



## Thunderstorm

Southern Finland was lashed by far and away the biggest thunderstorm of the summer last night, with as much rain falling in one evening as might usually come in a month.

The Worldcon 75 Weather Observatory has assessed the situation and recommends immediate sacrifices to Ukko, the Finnish god of the sky. While the Concom figures out whom to sacrifice, please treat all rowan trees and ladybird beetles with the utmost respect.

## Dublin to host Worldcon 77 in 2019

At the Saturday WSFS Business Meeting Dublin was announced as the winner of the 2019 World Science Fiction Convention with 1160 votes out of 1227 total votes cast.

Minneapolis; Dublin, California; and Harlan Ellison's House all tied for 2nd place with three votes apiece.

MICHAEL L

## Announcements

### LOST AND FOUND

People have been bringing all sorts of things to Ops. While some of them are quite nice and we like to admire them, it would be even better if their owners came to Ops and collected them.

### LOST LAPTOP

Small Asus laptop/tablet with mouse and light pen, in a light tan canvas case. Left near room 218 Saturday afternoon, contains data to fly home. Please return to Lost and Found in Ops office!

### SUPPORT FOR THE RAIL WORKERS

W75 member J. J. Styles has asked us to publish the following statement:

“National Vice President (Rail) of the (Australian) Rail, Tram & Bus Union (RTBU) J. J. Styles is attending Worldcon 75. It makes him remember the first Worldcon in Australia in 1975. He congratulates the Finnish fandom and organisers and also wishes to thank Finland for advanced social and labour laws and note the respect for the 24 hour rail strike on Monday 1800hrs.”

Your Editor is a union activist himself & will be circulating a petition of support for the striking VR workers.

EDITOR

### THANK YOU FROM ACCESS

Access Desk wants to thank everyone who came to help out, and in particular those who ran translation services, and who brought gluten free refreshment to the desk. We have had many people return to say thank you for your assistance.

FARAH MENDLESOHN

### FIRST WORLDCON COVERED IN EAPA

If you do electronic fanzines (as PDFs) why not join EAPA, the oldest electronic APA. The latest mailing had a long article about the history of the first Worldcon, Nycon 1939. (Ask ahrvid@hotmail.com for it.)

AHRVID

### TRAIN STRIKE

Travelers are reminded that Finnish rail company VR will be striking from Monday evening to Tuesday evening, with disruptions to rail service likely to continue until Wednesday. Rail to Vantaa Airport will be unavailable, but Helsinki city tram, bus and metro will continue to run, and VR-operated trains to Russia will be unaffected.

### HSL changing routes

As noted in issue 6, new tram routes in Helsinki come into effect Monday. Please see <https://www.hsl.fi/en/new-tram-routes-2017/new-routes-and-maps> for the new services and ask the Infodesk for any help you need.

## SUPPORT YOUR INTERNATIONAL FAN FUND

During the hedonistic 1980s Aussie SMOF James Styles proposed in Fanewsletter (ed. Leigh Edmonds) another fan fund to assist the exchange of north Europeans and Australians to be called SFAFF (the Scandinavian, Finnish & Australian Fan Fund). SMOF John Foyster (Ed

Chunder) had doubts and it was decided GUFF could serve the greater purpose. Once again with New Zealand in 2020 looking good the support and continued activity of fan funds is important for the good of fandom around the world.

JAMES STYLES

## Parties

### Sunday 13th

**18:00-02:00 – Sokos Hotel Pasila**  
Dead Dog Party

The **Worldcon 75 Dead Dog party** will be held at Sokos Hotel Pasila on Sunday 13 August from 18.00 - 02.00. All Worldcon 75 attendees, staff and volunteers are welcome to come along.

From 19.00 - 22.00, a tex-mex buffet will be available for 5€. Sodas throughout the evening are free, and there will be bar service

throughout for those who wish to purchase alcohol. The restaurant and lobby/lounge areas will be available for gathering and relaxing. The hotel sauna is available to non-hotel guests for 5€ and includes a towel.

The easiest way to get there from Messukeskus is to take tram replacement bus 7X for two stops, and you're there.

The party is sponsored by the DC in 2021 Worldcon bid. Any questions, ask the Info Desk, check out our social media, or e-mail [info@worldcon.fi](mailto:info@worldcon.fi). We look forward to seeing you there!

COLETTE FOZARD

## No Longer Waiting

The rusty red of the first dawn  
after the polar night  
cracks the sky in silence,  
dissolves the black and grey into  
rainbows.

The polar bears are awake.

They haven't slept in days;  
they were planning,  
they were working out the kinks  
in their wake

because tomorrow they'll be off,  
onwards to the south and onwards  
to take over this world. People, you  
see,

used to say polar bears are only  
every waiting,  
but for what? They never said.

So ask the polar bears. They will  
tell you

they've been waiting for us humans  
to awaken from dreams of false  
grandeur

and once again begin to think  
with brains instead of gut,  
to return to thinking of this planet  
as alive and pulsing  
with the unity of living creatures.

But that time never came.  
So polar bears are no longer waiting;  
they get up one by one

shake the cold off,  
and start on their long journey  
south..

IVAYLO "EVIL IVO" SHMILEV  
HELSINKI  
9.08.2017

## PROGRAM CHANGES FOR SUNDAY

### Moved items

All items in **206** moved to  
**Hall 3** on Sunday:

12-13

### **Beyond Dependence: The Future Evolution of Space Settlements**

Gillian Clinton, G. David Nordley (M), William Ledbetter, publius, Eric Choi

13-14

### **Designing Life**

Laurel Anne Hill (M), Sam Scheiner, Carl, Ann Tonsor Zeddies

14-15

### **Best YA of 2010s**

Anna Jackson, Katie (M), Elina Pitkäkangas

15-16

### **WorldCon: Who We Are and Who We Think We Might Be**

Jennifer Zwahr-Castro (M)

16-17

### **The Power of the Reviewer: Promoting and Hiding Diverse Voices**

Greg Hullender (M), Cheryl Morgan, Emma Humphries, Elizabeth Hand, Erin Roberts

19-20

### **Comparative analysis of various types of dill chips**

at Sokos Hotel Pasila. Bribes in form of dill chips are appreciated.