



Charting the Landscape of an Innovation University Library

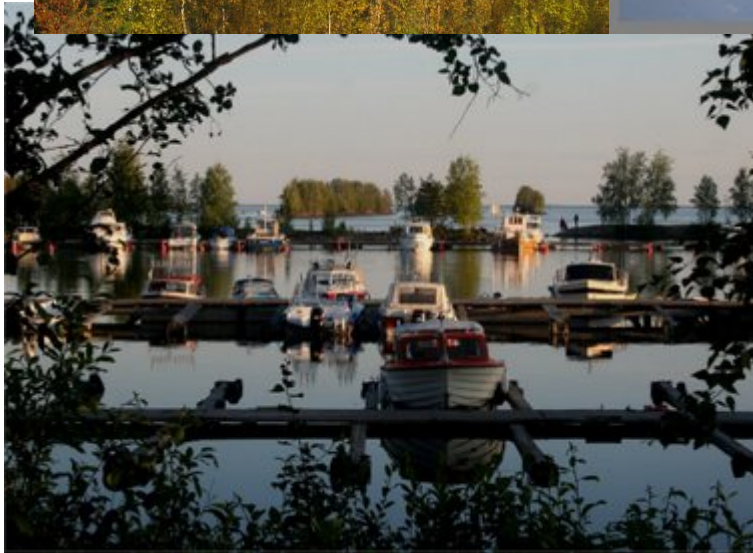
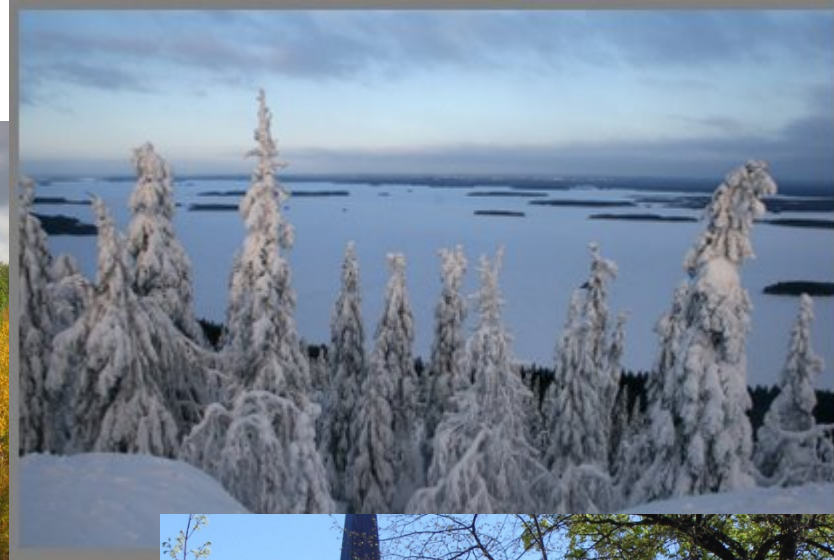
within the National Knowledge Society Strategy
of Finland

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Finland Landscapes



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National Information Society Strategies

- 1995: Finland towards an information society
 - Internet enthusiasm, very active libraries
- 1998: Quality of life, knowledge and competitiveness
 - human network rather than just technology
- 2007: A renewing, human-centric and competitive Finland
 - 7 sub-sectors, 72 concrete action proposals



National Information Society Action Plan

- Four library related actions:
 - National digital library, national digitization strategy
 - Citizen information service strategy + model for infrastructure
 - Institutional repositories + an open portal
 - National copyright system
- National Library strongly involved



University libraries, the core of research and learning infrastructure 2007-2012

- Council for Finnish University Libraries
 - university libraries
 - National Library
 - Repository Library (expert member)
- 3 major challenge areas:
 - government demands
 - internationalization
 - rapid pace of ICT development



The renewal of the innovation system

- One of the focal areas of the information society strategy 2007-2015
- University reform in Finland will result in merging or alliances between several universities into four hubs
- *”Formal and informal interaction of brilliant people with dissimilar identities inevitably brings entirely new ideas”*



"Where science and art meet technology and business"

- International phenomenon: cross-disciplinary joint programs between business, design and engineering schools
- A new university in the Helsinki Metropolitan area:
 - Helsinki School of Economics (HSE)
 - Helsinki University of Technology (TKK)
 - University of Art and Design (TaiK)

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The "Innovation University"

University	First established	Number of Students	Budget (2006)
TKK	1849	15 000	230 Mill €
HSE	1911	4 500	39 Mill €
TaiK	1871	1 900	35 Mill €
"Innovation University"	2009	> 20 000 ?	>> 300 Mill €

ACTORS IN THE PLANNING PHASE OF THE INNOVATION UNIVERSITY



Steering Group

Chair State Secretary
Heljä Misukka

Preparation Group

Chair Director Anita Lehtikoinen,
Ministry of Education

THEME GROUPS

Teaching and learning
Research
Library and information services
Societal interaction
Accounting
Foundation asset management
Staff issues
Student matters
Information management
Entrepreneurship
Communication
International affairs
Further education
Academic traditions
Innovation institute
Facility management

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Library directors +
Deputy directors +
Student and Staff
Members

BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS + WORKING GROUPS:

Library systems
Electronic resources
Database production
Publishing services
Communication
Patron services: students, researchers, teachers, industry
Archiving services

Joint library practices
and services



HSE, TKK, TaiK Libraries: preparing for the merge

- Theme group: Library and Information Services
 - Reports to the project group
 - Subcommittees on library systems, in-house information systems, publishing activities, acquisition of electronic resources, patron services etc.

- Bimonthly brainstorming staff meetings

- LibQual assessment in all three libraries spring 2008



Conclusion

- National Library vs. University Libraries
 - Roles and responsibilities will be redefined
- The vision is to build an agora for the whole of the innovation university: a world-class research library and information center that enhances the research, artistic, cultural, educational, and economic competitiveness of the university as well as supports life-long learning and further education.



Thank you!