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Tervetuloa! Welcome! That's the word I choose to start this report on my 20-day work mission to Kerttu Saalasti Institute, University of Oulu, in Finland, in May/June, 2019. It is easy to feel at home in Finland, especially at the Kerttu Saalasti Institute and the University of Oulu.



During the mission, I developed many activities and visited companies and places carefully selected and programmed by the staff at the Kerttu Saalasti Institute, University of Oulu. Some of the activities include: meetings, presentations and writing sessions; trip to Nivala, where the Kerttu Saalasti Institute is located; meetings with the Micro-entrepreneurship group to discuss research interests; meeting and tour in the facilities and laboratories with the Future Manufacturing Technologies group; meeting about the Regional Excellence group; company visits (Champion Door and Pyhäjärvi VauHAUS); meetings with professors and staff of Oulu Business School, International Office, Logistics & Marketing, Industrial Engineering and Management in the Faculty of Technology, Operations, Logistics and Supply Chain Management; meeting with the Entrepreneurship Education team; visit to Pyhäjärvi, Pyhäsalmi Mine, Callio Lab; visit to Underground Laboratory in Pyhäsalmi Mine; meetings with Matti Muhos and Eija-Riitta Niinikoski regarding next steps for collaboration.

Results of the working mission include: joint research projects designed, including students and professors at UFU and researchers from the MicroENTRE group; possibility to offer a joint outreach program with the Entrepreneurship Education team; possibility to host researchers and professors from Kerttu Saalasti Institute at UFU; possibilities for exchanging PhD students; cooperation possibilities for other Projects at UFU-CAPES.PrInt, mainly the ones involving the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences Schools.

The Kerttu Saalasti Institute's website: <https://www.oulu.fi/ksi-eng/> presents news about the Institute, including about this work mission. These Youtube® videos are also interesting to know more about the Institute, the University and the region: 1. Smart Specialisation in Oulu Region: <https://youtu.be/2OuSspX6KPc>; 2. About the region: <https://youtu.be/66kjJo2v58U>

The program organized by the Kerttu Saalasti Institute was really well-prepared, encompassing a wide range of activities and allowing me to get to know the Institute as well as the University of Oulu and Finland, its people, culture and traditions. I am very thankful I got to attend all the meetings, visit companies and the University's different locations, schools and departments. I could also present UFU, CAPES.PrInt and our Internationalization program.

Everyone involved with the Kerttu Saalasti Institute, University of Oulu, is very welcoming and interested in long term cooperation and collaboration. A special thanks to Eija-Riitta Niinikoski and Matti Muhos. I also would like to thank CAPES and the PrInt project for this opportunity.

Kiitos! Thank you!

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