

International Philosophy Olympiad 2009
Helsinki, Finland,
May 22nd to May 26th 2009
"Time and Cultural Heritage"

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the National Organising Committee for the Helsinki 2009 IPO event has been established. The President for the National Organising Committee for the Helsinki 2009 IPO event is the Chancellor of the Helsinki University, professor Ilkka Niiniluoto. You can see Ilkka Niiniluoto's CV here:

<http://www.helsinki.fi/administration/chancellor.htm>

We have also decided on the overall Theme of the Helsinki 2009 IPO event. The working title is "Time and Cultural Heritage". We shall probably refine the title a bit later - and certainly send you more detailed information on the Theme(s) when our planning for Theme(s) evolves.

I have included the Draft Program for Helsinki IPO 2009 event both within the main text as well as a pdf-attachment. As you can easily see, it is a draft program as some venues for the events and likely special programs are still under consideration - not to say anything about the detailed themes that will be explored during the workshops etc.

However, the dates and the accommodation have been fixed for good, as announced in our previous emails. This means that we do very much hope that you can inform us about your plans before the March 5th, so as to give us as much flexibility as possible for navigating the ship of the Helsinki IPO 2009 event.

We are happy that several delegations have already confirmed their participation for the Helsinki 2009 IPO event, but there is no harm if these delegations respond also to this message. Which means that this email is meant as a general Call for Participation for the Helsinki 2009 IPO event.

If your delegation needs a written Call for Participation / Draft Program, signed by the President of the National Organising Committee for the Helsinki IPO 2009 event, all you have to do is to ask. We shall send it as soon as possible. So as not to overburden Chancellor Niiniluoto with questions concerning these formalities and/or on flights, accommodation etc., we kindly ask you to send all your emails related to participation (formalities, flights, accommodation etc.) to the following addresses: juhavs@gmail.com and Pekka.Elo@oph.fi and to Satu.Honkala@edu.hel.fi

All the best, on behalf of the National Organising Committee for the Helsinki IPO 2009 Event,
Juha

Call for Participation for the Helsinki IPO 2009 Event Draft Program

The Finnish National Organising Committee for the Helsinki IPO 2009 Event has the pleasure of hosting the International Philosophy Olympiad 2009 in Helsinki, Finland, from May 22nd to May 26th.

The Draft Program for the IPO 2009 event is as follows:

Thursday, 21st May

The overseas delegations are welcome to arrive before the IPO event, already on Thursday, 21st of May. However, detailed information concerning such an arrangement will be sent separately to interested delegations.

Friday, May 22nd

Arrival

Accommodation:

All delegates will be accommodated at Hotel Presidentti, Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4 (Helsinki city center):

<http://www.sokoshotelpresidentti.fi/eng/index.html>

Rooms will be available at 14.00.

15.00 to 17.00 Registration

17.15 Joint meeting of the Steering Board and the International Committee

19.30 Getting Together Party

Saturday May 23th

Breakfast at Hotel Presidentti

Students' program

9.00 Meeting at the lobby, departure for the Essay Writing Event.

10.15-14.30 Essay writing at Helsinki Business College

(http://www.hbc.fi/international/uk_index.asp)

Sandwiches will be available for the students.

16.00 to 19.30 Philosophical workshops

Teachers' program

10.00 Studying and Teaching Philosophy Around the World

Lectures and discussion for teachers

13.00 Lunch for teachers

16.00 First evaluation of essays

Joint program

20.00 Dinner

Sunday May 24th

Breakfast at Hotel Presidentti

Students' program

**10.00 to 16.00 Cultural activities: Finding Helsinki Heritage
(including lunch)**

Teachers' program

10.00 Second evaluation of essays

Lunch during the evaluation.

Joint program

**18.00 Recreation and leisure at Rastila Manor and Camping Area, with
the opportunity of outdoor swimming and experiencing Finnish sauna.**

Monday May 25th

Breakfast at Hotel Presidentti

09.00- Steering Board Meeting (final evaluation)

**09.15 to 12.30 Philosophical workshops at Helsinki University
Philosophy Departments**

12.30 Lunch at a Helsinki University restaurant

**14.30 Ferry to Suomenlinna Island Fortress (Unesco World Heritage
Site), Lectures, Activities and Dinner at Suomenlinna**

Tuesday May 26th

Breakfast at Hotel Presidentti

**9.00 Joint Meeting of the Steering Board and the International Committee
Shopping time for students**

by 12.00 Checking out from Hotel Presidentti

12.00 to 13.15 Closing Ceremony at the Auditorium of Helsinki University Museum.

13.30 Lunch

Departures