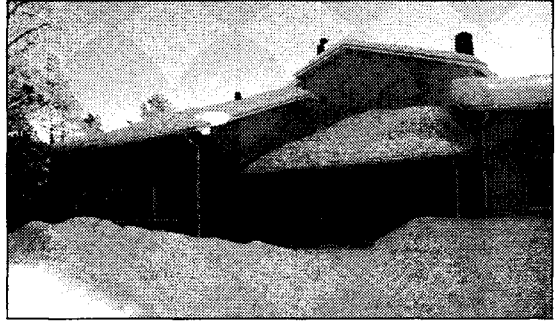


## Reindeer research in Finland – new facilities

Reindeer Herding Association of Finland maintained a research field station at Kaamanen in Finnish Lapland for the last 30 years. This station includes a fenced area of 43 km<sup>2</sup> in which an experimental herd up to 200 animals is kept.

Recently, the Finnish Game and Fisheries Institute completed construction of a new facility built at a cost of FIM 10.1 million. This facility was officially opened on the 8th of September 1994.

The new reindeer station, situated in woods 12 km from Kaamanen and 23 km from Inari village, comprises 1030 m<sup>2</sup> of offices, laboratories, workshops, a temperature controlled room designed to hold reindeer, and special rooms for autopsy, surgery and post-operative care of reindeer. In addition, there are outdoor enclosures with 2 m high fences.



Hopialampi reindeer research station encourages international collaboration in reindeer research which will put these new facilities to best use and which will maintain the position of the Institute as a world centre for reindeer research.