



CENTRE OF GRAVITY

PAINOPISTE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WORLDCON 75



THOUSANDS ATTEND OPENING CEREMONY

Seating was filled to capacity as thousands enjoyed a celebration of Finnish folk myth in the Worldcon opening ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. Song and dance performances mixed with brief introductions by Worldcon's guests, its chair Jukka Halme, and toastmistress Karen Lord.

EDMUND SCHLUESSEL



Announcements

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

Messukeskus is now putting access seats to every program room. They will be at the front row and hopefully there will be signs saying ACCESS SEATS. Those seats are intended for all those people who have problems sitting in chairs with armrests.

ACCESS

DEATH AND TAXIS

If you use an SMS to get a taxi, there is a problem with addresses that have the Finnish letters ä ö å and you may not get an automated reply. Better to phone them.

SAIJA ARO

WHERE IS THE ATM?

In the main hall, near the south entrance, past the Info Desk near the WC (restrooms).

UNIVERSE LIMITLESS; SEATING LIMITED

Pasila library auditorium can take 90 attendees. ProgramOps is trying to figure out the numbers for Messukeskus rooms, but the guideline is that in the room there can be as many people as there are chairs.

PROGRAMOPS

MAKE WAY FOR SCOOTERS!

Please could all members of the convention give priority to members using scooters, wheelchairs and other mobility aids in corridors and rooms.

Please allow people with mobility aids to enter rooms first. Once the room is crowded they cannot manoeuvre.

ACCESS

EXPERIENCE VIRTUAL REALITY

Kingdom of Clockwork is a series of clockpunk/science fiction novels set in Scandinavia. The books are written by Billy O'Shea, an Irishman who has lived in Scandinavia for the past 30 years.

Billy's son Christopher is a virtual reality artist who has created several VR 'worlds' based on his father's books, offering everything from a trip on an airship to an underground 'ghost train'. For WorldCon 75, the O'Shea family bring a brand new virtual reality experience of an imaginary Copenhagen. Expect the unexpected!

We're based at tables C19 and C20 in the Traders' Hall, and we hope to see you there.

BILLY O'SEA, KINGDOM OF CLOCKWORK

WHAT IS OPS?

Ops, an area within Turva, is short for Operations. Ops solves problems, & answers questions. Turva is a Finnish word meaning safety. The division is responsible for Ops & Security

2. What do Ops Rovers, the people in the neon pink vests, do?

We run errands for Ops HQ, and we are walking info-points.

3. How do I get a cool Ops ribbon?

Volunteer for Ops!

4. Where is Lost & Found?

The Ops office.

5. Where is the Ops office?

Off the hallway between the main entry hall and the exhibits hall, next to Child Care.

6. What do I do with this lost child?

What do I do if my child gets lost?

In the event of lost children or vulnerable adults, please contact Security, and try to keep the person calm and happy until Security takes charge of the situation.

MICKEY BLAKE

STICKERS

For all the people we turned away - there are a limited number of First Worldcon stickers at the Registration desk.

REGISTRATION

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Added items

Thursday 11.00-12.00, Craft Space, Balloon Animal Sculpting for Children

Signing: David Clements, Thursday 11.00

Friday 17.00-18.00,

Kaffeeklatsch: Elizabeth Bear Neck/shoulder Massage in Exhibits on Thu, Fri & Sat!

Noted novelist George R. R. Martin will appear on the

Invented Religions panel, Friday 12.00 Hall 3

Artistic Process with Artist Floyd E. Vawter Sat 15-16, 212 (sign-up at info)

Moved items

Adventures in 5 Dimensions moved to Thursday 16.00-17.00 (from 17.00-18.00)

The Unreality concert will be in room 101a&b on Friday

Cancellations

Juhani Hinkkanen - Kalevala - Finland's own superheros
Clare Wendling's Signing

Thursday is cancelled due to illness

Liz Bourke is unable to attend.

Parties

The following parties have come to the attention of your benevolent & wise Editor. Celebrate! Socialise! Imbibe! These things are pleasing unto Us.

Thursday the 10th

21:00-23:00 – Room 103

Chinese Fandom

21:00-01:00 – Winter Garden

Dublin 2019

21:00-01:00 – Winter Garden Cabinet

Worldcon 76 (San Jose)

21:00-22:00 – Winter Garden, Never Stop and Self-Inflicted Relative Book Launch, Osuuskumma Publishing

01:00-04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open

Friday the 11th

20:00-01:00 – Winter Garden

New Zealand 2020

20:00-01:00 – Winter Garden Cabinet

Worldcon in France

20:00-01:00 – Rauhanasema

Japan Party

01:00-04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open

Events

Geek Girls Finland at Worldcon 75: “Meet A Geek” at Pikkulintu

Thursday 10 August at 19:00. Want to meet Finnish geeks while having beers and playing board games?

Come with us to visit the “Eastern pearl” of bars in Helsinki! Meet at 19:00 at the Nörttityöt/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.



TICKET SALES CLOSE

Due to unexpectedly high demand leading to overcrowding, the Worldcon 75 committee has suspended sales of day-passes and attending memberships. A small number of day-passes are available at the door. See the full statement online at:

<http://www.worldcon.fi/news/closure-membership-sales/>