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Toponymic Guidelines for Map Editors
and other Editors**

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Introduction

The 4th, revised edition of *Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland*, presented at the 22nd Session of UNGEGN, New York, 2004 (WP 49), has now been updated (version 4.2, 28 February 2006).

The updated version contains the most recent data on the distribution of population and languages in Finland (section 1 *Languages*, 1.1. *Introduction*), information about place name entries based on field collection and name cards in the archives as they were in 2005 (section 2 *Names authorities and name standardization*, 2.1. *Names authorities and their tasks*), a list of the updated publications (section 3 *Publications*), as well as the number of municipalities and their linguistic distribution as of the beginning of 2006 (section 6 *Administrative divisions*).

The list of the names of Finnish municipalities (list 1) has been updated according to the situation at the beginning of 2006. The list *Abolished municipalities after 1998 in alphabetical order* attached to it includes information on the latest changes.

After the 22nd session of UNGEGN the names of Finnish municipalities have changed as follows:

Abolished municipality	Date	Annexed municipality
Kangaslampi	1.1.2005	Varkaus* fi 11
Karinainen	1.1.2005	Pöytyä fi 2
Kiihtelysvaara	1.1.2005	Joensuu* fi 12
Kullaa	1.1.2005	Uvila – <i>Ulvaby</i> * fi 4
Loimaan kunta	1.1.2005	Loimaa* fi 2
Peräseinäjoki	1.1.2005	Seinäjoki* fi 14
Rovaniemen mlk	1.1.2006	Rovaniemi* fi 19
Saari	1.1.2005	Parikkala fi 9
Sahalahti	1.1.2005	Kangasala fi 6
Tuupovaara	1.1.2005	Joensuu* fi 12
Uukuniemi	1.1.2005	Parikkala fi 9
Vehmersalmi	1.1.2005	Kuopio* fi 11
Värtsilä	1.1.2005	Tohmajärvi fi 12

The municipalities are alphabetized according to their Finnish names. Monolingual Finnish municipalities are indicated by the symbol fi. The Swedish names are in *italics* and the majority names of bilingual municipalities in **bold print**. Urban municipalities (towns and cities) are indicated by an asterisk (*). (The municipalities can decide about their status – rural or urban – by themselves.) The numbers indicate the location of the municipalities (Map 2).

The updated version 4.2 of the Toponymic Guidelines for map editors and other editors, Finland, will be available through the UNGEGN web pages at address <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/guidelineslink.htm>.