



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

Radio amateurs have been developing communications and radio technology in Finland for over one hundred years. The amateur radio community has been involved in establishing broadcasting and the mobile phone industry in Finland and has won great recognition for its activities in crisis areas around the world.

Today, thousands of Finns participate in amateur radio activities. In addition to radio technology, an important role of the pursuit is to establish connections throughout the world. The expertise of radio amateurs is valued in the technology industry, the information network business and national defence.

In crisis situations, when other communications networks have ceased functioning, amateur radio communication links can be used to share information in disaster and rescue missions. The voluntary rescue work done by radio amateurs, their emergency network provision and their involvement in crisis areas around the world deserve our full respect.

This year, the Finnish Amateur Radio League SRAL celebrates the 100th anniversary of its founding. The League and its member clubs have commendably developed amateur radio activities. I warmly congratulate the Finnish Amateur Radio League on its 100th anniversary and wish it every success in the future!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sauli Niinistö".

Sauli Niinistö
President of the Republic of Finland