



News

WORLDCON GREETED WITH GALA RECEPTION

800 Worldcon organizers & participants kicked off Worldcon 75 at Helsinki's City Hall. The city's Deputy Mayor for Culture and Leisure, Nasima Razmyar, commented on the celebration of literature the WorldCon represents and guests learned about the history of the 1883-built edifice. The city, meanwhile, learned not to get out the expensive glasses when serving wine to 800 fans.

EDMUND SCHLUESSEL

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TRIP RESULTS IN FUN, NO EXPLOSIONS



Announcements

CLAIRE WENDLING UNABLE TO ATTEND

We are very sad to announce that Claire Wendling will not be able to attend Worldcon 75 due to illness. She sends her deepest regrets for not being able to join us in Helsinki, and we give her our very best wishes for recovery.

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY

Kevin Standlee and the WSFS remind us that every Worldcon full attending member may participate in the WSFS's meetings, listed in the program.

REMINDER ABOUT CODE OF CONDUCT & PHOTOGRAPHY

We wish you, and all of us, a happy and comfortable convention. To help make it so, please read through our Code of Conduct and other rules before you arrive. Worldcon 75 brings together people from different countries and cultures, and is subject to Finnish law. Our Code of Conduct sets out expectations, guidelines and requirements, and all participants are expected to abide by it.

Finnish law prohibits the publication or distribution of personally identifiable photographs without the

permission of all involved, except for purposes of journalism or artistic or literary expression. Publishing pictures of a person in a public space, e.g. a group shot, may also require their consent, unless the person clearly is not the main subject of the image and the picture does not cause them any damage, suffering or harm. Please do not take pictures or video of individuals without their explicit permission.

Thank you.

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Events

GHOST WALKING TOUR OF HELSINKI

Wednesday August 9th, at 18:00.
Tour lasts approximately 90–120 minutes.

Ghost stories & macabre Helsinki history! This tour will be in English. **Meet at:** Hotel Katajanokka (Best Western Premier Hotel Katajanokka), Merikasarminkatu 1A, Helsinki

For those who book in advance, the fee is 13€. The price “at-the-door”

will be 15€, cash only. To book, please go to: <https://www.meetup.com/Bay-Area-Ghost-Hunters/>. To sign up, you will have to be a member of both Meetup.com and Bay Area Ghost Hunters, but joining both is free.

GEEK GIRLS FINLAND EVENTS

Geek Girls Finland (Nörttitytöt ry) is a non-profit organization which strives to promote gender equality in geek communities and the rest of the world. To coincide with Worldcon 75, they are organising two events.

On Wednesday: Geek Girls Finland goes to cinema: *The Handmaid's Tale* Wednesday 9th August at 19:00. A trip to see Volker Schlöndorff's adaptation of Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* (1989), with the chance for refreshments and chat beforehand. Meet at 19:00 at the Nörttitytöt/Geek Girls Finland fan table at Worldcon 75.

If you have any questions about the Geek Girls Finland events, talk to them at their fan table at the convention, or contact sanna.haukkala@gmail.com.

Parties

The editor has heard of the following parties taking place on Wednesday, and is glad the many-worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics implies that some version of him will attend each of them:

20:00–01:00 – Winter Garden

New Zealand 2020

20:00–01:00 – Rauhanasema

Party To Be Confirmed

20:00–01:00 – Winter Garden

Cabinet

Welcome to Finland + Finncon 2018

21:00–01:00 – Rauhanasema

Sime-Gen & Academy of Science

Fiction Fantasy & Horror Films

party together with Croatian/

Australian/Fan Funds party

01:00–04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open

Sime-Gen & Academy of Science Fiction Fantasy & Horror Films party will be providing some food and non-alcoholic drinks, purchased locally.

Parties in the Winter Garden and Winter Garden Cabinet should be providing some food and drink. No BYO is allowed in the Messukeskus.

Remember, once the parties officially stop at 1.00, the Terra Nova bar is open until 4.00 for all your inebriation needs!

WELCOME TO FINLAND PARTY

Meet and mingle with bona fide native Finns in their semi-natural habitat and spend your evening in merry company at the Welcome to Finland party hosted by the Finncon 2018 con committee. Free snacks and soft drinks as well as some local specialties will be provided; alcoholic drinks can be bought at the nearby bar. Learn to drink & swear in Finnish. Winter Garden Cabinet, Wednesday at 8pm!

JUHANI MÖNKKÖNEN

CROATIAN/AUSTRALIAN/ FAN FUNDS PARTY

Croatian/Australian/Fan Funds have combined at the last minute to throw a party at the Rauhanasema. We have no budget, so are encouraging people to bring along food and drink to share! We already have donations of Tim Tams!

The venue is not licensed, but BYO [bring-your-own alcohol -ed.] is fine. There is a sauna available to use

KYLIE DING

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR WEDNESDAY THE 9TH

Carole Parker will be an additional panelist in “Fashion in SF”, 16.00–17.00, room 102

Claire Wendling's Guest of Honor presentation is canceled due to illness, as are her signing, interview & kaffeeklatsch

The Another Castle & Riverside Castle concert at 19.30 has been moved to room 101a&b

UPDATES TO THE RESTAURANT GUIDE

Books & Antiques (p. 18) has changed its name and theme. It is now called The Free State of Nassau and has a tiki and pirate theme. Still run by the same crew, so the drinks should still be excellent.

Linko (p.41) does not offer gluten-free crusts.