



CENTRE OF GRAVITY

PAINOPISTE

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SATURDAY AM
AUGUST 12TH

New tram routes begin Monday

HSL will inaugurate modified routes for trams in the southern part of the city starting Monday, with the resumption of tram service southwest of Pasila after construction. The biggest changes will be in the Harbor area of the city, with modifications to routes 8 and 9. Some bus routes will also change.

For more information see <https://www.hsl.fi/en/new-tram-routes-2017/new-routes-and-maps> or consult the Infodesk.

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Announcements

GUFFAWS

Could all past and present GUFF delegates present at Worldcon 75 please meet at the info desk at mid-day on Saturday for a photo session.

JAMES

BEWARE OF IMITATORS

Randist-Peikoffist agitators have begun production of a handbill, "Offpiste," which seeks to undermine the legitimate, neutral information service of Worldcon 75 you presently read. Disregard all such charlatans – Jukka Halme Thought is the only legitimate tendency!

YOUR EDITOR, WHO LOVES YOU

ACCESS NOTICES

Please don't read phones or books when walking down the corridors.

Please let scooters, chairs and people with canes in first both because they need space to manoeuvre and because they will be going to the front of the room.

The chairs without arms are rather small. Chairs without arms are open to everyone but please be generous to those who need them.

ACCESS

FAN PUB MEETING IN STOCKHOLM ON TUESDAY

Some of you may continue your journey to Stockholm after Worldcon. So we would like to invite you to the traditional fan pub meeting in Stockholm as it happens to take place on Tuesday August 15th.

It starts at 6 pm at The Bishops Arms on Folkungagatan 105. You find us in the library behind the bar, though I think the meeting will overflow quite a bit this particular evening.

MÅRTEN SVANTESSON

RAIL STRIKE WILL NOT AFFECT RUSSIA TRAINS

Please note the only trains not affected by the Monday-Tuesday VR strike will be the trains operated by VR between Helsinki and Moscow, and Helsinki and St. Petersburg.

ROMAN

Parties

The party schedule wanes, but the flow of events escalates. If Dublin win site selection, come get drunk with them. If Dublin lose, come get seriously drunk with them.

Saturday 12th

20:00–01:00 – Winter Garden
Dublin 2019

01:00–04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open

Sunday 13th

18:00–02:00 – Sokos Hotel Pasila
Dead Dog Party, more details coming soon

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING REPORT (FRIDAY)

The first Main Business Meeting of WSFS ratified the proposed Young Adult Award (not a Hugo Award), and it will be first presented in 2018 in San Jose.

Proposals to change the deadline by which you have to be a member in order to be eligible to nominate for the Hugo Awards, and removing the right of the following years' members to nominate were ratified.

Still to come starting at the Saturday meeting (and probably on Sunday) are the ratification debate and vote for Best Series, Three Stage Voting, E Pluribus Hugo+, and several other items listed later in the agenda available

The Saturday Main Meeting begins not before 11:00 in Room 208 (Site Selection Business starts at 10:00). The meeting staff recommends coming by room 208 before 10:00 to pick up reports about the Hugo Awards voting this year that will be part of the debate over various category changes. KEVIN STANDLEE

Events

THERE WOLF!

Werewolf played 9pm-11pm Friday and Saturday at the Kokoustamo conference centre lobby. See the 1st floor map.

JUKKA SÄRKIJÄRVI

MASQUERADE

Come see Sassafrass, live at the Masquerade halftime show. Featuring John W. Campbell Award winner Ada Palmer, along with Lauren Schiller and Michael Mallas, Sassafrass will be singing original songs focusing on Nordic history. Masquerade starts at 19:30 and Sassafrass will start immediately after the last entry crosses the stage. In Hall 1.

Editorial

WHY “PAINOPISTE?”

“Painopiste,” a compound word of paino “weight” and piste “point,” is a term with multiple meanings in the Finnish language. Most often, and aptly for a newsletter, it means “printing press.” (To be sure, we use laser printers now – although sometimes I wonder if a manual press might be faster!)

The second meaning is a pun, because we're fans so of course it would be a pun. Our venue for Worldcon 75 is Messukeskus, which is usually translated as “fairground.” Messukeskus though is another of the Finnish language's beautiful compounds: messu “mass” as in a religious ceremony, keskus “centre.” Thus, “centre of mass” – the proper physics term for “centre of mass” being, in Finnish, Painopiste.

But a third layer underlies these two. This Worldcon, with over six

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Added items

Neck/shoulder Massage in Exhibits on Saturday!

George R. R. Martin will appear on the Built Upon the Shoulders of Giants panel, Saturday 14.00, Hall 3

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

Sat 12.00 What makes a good baddie?, Rauhanasema

Singalong with Filthy Pierre in room 215 on Saturday at 19!

Filthy Pierre brings his famous singalong of folk songs, and we'll add some great Finnish and Swedish singalongs!

Moved items

The Origami jam: Saturday 13.00 in the Craft Space

Robin Hobb signing session is moved to Saturday 3 PM

thousand full & attending members, has exceeded all expectations for size and diversity. We, as a world fandom, can now discard any remaining skepticism about the viability of Worldcons outside North America. After nearly a hundred years of United States-centricity – and I say this as someone from the USA myself – we see a glorious maturing & blossoming of global fandom, and it is beautiful to be involved in.

The world turns on its axis. The centre of mass is shifting.

THE EDITOR