



Science fiction and fantasy con
Finncon X - Eurocon 2003

August 1st - 3rd 2003

in Turku, Finland



FINNCON X

EUROCON 2003

Location

A favourable location in the most south-western part of Finland,
on the axis Stockholm - Turku - St.Petersburg





4000 participants expected !

The main target audiences are the Finnish fandom and foreign fans from Sweden and the rest of Europe.

First Eurocon ever in Finland and Northern Europe.

In Finncons there will also be a lot of “ordinary” people visiting and making their first contact with fandom.





No entrance fee !

Finncon's budget is based on sponsors, contributions, sales activities and thousands of hours of voluntary work.

None of the presenters receives a presentation fee either.





Trilingual programme

In addition to Finnish and English presentations, some will also be given in Swedish, for the first time in Finncon's history.

English programme throughout the con!

E.g. presentations of the guests of honour and panel discussions with international participants.





International Finncon

Status of Eurocon 2003 and Baltcon 2003 makes Finncon X the most important convention in Europe in 2003.

Scandinavia: A Nordic fan exchange NoFF (Nordic Fan Fund).

Europe: Recruited European agents and a fan guest of honour.

International visitors and guests of honour.





Guests of honour

Michael Swanwick is an American science fiction author, who has in his display cabinet such prizes as the Nebula, the Hugo, the Theodore Sturgeon Award and the World Fantasy Award.

Steve Sansweet is the greatest Star Wars fan in the world, who has turned his passion into an occupation and is nowadays responsible for Lucasfilm's fan connections. He has written (or co-written) eight books about Star Wars.





Guests of honour

Jonathan Clements, the anime guest of honour, has translated e.g. over 70 anime and manga titles, worked as an author and directed anime dubbings. He is also the regular anime expert of the UK Sci-Fi Channel. His works include “A Kid's Guide to the Movies” and “Anime Encyclopedia”.





Guests of honour

Boris Hurtta will be the Finnish guest of honour. He has been a well-known and appreciated SF writer for well over a decade. He has written both short stories and novels, some of which belong to the genre of SF, some to mainstream literature.

Karolina Bjällerstädt Mickos is Nordic guest of honour. She is a Swedish author who writes both science fiction and fantasy. Her main fantasy novels is "Till Esperani", published as two volumes: "Mantor" and "Larona".





Programme

The central themes will be **Tolkien, Star Wars, science and fiction, SF as a hobby, fan activity and SF literature.**

Extensive **anime** section for fans of Japanese animation.

Naturally, the programme is still at the planning stage, but the aim is that there will be something for everyone.





Programme

Friday, **August 1st** is named an "academic day".

There will be a a meeting for SF researchers, and an SF writing seminar or workshop.

Some of this program might have a small material fee.





Programme

Saturday and Sunday, **August 2nd - 3rd** are the main days.

The programme will consist of panel discussions, presentations, workshops, talks by the guests of honour, award ceremonies, a Star Wars fan meeting, anime shows, art exhibition and general hanging around.





Some programme plans

- * *Tolkien on film and as a phenomenon*
- * *SF fans: fan writing, fantasy, creativity and fan culture*
- * *Popularisation of science through science fiction: superconstructions, terraforming and asteroid threats*
- * *Science fiction and Donald Duck*
- * *Japanese anime with video shows and an art exhibition*
- * *Harry Potter and Hogwarts for children and the childlike*



Organizers

Turku Science Fiction Society / *main organizer*

Finnish Science Fiction Writers' Association

Turku Anime Society

The Science Fiction Culture Cabinet at the University of Turku

Enhörningen

The Alliance

Role-playing and Strategy Game Association at the University
of Turku





For more information...

<http://www.finncon.org>





How about Finland?

<http://www.finlandforyou.com/>



- * Member of the European Union, population is 5.2 million.
- * Languages are Finnish and Swedish, English is very widely spoken and the tourist might survive also with German.
- * Currency is Euro. Prices are quite high.
- * Climate is quite warm in August (+20-30 by day, +10-20 by night).
- * Jean Sibelius, Mika Häkkinen, Jari Litmanen, Alvar Aalto, Aki Kaurismäki, HIM, Stratovarius, Nightwish, The Crash, Tove Jansson...





How about Turku?

<http://www.turkutouring.fi>

- * Turku with its maritime history is the oldest city and the first capital of Finland. It has 174 000 inhabitants.
- * Things to see: Tall Ships Race visits Turku in the Finncon weekend, the archipelago, Turku Castle and Moominworld in Naantali near Turku.
- * Names of some pubs in Turku: Pharmacy, Old Bank, School, Kindergarten and Toilet (each named according to its former purpose :)



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Best wishes from the Finncon X committee!





**To boldly go where no Finncon has ever
gone before...**

Finncon X is now Eurocon 2003

Welcome!

