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**Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors**

## **Updating of Toponymic Guidelines for Map Editors and Other Editors, Finland<sup>\*</sup>**

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## **Updating of Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland**

The 4th, revised edition of *Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland*, presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of UNGEGN, New York, 2004 (WP 49), has been updated (version 4.4, 11 March 2009).

The updates concern, e.g., the most recent data on the distribution of population and languages in Finland (section 1 *Languages*), the Research Institute for the Languages of Finland new Department for the Minority Languages, taking care of the treatment of, e.g., Saami names, the new address of the Research Institute (section 2 *Names authorities and names standardization*), an updated list of publications (section 3 *Publications*), and the list of municipalities and their linguistic distribution as of the beginning of 2009 (section 6 *Administrative divisions*).

At the beginning of 2009 altogether 99 municipalities were united into 32 municipalities. In this process 73 names disappeared as municipality names but remained as names of settlements. At the moment there are 348 municipalities in Finland.

The updated version 4.4 of the *Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland* is available from <http://www.kotus.fi/index.phtml?l=en&s=510>.