

FINLANDIA 2017 Newsletter #6 – May 2017

The journey of several years of planning and preparations is approaching its climax: only one week left to the opening of FINLANDIA 2017 - The Philatelic Event in Europe this year!

This newsletter includes updated information about the following topics:

1. Patron of FINLANDIA 2017 is the President of the Republic **Sauli Niinistö**
2. The complete program of the exhibition available on the website
3. WELCOME!

All the latest information before and during the exhibition is found in www.finlandia2017.fi

1. Patron of FINLANDIA 2017 is the President of the Republic Sauli Niinistö

The patronage of the President of the Republic is a notable recognition from the highest government for the biggest collecting event of the Finland's centenary celebration year of 2017. This patronage will continue the tradition: previous international exhibitions organized in Finland have had the same honor. The patron of FINLANDIA 1956 was the President of Republic **Urho Kekkonen** and the patron of FINLANDIA 1988 was the President of Republic **Mauno Koivisto**.

Mr. Niinistö, President of the Republic since 2012 had a stamp issued to celebrate his 65th anniversary in 2013.



An exhibit treating Finnish poetry through centuries was donated to President Niinistö's spouse, the 1st Lady of Finland Ms. **Jenni Haukio**, who is also well-known for her enthusiasm for poetry. This exhibit is on display in the Special Invited Class of FINLANDIA 2017 in Tampere Hall.

2. The complete program of the exhibition available in the website

FINLANDIA 2017 offers versatile program for every visitor - from children to seniors and from beginners to advanced exhibitors. The complete program is available on the website: www.finlandia2017.fi/program/content

The theme days of the exhibition are:

- Wed 24 **Agathon Fabergé**
- Thu 25 **Finland's Independence 100**
- Fri 26 **The City of Tampere**
- Sat 27 **Moomins and Families**
- Sun 28 **The Finnish Postal Museum and Postcrossing**

Please keep in mind that the exhibition has two venues: **Tampere-Hall** and the **Finnish Postal Museum** – remember to visit both! The shuttle bus (old postal bus) operates between the two venues.

Among plenty of information, you find also the exhibition floor plans of Tampere Hall published recently on our website.

Changes to Thursday's program are possible due to the state funeral of Mauno Koivisto, the former President of Finland, to be arranged in Helsinki on Thursday at 1 pm with a military salute. Mauno Koivisto (1923-2017) was the President of the Republic of Finland from 1982 to 1994. The country respects the funeral with an act of flying flags.

3. WELCOME!

The FINLANDIA 2017 Organizing Committee wishes all the friends of philately warmly welcome to Tampere! We are sure the exhibition will become an unforgettable Feast of Philately!

Please note that a limited amount of Palmeres tickets is still available. Go to the website and "Registration" to book your ticket. Some tickets may also be available in Tampere-Hall.



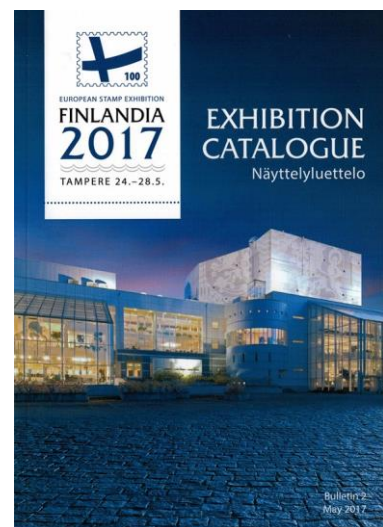
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