member of KCC board
Antero Savolainen / Entrepreneur – Engineering office
Aarne Kärkkäinen / Entrepreneur – Electricity engineering office
Jyrki Sahala / Chair of Sahala-Högfors Ltd. board (Steel Works)
Taina Jutila / KCC Secretary of education and board of internationalization

Ari Virtanen

Commercial Counsellor