



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.

TURVA

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.



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

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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

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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/>



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THURSDAY PM
AUGUST 10TH

4759 visitors
on day 1



As we have had serious capacity issues with our programming spaces due to unexpectedly high membership and day pass sales in the last weeks before the convention, we regretfully have to close sales of all day passes and memberships as of Thursday.

We are sorry to disappoint potential attendees, but believe that our first obligation is to those who have paid to attend.

There is already more programme space available on Thursday, and we are negotiating even more for

the weekend.

We sincerely apologise for the trouble and frustration the situation has caused, and are working hard to rectify the situation.

JUKKA HALME, WORLDCON 75 CHAIR

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KEVIN STANDLEE

NSFWORK

Discover science as original as your stories. Start with the National Science Foundation.

Fantastical thinking, grounded in real science and engineering research, helps shape tomorrow's technologies and will inevitably change our lives. NSF funds the future by supporting imaginative ideas in frontier research today.

Engage with NSF to create sci-fi that stands the test of time. To learn more about cutting-edge science and future tech, contact the NSF communications office at olpapa@nsf.gov and follow @NSF. Next month, follow #NSFutures.

SARAH BATES, NSF

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MASQUERADE SIGN-UP

You can still sign up to participate in the Masquerade until 14.00 Friday! Stop by the Masquerade corner of the Info Desk to find out how. If you

don't want to walk across the stage, come watch, and enjoy the music of Sassafrass immediately following.

CHRISTINE DOYLE

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Finnish trains to strike Monday & Tuesday

Workers for VR, the Finnish national railway company, will strike starting on Monday 18.00 for 24 hours in response to Finnish Government plans to privatize the state-owned railway system. VR will not be operating a replacement bus service. Please respect the strike and if you need to travel to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport

on Monday evening or Tuesday, use one of the Helsinki public buses or a taxi. HSL-operated Helsinki public transportation, including Metro, trams & buses, will not be affected by the strike.

EDMUND SCHLUESSEL

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The WSFS meeting created a Hugo Awards Study Committee intended to begin studying all of the various proposals for changing Hugo Award categories, with a remit to report to next year's Worldcon. A new constitutional amendment regarding electronic payments failed. The resolution extending the Hugo Award eligibility of "Your Name" passed, as did a resolution making recommendations regarding the provision of convention publications to members. Debate time limits were established for the constitutional amendments pending ratification and new constitutional amendments, except the one killed and the three category revisions referred to committee.

A standing rule change speeding up the process of setting debate time limits passed. A standing rule change regarding distribution of meeting agendas failed.

The agenda is available online at http://www.worldcon.fi/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/agenda_2017.pdf and the first constitutional amendment up for consideration on Friday is item C1 (Best Series). Before that will be the elections to the WSFS Mark Protection Committee, a report dealing with one of the rule changes referred from yesterday, and a report from the Hugo Award Study Committee regarding their initial plans and organization.

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SWEPT DOWNSTREAM, CAUGHT IN THE WEB

Several of our program items are being live-streamed on our YouTube channel and will remain available to watch on the Web after Worldcon 75 finishes. See <http://www.worldcon.fi/news/live-streamed-events-today/> for a daily list!

WHAT IS A LISTENER?

Listeners are people you can go talk to if you witness a Code of Conduct violation or another con-participant makes you or someone you know feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Listeners can be reached at the Listener desk (on the walkway from the South Entrance to hall 5), by asking security, or on the phone (numbers on the back of the badge).

SALUM ABDUL-RAHMAN

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KARL-JOHAN NORÉN

MASQUERADE

Masquerade sign ups will close at 14:00 on Friday. If you aren't sure about anything regarding the Masquerade, stop by the Masquerade desk and talk with either Chris or Debi.

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

CHRISTINE DOYLE

SITE SELECTION CLOSING SOON!

Site selection voting for the 2019 Worldcon will close at 16.00. Ballots can be cast in the Fan Tables area.

JOHAN ANGLEMARK

LOST IN HELSINKI

We have a growing pile of lost property in Ops. If you've lost something, you might like to come and see if we've got it.

OPS

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

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Clipping concert on Thursday evening

I admit all I knew about Clipping before yesterday's gig was their frontman Daveed Diggs. I knew his talents from Hamilton, and from roles in TV shows such as Kimmy Schmidt.

After the gig I'm glad I went. Yes, it was a joy to see Diggs rap at break-neck pace, flawlessly.

But it was an experience otherwise as well. It felt like continuous experimentation and change, from the black-and-white backdrop based on white noise and pixels to the sonic wall based on noise, industrial, and power electronics. All foregrounded in Digg's charisma and rapping. He didn't have to tell twice to get the audience off their chairs.

JP JOKINEN



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PUBLIC TRANSPORT DELAYS ON SATURDAY

On Saturday there will be Helsinki City Marathon (3 PM - 9 PM). You may expect public transport delays at this hours. It should not strongly affect us but please check details here: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/news/2017/diversions-public-transport-saturday-12-august-due-helsinki-city-marathon-10707>

ROOM CHANGES

We have obtained larger rooms for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Changes are found online, as well as on a paper sheet found at the info desk.

THE FRESHEST PROGRAM UPDATES

ProgramOps has been updating a live list of program errata to our web site. The list is included in the bottom of the schedule page in website: worldcon.fi/whats-on/programme/programme-schedule. Printed versions should be available in the info desk in limited numbers and updated every now and then.

The updates will continue throughout the convention. Please note that our main online program guides (Grenadine and worldcon.fi/guide) will still be updated only thrice a day at 09.00, 15.00 and 21.00.

Any suggestions for the new program items should be emailed to program@worldcon.fi -- but be aware there is no guarantee they can be accommodated!

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ON THE PERILS OF MACHINE TRANSLATING FINNISH

Below is the Google translation of part of the menu from the Viking-inspired restaurant Ravintola Harald. ALL THE HAIRBOARD BUTTER appears to be THE SHIELD OF SWEYN FORKBEARD in human speech. Robots are not coming for the jobs of Finnish translators any time soon.

KATE WOOD

From 39.90 €

Manufactured for one 39.90 €
Manufactured for two or more 38,90 € / person

Swallow the frying pan, reindeer fillet, beef sausage, maize chicken and vegetables. The sword of the sword is offered with almond chewing potatoes, Viking broccoli, roasted root vegetables, cranberry and cranberry sausage, reindeer mash, tasty bacon, and garlic cloves served with smoke.

ALL THE HAIRBOARD BUTTER

29.90 € / HLÖ

(Prepared for at least two) A

pair of grated beef fillet, grilled chicken breast and pork loin, liqueur steak potato, roast potatoes, roasted roots, malt and wisdom wine
and tomato hams are collected on the bark.

WILHELM WALKMAN'S KILPI -G

36,80 € / HLÖ

(Prepared for at least two)

The roosting seaweed, roasted lamb chops, sliced beef steaks, liqueur steak potatoes, viking potatoes, roasted root vegetables, tatti and tar-pepper sauce and yogurt in the

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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.

OPS

**2017 HUGO AWARDS:
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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.

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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

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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)

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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



Hugo Losers party

Hugo Losers went to commiserate amongst their peers in a local drinking hole after the Hugo ceremony. Genre authors & artists love to explore questionable holes, and so it



came to pass that the Hugo losers explored the holiest in Helsinki: Steam Hellsinki in Kamppi.

An anonymous yet reliable source tells us that ■■■ misplaced his wallet, ■■■ misplaced their ■■■, and a certain ■■■ was seen leaving the premises holding ■■■ in ■■■'s arms. Moreover, a certain unidentified Hugo winner, who was made to wear a funny hat to embarrass winners entering the Losers Party, was seen enjoying plenty of sustenance at the back of the bar as the front of the bar averted its collective eyes.

SANTERI ■■■ VIDAL

Announcements

WSFS BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

The Saturday WSFS Business Meeting ratified the proposed Best Series Hugo Award category, which is now a permanent category effective with the 2018 Worldcon. Proposals to add an intermediate voting round to the Hugo Awards process for the purpose of down-voting nominees failed, as did a proposed change to the mechanism of the “EPH” system first used this year. The meeting also rejected attempts to suspend EPH for one year and to suspend the current “5 & 6” nominating system.

There will be a WSFS Business Meeting on Sunday, starting at 10:00 in Room 208. Remaining items of business are: Two changes to how the Retrospective Hugo Awards work; a proposal to prohibit Worldcons from selling an all-convention pass that does not include WSFS voting rights to adult members; a proposal requiring Worldcons to honor membership prices quoted in multiple currencies in those currencies; a change to the

“gray zone” between the Novel and Novella Hugo Award categories; and two technical amendments regarding WSFS service marks and the precise wording of the Nominee Diversity amendment that took effect this year.

The WSFS Mark Protection Committee will meet in Room 208 approximately 15 minutes after the final adjournment of the Sunday Business Meeting to elect officers for the coming year.

KEVIN STANDLEE

2018 ATOROX AWARD

Congratulations to Maiju Ihalainen for winning the Atorox award for the best Finnish short story published last year, “The Temple of Heavenly Tears.” The award was presented in the Hugo ceremony by Anna Mattila and Juhani Mönkkönen, the representatives of Turku Science Fiction Society. The short story has been translated into English and now also published in the magazine Spin, available at the society’s fan table in the Exhibits hall.

JUHANI MÖNKKÖNEN



Author Cixin Liu and Chinese Ambassador H. E. Li Chen

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Dead Dog details duly described; dutiful drones discuss discursive diversions.

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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. We look forward to seeing you there!

COLLETTE FOZARD



Events

Follow the Lieder

The Worldcon 75 Kids Choir is now the Worldcon 75 Choir! Päivi Itäpuro will happily take prospective choir singers who wants to be just as awesome (or more awesome) than Another Castle.

Last rehearsal room 214 on Sunday 11-12, and the Worldcon 75 Choir will have its concert in room 102 at 12.00!

KARL-JOHAN NORÉN

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10-11

A Song of Ice and Fire: Same Novel, Multiple Languages

Cristina Macia, Satu Hlinovsky, Shaoyan Hu, Sini Neuvonen (M)

11-12

Bullets in Space

J.L. Doty

12-13

Beyond Dependence: The Future Evolution of Space Settlements

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

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Designing Life

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

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16-17

The Power of the Reviewer: Promoting and Hiding Diverse Voices

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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.

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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
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Comparative analysis of various types of dill chips

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



Masquerade Award Winners, Worldcon 75

WORKMANSHIP

Best in Show:

**#8, "Dwalin the Dwarf
(from The Hobbit)"**

Leena Peippo

Best in Class, Open:

#13 "Tuonetar"

Michelle "Miki" Dennis

Honorable Mention, Novice,
for Sparkliest

**#1 "When Halley Came to Jack-
son in 1910"**

Olivia Flockhart

Honorable Mention, Novice,
for Best Prop

#20 "Skeletor"

Lassi "LAKU" Aalto

Honorable Mention, Novice,
for Best Headdress

#12, "Mountain Witch"

Salla Juva

Honorable Mention, Novice,
for Most Magical Accessories

#24, "Jarlaxe Baenre"

Suvi Kauppila

Honorable Mention, Open,
for Best Sword

#16, "A Lonely Crow"

Rachelle Hrubetz

Honorable Mention, Open,
for Best Prop

#9, "Louhi and the Sampo"

Anne Davenport

Honorable Mention, Open,
for Use of Multiple Crafts

#22, "Milli Menninkäinen"

Ronja Valasma



PRESENTATION

Best in Show:

#1 “When Halley Came to Jackson in 1910”

Olivia Flockhart & Ian Flockhart

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#13 “Tuonetar”

Michelle “Miki” Dennis

Best in Class, Novice:

#20 “Laku”

Lassi Aarto

Best Recreation:

#21, “Doctor Strange”

Kerttu Vähänen

Honorable Mention, Novice, for Elegance of Presentation

#14, “Mielikki”

Kanerva Tuominen

Honorable Mention, Novice, for Proper Inflation

#6, “The Hero of Superheroes”

Mika Sarjanen

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Honorable Mention, Novice, for Use of Textiles

#4, “Farrignian Noble Court Robes”

Johanna Mustapää

Honorable Mention, Novice, for Faithfulness to Source Material

#8, “Dwalin the Dwarf (from The Hobbit)”

Leena Peippo

Honorable Mention, Novice, for Spit & Polish

#10, “Cylon Centurion from Battlestar Gallactica”

Teemu Lähteenmäki

Honorable Mention, Open, for The only appropriate punishment is an award for Excess

#9, “Louhi and the Sampo”

Anne Davenport

Honorable Mention, Open, for Overall Elegance and Effect (aka “Black on black isn’t always black”)

#16, “A Lonely Crow”

Rachelle Hrubetz



Art show awards

Overall award:

Minna Louhelainen,

A cross-section of the Process of Grieving

Guest of Honour choice

(Johanna Sinisalo):

Rob Carlos, Chinchilla Cavalry

Guest of Honour choice

(John-Henri Holmberg):

The works of Lee Moyer

Guest of Honour choices

(Nalo Hopkinson):

Anne Trotter: Eurale, Critter

Crawl, Growth Matrix

Eeva Turkka: View

Cherry: Foxy

Ninni Aalto: Wonderbook II,

Portrait of the Author Pasi Il-

mari Jääskeläinen

Chair’s choice (Jukka Halme):

Eskild Beck, The Astronaut

Chair’s choice (Colette Fozard):

Hannele Parviala, Coma

Berenices

Director’s choice:

Paula Alavesa, Software

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N. K. Jemisin wins Best Novel award

Nora K. Jemisin becomes a second-time Hugo Award winner as her book, *The Obelisk Gate*, is awarded the prize for Best Novel. Jemisin's triumph follows her 2016 win for best novel for *The Fifth Season*.

Women and authors of color were strongly represented among the award winners, with women receiving the Hugo in sixteen of the competition's eighteen categories. While Chinese author Liu Cixin's loss for

international character of the 2017 Hugos, noting that while Helsinki's is only the fourth ceremony held outside a non-English-speaking country, sixty countries were represented among the audience and WSFS membership.

Jemisin remains the only black woman author to have ever won

the Best Novel Hugo. Jemisin has been a prominent opponent of the "homogenizing ghetto" of relegation to the "African American Fiction" category, writing in 2010:

"The worst racism is perpetuated not through intent, but through

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Best Novel came to many fans as a surprise after his breakthrough in the 2015 Hugos for *The Three Body Problem*, some authors of the Chinese global diaspora, such as Ted Chiang and Marjorie Liu, won in their nominated categories.

Toastmistress Karen Lord, who accepted the award in the author's absence, commented on the

FULL LIST OF WINNERS

BEST NOVEL	THE OBELISK GATE , N. K. JEMISIN
BEST NOVELLA	EVERY HEART A DOORWAY , SE-ANAN MCGUIRE
BEST NOVELETTE	"THE TOMATO THIEF," URSULA VERNON
BEST SHORT STORY	"SEASONS OF GLASS OF IRON," AMAL EL-MOHTAR
BEST RELATED WORK	WORDS ARE MY MATTER: WRITINGS ABOUT LIFE AND BOOKS, 2000-2016, URSULA K. LEQUIN
BEST GRAPHIC STORY	MONSTRESS, VOLUME 1: AWAKENING
BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, LONG FORM	ARRIVAL
BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION, SHORT FORM	THE EXPANSE: "LEVIATHAN WAKES"

BEST EDITOR, SHORT FORM	ELLEN DATLOW
BEST EDITOR, LONG FORM	LIZ GORINSKY
BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTIST	JULIE DILLON
BEST SEMIPROZINE	UNCANNY MAGAZINE
BEST FANZINE	LADY BUSINESS, EDITED BY CLARE, IRA, JODIE, KJ, RENAY AND SUSAN
BEST FANCAST	TEA AND JEOPARDY
BEST WRITER	ABIGAIL NUSSBAUM
BEST FAN ARTIST	ELIZABETH LEGGETT
BEST SERIES	THE VORKOSIGIAN SAGA, LOIS MCMASTER BUJOLD
JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD FOR BEST NEW WRITER	ADA PALMER

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“thoughtless, unquestioning adherence to old, bad habits. We always need to ask ourselves where those habits come from, and whether it’s a good idea to keep perpetuating them. We need to ask whether they hurt more than they help.[...] Booksellers and librarians: please don’t put anything I write in the AAF section. Not unless you want to hurt my career. And not unless you want to make it harder, not easier, for black readers to find good, diverse, inclusive stuff in the long run”

Jemisin also came in 2nd place in the Short Story competition for “The City Born Great,” losing to “Seasons of Glass of Iron” by Amal El-Mohtar

EDMUND SCHLUESSEL

Firsts for Finland

Worldcon 75’s Hugos are, at 60.2 degrees north, the northernmost Hugos ever. Worldcon 75 itself is also the first Worldcon without a “local” name -- this is not Finncon 2017, and Finncons will resume next year as usual with Finncon 2018 at the University of Turku on 14-15 July. Hope to see you there!

HUGOS RECOGNISED AS LONGEST CONTINUALLY-RUNNING GENRE AWARDS

The Guinness Book of World Records announced on Friday that the Hugo Awards have been recognized as the longest-running science fiction awards. The Hugos were inaugurated at Philcon II in 1953, and have been awarded in every year since 1955.

THE HUGOS: A GROWING TRADITION

With 2464 nominations and 3319 votes cast, the 2017 Hugos saw the third-highest number of votes cast ever. The Hugo Awards have been growing exponentially since their inception, with records showing growth for the past decade.

Hugo votes and nominations over time

