

KEY INFORMATION

Venue

Marina Congress Centre is conveniently located in the centre of Helsinki by the sea in Katajanokka; just a few minutes away from Kauppatori market square and a short walk from Helsinki railway station. The conference room is Fennia II.

Directions

Please see for directions and maps on the page below.

Registration and information

The information desk will be open during the entire conference. In case you have any questions, please visit the desk or ask an Academy of Finland staff member, who are identifiable by their badges. The staff members will be happy to help you throughout the conference.

Breaks, lunch and coffee

Coffee/tea breaks and lunch are included. Gluten- and lactose-free products are also available.

WiFi

The conference venue offers free WiFi. Login details will be provided at the conference.

Social events

A dinner will be served at Restaurant Sipuli on Thursday 19th of September at 7:30 pm. The restaurant is at walking distance from the hotel (see map).

Touristy tips

Kauppatori market square is situated close to the venue and is ideal for Finnish delicatessen and souvenirs. Right next to Kauppatori there is Allas SeaPool where you can relax in sea pools and saunas. If you wish to enjoy art, you can find the Finnish National Gallery for Contemporary Art Kiasma near Oodi.

Weather

Please check the current weather forecast: <https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/weather/Helsinki>.

Smoking

Smoking is only allowed outside the hotel in designated areas.

Useful links

Here are links to websites which might be helpful.

- Oodi: <https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/>
- Allas SeaPool: <https://www.allasseapool.fi/en/>
- Kiasma: <https://kiasma.fi/en/>
- Restaurant Sipuli: <https://www.ravintolasipuli.fi/en/>

HELSINKI IN BRIEF

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, has about 630,000 inhabitants and is located in the centre of the Helsinki Region, which has a population of about 1.4 million. Helsinki is a vibrant seaside city on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, which belongs to the Baltic Sea. The city centre of Helsinki is located on a tip of a peninsula, and the archipelago of Helsinki includes more than 300 islands. Helsinki can be characterised as a very green city with many parks, forests and nature conservation areas that provide important recreation opportunities for its inhabitants. Helsinki is also an important university city as it is home to the University of Helsinki and Aalto University among others.

Useful Finnish phrases

Welcome	Tervetuloa
Thank you	Kiitos
Good morning	Hyvää huomenta
Good afternoon	Hyvää päivää
Good evening	Hyvää iltaa
Good night	Hyvää yötä
Goodbye	Näkemiin
Yes	Kyllä
No	Ei
Thank you	Kiitos
I love you	Minä rakastan sinua
Toilet	WC, (N = women, M = men)
Lake	Järvi
River	Joki
Beer	Olut
Coffee	Kahvi
My hovercraft is full of eels	Ilmatyynyalukseni on täynnä ankeriaita

MAPS & DIRECTIONS

From Helsinki-Vantaa airport to Helsinki Central Railway Station and Oodi

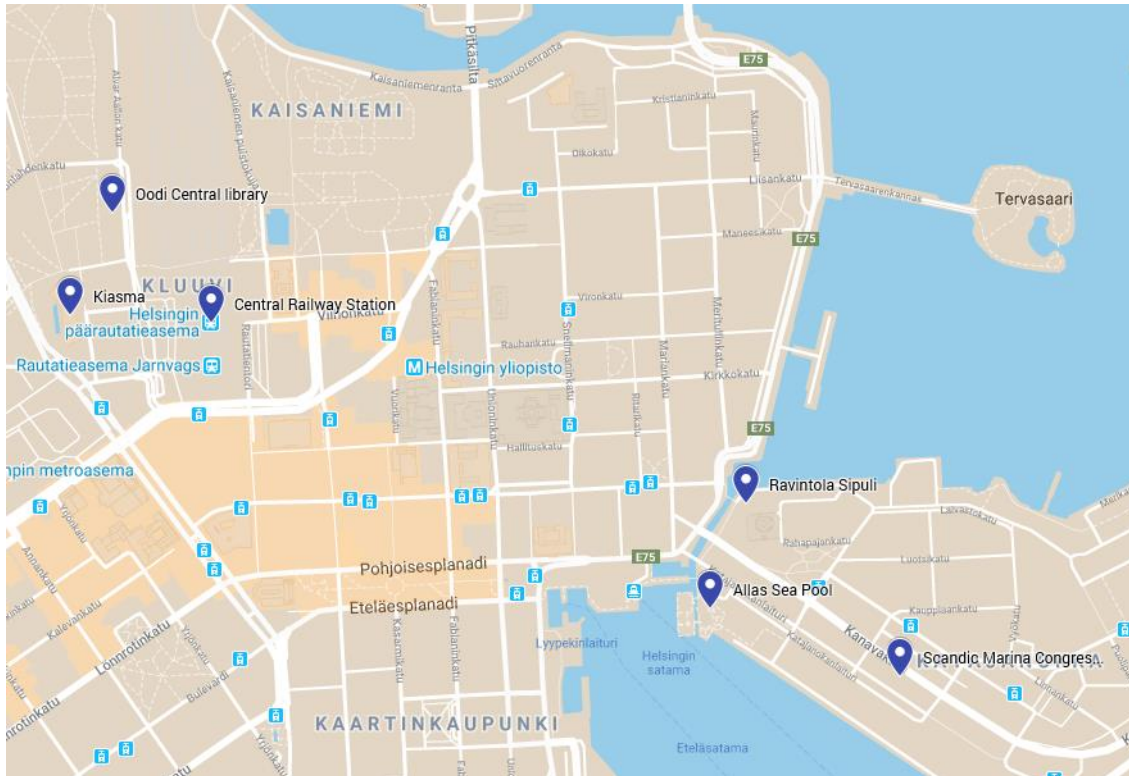
- By taxi: Taxis are available in front of the terminal building. Normal taxis cost c. 40 €; the Yellow Line airport taxi (shared taxi) is cheaper. All taxis accept credit cards; tipping is not necessary. The ride takes about 30 minutes.
- By train: Trains go to Helsinki railway station and the travel time is about 30 minutes. Tickets can be purchased from a ticket machine at the airport train terminal (6,50 €).
- By bus: Local bus number 615 departs from terminal 1 every 15-20 minutes and stops next to Helsinki railway station. One-way ticket costs 6,50 € from the bus driver (4,60 € from ticket machine) and the ride takes about 40 minutes.

From Helsinki Central Railway Station to Oodi

- Oodi is right next to Helsinki railway station, just a few minutes away by foot.

From the Helsinki railway station to Scandic Marina

- By foot: the hotel is 1,7 kilometres away from Helsinki railway station, around 20 minutes.
- By tram: Walk from Helsinki Central Railway Station across to Stockmann department store and take tram no 4. Get off at the 4th stop (Kauppiaankatu). Walk a bit backwards and turn left to Kauppiaankatu. Walk one block down towards the sea and Marina Congress Center and Scandic Grand Marina hotel are on your left hand side.



A larger map of Helsinki area, Helsinki-Vantaa Airport and Scandic Marina marked

