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(This is a newsletter sent to all agents of Finncon X - Eurocon 2003)

Greetings Finncon agents!

This newsletter will mainly focus on the programme of Finncon X - Eurocon 2003. Enjoy, and tell all your fellow fans. ;)

The programme is now completed and it can be seen at the Finncon web page. All the English programme items can be found at <http://www.finncon.org/english/e.programme.chart.shtml> and at <http://www.finncon.org/suomi/ohjelmakartta.pdf> is a one-page programme chart as a pdf-document with all the programme and the different languages marked with different colours.

There is A LOT of programme items in English! At most there are eight (count them 8!) programme items going on at the same time and four of these are in English! There is something going on in English through the whole con-weekend. All in all there are 105 programme items during the weekend. Of these 40 are in English and 5 in Swedish.

The whole programme can also be found below. This listing is actually a bit more comprehensive than the programme on the web page as this listing also includes the pre-con programme on friday and the parties.

A map showing the con venue, the hotels and the party places will be up on the Finncon web pages very soon.

Remember there is NO ENTRANCE FEE at Finncon X - Eurocon 2003. You can attend ALL the programme items for free. The only thing you will have to pay for is entrance to the party on thursday evening (2 euros if you have not preregistered for the accommodation) and entrance to the main Finncon party on Saturday evening (6 euros if you don't have a science fiction/fantasy/anime costume). And of course you will have to pay for your trip to Finland and your accommodation and all the food and drink and whatnot. But the con in itself is FREE.

So, without further delay here you have the programme for Finncon X - Eurocon 2003 (Turku, Finland).

*** THURSDAY July 31st ***

A welcoming party for foreign fans who have arrived this early. The party will be held at the house where the floor accommodation is arranged (it's called Turun Rientävän urheilutalo and the address is Juhannuskatu 7). This house is the club house of a local sportsclub. The party will be free for all who have registered for sleeping quarters for the night. Everyone else is asked to pay 2 euros.

*** FRIDAY AUGUST 1st ***

On Friday there will be two meetings: one of a more academic nature and the other of a more

literary nature:

The first one is a meeting of people who research science fiction or fantasy at university level. The main language of this meeting is Finnish, but if you are doing some kind of sf-research at a university and would like to share your views it's OK to give a short paper in English. Contact Kanerva Eskola (kanerva@iki.fi) if you want to join in this meeting of sf-researchers.

The second meeting is a meeting of Finnish science fiction and fantasy writers. This meeting will also be in Finnish, but at some point Michael Swanwick is going to talk about writing and that talk will of course be in English. More information about the Finnish sf-writer's meeting can be held from Shimo Sunttila (shimo@utu.fi).

There will most probably be some kind of a sf-movie event at the con venue on Friday afternoon/evening. Most probably we will show science fiction, fantasy or anime from VHS or DVD using a video projector.

If you are not into sf-movies you can always do some sightseeing. Turku is a beautiful town and the Tall Ships Races which happens to be held in Turku during Finncon will definitely liven up the river Aura that runs through the town.

The Finncon warm up party will be held on Friday evening at the local comics pub, the Cosmic Comic Café (the address is Kauppiaskatu 4). This is the only comics pub in Finland and a very sf-friendly atmosphere. The pub is located in the centre of town very close to the main con hotels. You can find the Cosmic Comic Café web at <http://www.cccafe.fi>

*** SATURDAY AUGUST 2nd ***

The main con starts. The venue is the Turku University at a walking distance from the main con hotels.

This list shows the time, the name of the programme and who is appearing in the programme, (the number of the lecture hall where the programme is held) and [a short description of the programme if its not in English].

10.00

- Opening Ceremony (IX-X)

10:15

- NOVA-palkinto (IX)

[The winners of a Finnish sf-writing competition are announced.]

- International Fandom is my way of life

Wilf James (X)

- Att vara finlandssvensk sf-författare

Petri Salin (XI)

[A talk about writing sf in swedish in Finland.]

- Kiertokäynti kotonani - science fiction -keräilyn monet muodot

Pekka Manninen (XIII)

[A well known Finnish fan tells about his sf-collection.]

- Eurocon Meeting (215)

- Animen avautuminen aloittelijalle

Emma London (I)

[A beginner's guide to anime.]

11.00

- Trends in current sf - European sf experts give you tips on the writers you really shouldn't miss

and talk about where sf is going

Petri Salin (chairman), Fiona O'Sullivan (Irish fan), Klaus Æ. Mogensen (Danish writer, translator & editor), Kimmo Lehtonen (Finnish writer), J. P. Laigle (French writer & publisher) (IX)

- Kun isoisä Finnconiin hiihti... Finnconit I-IX

Pekka Sirkiä (pj), Irma Hirsjärvi, Mervi Hujanen, Toni Jerrman, Ben Roimola sekä kaksi yllätysvierasta (X)

[A bunch of Finnish fans talk about the previous Finncons.]

- Hauskat ja hupsut scifisarjikkeet

Petri Hiltunen (pj, avaruuden saivare), Vesa Kataisto, Pekka Manninen (kaupallinen taiteilija), Otto Sinisalo (katuojan kosmonautti), Vesa Sisättö (robottiajan sankari) (XI)

[A panel about funny and silly sf comics.]

- J.R.R. Tolkien and the ideal of Chivalry

Luigi de Anna (Professor of Italian language and culture) (XIII)

- Eurocon Meeting (continues) (215)

- Bishoneneista Arisugawaan

Antti Oksanen (I)

[A talk about gays and lesbians in anime and the Japanese society.]

- Vilkaistu Japaniin (II)

[A talk about Japan, the Japanese culture and the Japanese society.]

12.00

- Atorox-palkinnon jako (IX)

[The winner of the most important Finnish sf-award, the Atorox award for the best Finnish short story published last year, is announced.]

- Suomen novelli-Hugon perilliset (IX)

[The winner and runners up of this years Atorox Award discuss writing.]

- Asteroidien törmäykset Maahan ja avaruusolosten vierailut asteroideilla

FM Jenni Virtanen (X)

[A talk about asteroids.]

- The Frodo Horror Show (XI)

[A film musical in Finnish, but the title tells it all.]

- The Landscape of the Fantastic Genres

Klaus Æ. Mogensen (writer, translator & editor) (XIII)

- Professori Kalkaroksen taikajuomaopintuntti (215)

[Professor Snipes potion class; a programme item for children.]

- Kaffeeeklatsch: Steve Sansweet (Cafe Myssy)

A chance to sit down and talk with GoH Steve Sansweet and a handful of other fans, preliminary registration for the kaffeeeklatsch is mandatory, you can register at the info desk at the con.

- Vaatteet animessa

Susanna Rosenlund (I)

[A talk about fashion in anime.]

- P-chan-työpaja (II)

[P-chan workshop.]

13.00

- The View From the Top of the World (Guest of Honor Speech)

Michael Swanwick (IX)

- Matka Marsiin; simulointia Utahin autiomaassa

Sini Merikallio (planeettatutkija) (X)

[A talk about a Mars simulation.]

- Luovaa keskiaikaa - tutki, tee ja tutustu (XI)

[The Finnish Society for Creative Anachronism presents it self.]

- Akateeminen Buffy-paneeli

Sari Polvinen (pj, tutkija), Frans Mäyrä (professori, Tampereen yliopisto), Hannele Parviala

(taiteen maisteri), Merja Polvinen (tutkija), Jaakko Stenroos (toimittaja) (XIII)

[An academic panel about Buffy the VAmire Slayer.]

- Suomen Star Wars -yhteisöt Nordic Garrison, Pilvikaupunki, Tähtikerääjät ja FanForceFinland esittäytyvät (215)

[The Finnish Star Wars societies present them selves.]

- Animen teknologia: tietotekniikka

Jussi Nikander (I)

[Computers in anime.]

- P-chan-työpaja (jatkuu) (II)

[P-chan workshop continues.]

14.00

- Always in Motion, the Future is! A Star Wars Presentation

Steve Sansweet (IX-X)

- Kun astronautti geenipooliin putosi. Seksi kommunikaation korkeimpana asteena tieteiskuvitelmissa.

Markku Soikkeli (hannibaalilehtori) (XIII)

[A talk about sex as a way of communication in science fiction.]

- Kyborgiruumiin poliittisuus ja Battle Angel Alita

FM Mikko Laaksonen (yleinen kirjallisuustiede, Turun yliopisto) (I)

[A talk about the manga Battle Angel Alita.]

- P-chan-työpaja (jatkuu) (II)

[P-chan workshop continues.]

15.00

Suomalaisen scifin mestarit areenalla

Hannu Blommila (pj), Boris Hurтта, Pasi Jääskeläinen, Kimmo Lehtonen, Johanna Sinisalo (IX)

[The most important Finnish sf-authors on stage.]

- On to Mars - Simulations in Utah desert

Sini Merikallio (Planetary Scientist) (X)

- Tongi Tolkienia! Lyhyt johdatus Tolkien-tutkimukseen

Mira Isomäki (XI)

[A talk about Tolkien research.]

- Tolkien-seuran esittely

[The Finnish Tolkien Society presents it self.]

- Fandomin kvanttimekaniikka - scifin järjestäytyneen harrastamisen haasteita

Shimo Suntila (Turku), Kanerva Eskola (Tampere), Jouni Jukkala (Jyväskylä), Pasi Karppanen (Lahti), Aleksi Kuutio (Helsinki) (XIII)

[A discussion about Finnish fandom.]

- Amerikkalaisia myyttejä eheyttävä tieteissatu - Tähtien sota -ilmiö 70-luvun Yhdysvalloissa

FM Kaisa Ykspetäjä (215)

[An academic talk about Star Wars.]

- Tossing Jordan - World Championship in paperback tossing

Judge Halme (Yard)

- Final Fantasies: A brief history of digital anime (Guest of Honor Speech)

A brief history of digital anime, from the its first stirrings in Golgo 13, to the advanced computer graphics of today. What made companies work with computers? What impact did it have on the anime industry? What obscure digital anime is a sci-fi epic that takes place in post-apocalyptic Finland? How did the rise of computer games and digital animation affect the kind of story that got made? And what happens next? Jonathan Clements (I)

- P-chan-työpaja (jatkuu) (II)

[P-chan workshop continues.]

16.00

- Guest of Honor speech

Karolina Bjällerstedt Mickos (IX)

- Pestyt aivot ja kuolleet tunteet - mielen manipulointi 1950-luvun tieteiselokuvassa

FM Kimmo Ahonen (Turun yliopisto, yleinen historia) (X)

[An academic talk about science fiction movies of the 1950:s]

- Trivia for chocolate

Put your mouth where your mind is! Be the first to correctly answer an Scifi trivia question and you get tossed a piece of chocolate. Winner is the person at the end with the most uneaten chocolate. Tero Ykspetäjä (XI)

- Jyväskylän Finncon 2004 -tiedotustilaisuus (XIII)

[Finncon 2004 is to be held in Jyväskylä, this is their first official announcement.]

- Ystävyyttä yli rajojen - NoFF tukee yhteispohjoismaista fantoimintaa

Jukka Halme (nuorempi NoFF -koordinaattori) (XIII)

[A presentation of the Finnish part of the Nordic Fan Fund.]

- Suomen Tähtien sota -seura Tähtiallianssin kokoontuminen (215)

[A fan gathering for the main Finnish STar Wars society.]

- Kaffeeklatsch: Boris Hurttu (Cafe Myssy)

[A chance to sit down and talk in Finnish with GoH Boris Hurttu and a handfull of other fans, preliminary registration for the kaffeeklatsch is mandatory, you can register at the info desk at the con.]

- Foreign Anime Fandom - attendants from both Finland and abroad

What does anime fandom mean in different countries of Europe? (I)

- Cosplay-esityskilpailu (II)

[A cosplay competition, a masquerade with a touch of anime or manga.]

17.00

- Reading

Michael Swanwick (IX)

- Definiitivinen Jeesus-paneeli

Petri Hiltunen (valittu) ja Hannu Blommila (kotignostikko) (X)

[The definitive fannish discussion about Jeesus.]

- Kumpi voitais, Hulk vai Thor: tiede vastaan uskonto supersankarisarjakuvassa

Otto Sinisalo (XI)

[A talk about super hero comics.]

- Tolkien and the Nordic countries

Johan Anglemark (chairman, Sweden), Olav M.J. Christiansen (Denmark), Luigi de Anna (Finland),

Marianna Leikomaa (Finland), Bjørn Tore Sund (Norway) (XIII)

- Madertes amenai adart zaquerart - kielten kehittämisestä fantasiamaailmoja varten

Tero Aalto & Mari Saario (215)

[A talk about made up languages. the talk will be held in a made up language and translated to Finnish.]

- From lightsabres to longswords

School of European Swordsmanship (Yard)

- Animeunioni-paneeli (I)

[A discussion about the Finnish anime fandom.]

- Animekaraoke / Sing-A-Long (II)

[Mainly in Finnish, although I suppose they will be singing in Japanese?]

18.00

- Science fiction as a way of life

Tero Ykspetäjä (chairman), Ahrvid Engholm, Toni Jerrman, Steve Sansweet, Bjørn Tore Sund (IX)

- Läse- och frågestund samt autografsession

Karolina Bjällerstedt Mickos (X)

[Reading, Q&A and signing.]

- Isona minusta tulee scifikirjailija

Anne Leinonen (pj), Tero Aalto (kielitekologi), Pasi Karppanen (skifikriitikko), Mari Saario (sf-kirjoittelija), Shimo Sunttila (kosmoskynäilijä) (XIII)

[Upcoming Finnish sf writers talk about writing sf.]

- Mem'nan - an interactive fantasy world which You can develop.

Mem'nan - introducing a new, interactive fantasy world, which You can develop by writing stories, drawing, designing characters, landscapes, histories... The presentation is held in English, by Riku Pepponen. (215)

The main Finncon X - Eurocon party will be held on saturday evening at a club in the centre of town (this one is very close to the main con hotels too). The club is called Kino and the address is Kauppiaskatu 8.

The party will be from 21-04, but Kino has a café that is open all day, so if you can't find anything to do before the party, you can always go to the cafe first.

Entrance to the party will cost 6 euros, but everyone who comes in an sf-costume will get in for free.

There will be sf- and anime-music, sf-drinks, and some programme items like The Frodo Horror Show and a contest for the best sf-costume.

Club Kino is a huge place. There is a main club scene, a lounge that will be specially dedicated for all sf- and anime-fans and a café.

During the happy hours beer and cider will cost 2 euros.

Club Kino has it's web page as <http://www.kinoclub.com>.

*** SUNDAY AUGUST 3rd ***

10.00

- Synen på magi: en studie av tre fantasy-författare från 80-talet

Jan Ray (X)

[A talk about the aspects of fantasy in the works of three fantasy authors from the 1980:s.]

- Suomen tieteskirjoittajien kritiikkityöpaja (XI)

[The Finnish sf-writer's association workshop.]

- Eurocon Meeting (215)

- Animen avautuminen aloittelijalle

Emma London (I)

[Anime for beginners.]

11.00

- Muuttuva menneisyys - vaihtoehtohistoria kirjoittaa historiankirjat uusiksi

Marko Kivelä (pj), Jukka Halme (arvostelija), Timo-Jussi Hämäläinen (diletantti), Johanna Sinisalo (kirjailija) (IX)

[A discussion about alternate histories.]

- Boris Hurtan Käärmeet ja tikapuut -kirjan julkistaminen, lukutuokio ja nimikirjoitustilaisuus (X)

[Reading, Q&A and signing.]

- Suomen tieteskirjoittajien työpaja (jatkuu) (XI)

[The Finnish sf-writer's association workshop continues.]

- Worldcon building for dummies

Bjørn Tore Sund (chairman), Vincent Docherty (chair, Interaction), Colin Harris (vice-chair, Interaction) (XIII)

- Eurocon Meeting (continues) (215)

- Kaffeeklatsch: Michael Swanwick (Cafe Myssy)

A chance to sit down and talk with GoH Michael Swanwick and a handfull of other fans, preliminary registration for the kaffeeklatsch is mandatory, you can register at the info desk at the con.

- Anapus

Lithuanian fantasy videofilm "ANAPUS" ("Beyond") (c) 2002 Studio TEN. Directed and photographed by Pranas Šarpanickis (II)

- Anime Suomen televisiossa -paneeli

Maaretta Tukiainen & Tomi Paalosmaa and others. (I)

[A discussion about anime and the Finnish television, representatives of two Finnish tv-channels join the discussion.]

12.00

- Star Wars: From Idea to Icon (Guest of Honor speech)

Steve Sansweet (IX)

- Salaiset kansiot ja amerikkalainen totalitarismi

fil.yo. Manu Haapalainen (vapaa toimittaja) (X)

[A talk about X-Files and conspiracy theories.]

- Julkistustilaisuus: Mike Pohjolan roolipeli Myrskyn aika

(Johnny Kniga Kustannus) (XI)

[A Finnish book launch.]

- Scifi teknologiatutkimuksen apuna: tulevaisuuden proaktiivinen koti

Frans Mäyrä (professori, Tampereen yliopisto) (XIII)

[An academic talk about science fiction and technology research.]

- Translating Japanese panel

Japanese seems quite a complex language to be translated. How do the translators feel about it? (I)

- Kissankorvatyöpaja (II)

[Cat ears workshop.]

13.00

- Questions and Answers

Michael Swanwick (IX)

- Muilla mailla vierahilla - ulkomaisten sf-kongressien antia ja opetusta

Jukka Halme (pj, arvostelija), Irma Hirsjärvi (Phlebia of Bresadolae), Toni Jerrman (häirikötoimittaja), Teemu Leisti (maailmanmatkaaja), Tero Ykspetäjä (satunnainen matkailija) (X)

[A discussion about foreign sf-cons.]

- Fan fiction - fani, valta ja uudelleenmuokkaamisen taito

Emma London (fil.yo, mediatutkimus) (XI)

[A talk about fanfiction.]

- Star Trek - The Way Future Is?

Marko Mahnala (Trekkerist) (XIII)

- Kolmivelhoturnajaiset (215)

[A Harry Potter quiz.]

- Kaffeeklatsch: Karolina Bjällerstedt Mickos (Cafe Myssy)

[A chance to sit down and talk in Swedish (maybe even in English) with GoH Karolina Bjällerstedt Mickos and a handfull of other fans, preliminary registration for the kaffeeklatsch is mandatory, you can register at the info desk at the con.]

- Questions and Answers (kyselytunti)

Jonathan Clements (I)

- Kissankorvatyöpaja (jatkuu) (II)

[Cat ears workshop continues.]

14.00

Boris Hurtan kunniavieraspuhe (IX)

[Goh speech in Finnish.]

- Let there be Lips - Rocky Horror Picture Show ja fanit

FM Kanerva Eskola (tutkija) (X)

[An academic talk about Rocky Horror Picture Show.]

- On hankalaa olla jumala - Fan fictionin kirjoittamisen ilosta ja surusta

Emma London (pj), Elina Keskitalo, Kirsi Pajari, Auri Poso (XI)

[Discussion about fan fiction.]

- The Nordic Worldcon - an impossible dream

Bjørn Tore Sund (chairman), Johan Anglemark (Advocatus diaboli), Piotr Cholewa (chair, ESFS), Vincent Docherty (chair, Interaction), Irma Hirsjärvi (Finncon 1995 & 2001 organizer) (XIII)

- Autographs

Michael Swanwick, Steve Sansweet (215)

- Autographs - nimikirjoitustilaisuus

Jonathan Clements (I)

- Kissankorvatyöpaja (jatkuu) (II)

[Cat ears workshop continues.]

- Small Ships' Races

Build your own ship and bring it to the fountain to be admired while checking out the competition.

The winner will be selected based on creative looks and ability to sail (floating counts). Max size is 50 cm * 50 cm. Participants should notify Fleet General Janna Jokela jkjoke@utu.fi in advance or just before the competition. (Yard)

15.00

- Direct from Rancho Obi-Wan!

Steve Sansweet talks about his Star Wars collection with slides (IX)

- Science Fiction: dreaming of the impossible? (Guest of Honor speech)

Bjørn Tore Sund (X)

- Det tog åtta år

Harriet Nylund, dramaturg vid Åbo Svenska Teater, berättar om hur den världsberömda kultpjäsen The Rocky Horror Show kom till Åbo (XI)

[A talk about the Rocky Horror Show production at the Swedish theatre in Turku.]

- Kui? - ei välttämättä TIETOKilpailu (XIII)

[An sf-quiz show in Finnish.]

- Xena-fanien tapaaminen (215)

[A gathering of Xena-fans.]

- Cosplay-pukukilpailu (I)

[A cosplay competition, a masquerade with a touch of anime or manga.]

- Go-ohjelma (II)

[A talk and demonstration of the Japanese game "Go".]

16.00

- Questions and Answers (kyselytunti)

Steve Sansweet (IX)

- Kaikkiruokaisten klassikot - keskustelua kadonneista makupaloista ja kovakantisista herkuista.

Markku Soikkeli (pj, hannibaalilehtori), Jukka Halme (arvostelija), Irma Hirsjärvi (Phlebia of Bresadolae), Jukka Laajarinne (lasten- ja nuortenkirjailija), Frans Mäyrä (professori, digitaalisen kulttuurin tutkija) (X)

[A discussion about classic sf.]

- The Singularity - Transhuman Intelligence in Fiction and Futurism

Mikko Rauhala (XI)

- Baltcon Meeting and Baltastica (The Baltic Science Fiction and Fantasy Short Story Contest) (XIII)

-Xena, fanit ja Xena-fanit

FM Pirkko-Liisa Uimonen (pj, jatko-opiskelija, Helsingin yliopisto), Pauli Huuhka

(radioverkkoasiantuntija), Jussi Liukkonen (ATK-suunnittelija), Kaarina Nikunen (tutkija, Tampereen yliopisto), Ben Roimola (rivifani) (215)

[A discussion about Xena, fans and Xena-fans.]

- Mangan luominen -paneeli (I)

[A discussion about drawing manga.]

- Go (II)

[A talk and demonstration of the Japanese game "Go" continues.]

17.00

- Huviretki tulevaisuuteen

Esko Valtaoja (IX)

[A talk about the future by a professor of astronomy.]

- Getting published, getting famous?

Sf writers from USA, Finland, Denmark, Sweden and France discuss their experiences on publishing sf.

Jaakko Kankaanpää (chairman), Karolina Bjällerstedt Mickos, J. P. Laigle, Klaus Æ. Mogensen, Johanna Sinisalo, Michael Swanwick (X)

- Peter Jacksonin elokuva ja siihen liittyvä kirja - Miksi lukea enää Tolkienin paksua kirjaa, kun voi katsoa leffat dvd:ltä?

Vesa Sisättö (pj, kirjallisuudentutkija), Teemu Naarajärvi (poroisäntä), Sampsa Rydman (web designer), fil.yo Milla Tuominen (yleinen kirjallisuustiede) (XI)

[A discussion about The Lord of the rings - the book vs. the movies.]

- Baltcon Meeting (continues) (XIII)

- Palkintojenjakotilaisuus (I)

[The winner of the copslay and the anime-quiz will be announced.]

- Go (II)

[A talk and demonstration of the Japanese game "Go" continues.]

18.00

- Closing ceremony (IX-X)

The official part of Finncon X - Eurocon 2003 ends with the Closing ceremony. In the evening there will be one last party: the dead dog party where even the arrangers finally will have a chance to relax. ;)

Two months to go till Finncon X - Eurocon 2003!

I hope to see all of you and a lot of your countrymen in Turku in August!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the con or want material sent to you!

-Ben-

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What: Science fiction, fantasy, Macintosh, movies, swords, dogs...

Why: * What is Time to a Wolf? * Happy, happy, joy, joy! *

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