



## 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](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.

KEVIN STANDLEE

## Announcements

### ACCESSIBLE SEATING

Every room has seating reserved for people with Access needs. This is at the front of the rooms. Please respect this need. All rooms also have space for wheelchairs and scooters. Please do not fill this space with bags or chairs.

### 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.

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

ACCESS

### 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

### A CONVOCATION OF CHAIRS

The traditional gathering of past, present, and future Worldcon Chairs will be held at the WSFS Business Meeting on Saturday around 10.30. After the 2019 Worldcon winner is announced and Question Time for the 2020 Worldcon, the meeting will recess in order to set up for the Chair Photo. If you are a past, present or future Worldcon Chair, be at the WSFS Business Meeting at 10.00 on Saturday.

KEVIN STANDLEE

# Parties

Sing in me, Muse, and through me tell the story of that Con-goer skilled in all ways of Parties, that celebrator, sleepless for nights on end, as ze sampled the delights on the proud heights of Messukeskus.

## Friday the 11th

**20:00–01:00 – Winter Garden**

New Zealand 2020

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## Cabinet

Worldcon in France

**20:00–24:00 – Rauhanasema**

Japan Party

**01:00–04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open**

**Saturday 12th**

**20:00–01:00 – Winter Garden**

Dublin 2019

**01:00–04:00 – Terra Nova Bar open**

Fans from Japan are hosting a party on 11 August from 20.00-24.00 at Rauhanasema. We will serve some snacks, drinks brought from Japan, and freshly cooked takoyaki. Come stop by and enjoy!

KYOKO OGUSHI

# Events

## Strange & Unusual Helsinki Tour

Imagine in one day entering a weird museum where everything is for sale, eating in a viking restaurant, walking past a kids park where everything is painted black and having a drink in multicoloured Bollywood bar. A fluent English-speaking guide with a humorous touch will take you on a tour you will never forget!

The tour is arranged at these times:

**Fri 11.8. at 12.00–14.30**

**Fri 11.8. at 17.00–19.30**

**Sat 12.8. at 12.00–14.30**

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If you are interested, please contact [tripsandtours@worldcon.fi](mailto:tripsandtours@worldcon.fi).

## 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.

Rehearsals in room 215 Friday 13-14, Saturday 10-11. In room 214 on Sunday 11-12, and the Worldcon 75 Choir will have its concert in room 102 at 12.00!

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 Sassafrass, live at the Masquerade halftime show Featuring Hugo finalist 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.

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

## PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### Added items

Friday 17.00-18.00,

Kaffeeklatsch: Elizabeth Bear

Neck/shoulder Massage in Exhibits on Thu, Fri & Sat!

George R. R. Martin will appear on the Built Upon the Shoulders of Giants panel, Saturday 14.00, Hall 3, but not on Invented Religions.

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

Irma Hirsjärvi joins Changing Fan Communities, Friday 17.00

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 filk songs, and we'll add some great Finnish and Swedish singalongs!

### Moved items

Unreality concert: room 101a&b on Friday

The Friday Harmony workshop has moved earlier, to 14.00

IKEA larp: Fri 15.00, room 212

The Origami jam: Saturday 13.00 in the Craft Space

### Cancellations

Claire Wendling's Guest of Honour Interview and Kaffeeklatsch are cancelled due to illness.