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We are happy to inform you that ca. 50 abstracts have been accepted for presentation at the FINKA symposium. The conference will be held at the University of Eastern Finland from 4 to 6 June, 2014.

Plenary speakers:

The topics of the invited speakers are:

- Professor Riho Grünthal (University of Helsinki, Finland): How transparent is the influence of language contacts? The diversity of contact-induced changes in the Finnic languages
- Professor Dennis R. Preston (Oklahoma State University, U.S.): TBA
- Professor Anneli Sarhimaa (The Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany): Assessing language maintenance methods and tools

Programme:

The symposium will open on Wednesday, 4 June at 9 am and close on Friday, 6 June at approximately 1 pm. The provisional programme will be displayed on the symposium website in mid-May (<https://wiki.uef.fi/display/FINKA/FINKA+Symposium+2014>).

Registration:

For registration, please use the online registration form (a direct link to the form: <https://elomake.uef.fi/lomakkeet/8423/lomake.html>). **The deadline for registration and the payment of the registration fee is 17 April 2014.** The registration fee varies according to the status of the participants and it includes the abstract booklet, a symposium folder and refreshments during the symposium days. The fee also covers the symposium reception on Wednesday. The registration fee is **50€** (30€ for postgraduate students) and can be paid by bank transfer or credit card.

If you are paying by bank transfer you will need the following information:

Bank name: Danske Bank Oyj
Bank address: Hiililaiturinkuja 2, PL 1561, 00075 DANSKE BANK
Account holder: University of Eastern Finland

IBAN: FI87 8919 9710 0011 36

BIC/SWIFT: DABAFIHH

Reference: "**FINKA**" 201010/65407 & participant name

(Please make sure that you include the reference message in your payment!)

If you use a credit card, please fill in carefully the payment form ([the excel file](#) or [the pdf file](#)), print and sign it, and then scan the form and send the pdf-file to finka-2014@uef.fi for charging your credit card.

Symposium venue:

The symposium will be held on the Joensuu campus of the University of Eastern Finland, in the Agora Building, within walking distance from the city centre. The university contains four faculties and five independent institutes with approximately 15,000 students and 2,800 staff members. The city itself is situated in the middle of beautiful Finnish nature and boasts lively culture. The surrounding area can be described as a meeting point between two different cultural traditions, one looking to the Protestant west, and the other drawing on the East Orthodox religious tradition. Today, Joensuu and its neighbouring areas have a population of about 100,000 people. For further information, visit the following websites:

FINKA website: <https://wiki.uef.fi/display/FINKA/Venue>

Campus and City map: <http://www.uef.fi/uef/kartat4>

University of Eastern Finland: <http://www.uef.fi/uef/english>

City of Joensuu: <http://www.jns.fi/>

Tourist information:

<http://www.visitkarelia.fi/en>

<http://www.visitkarelia.fi/en/Explore/North-Karelia/Facts-for-visitors>

<http://www.visitkarelia.fi/en/Explore/North-Karelia/Booklet-library>

Travel information:

Joensuu can be easily reached by air via Helsinki (flight-time about 1 hour) and there are several trains per day from Helsinki (about 4.5 hours), Tampere and Turku. Further information can be obtained on the following websites:

FINKA website: <https://wiki.uef.fi/display/FINKA/Travel>

Finnair: <http://www.finnair.com/>

VR (State Railways): <http://www.vr.fi/>

Bus Services: <http://www.matkahuolto.com/>

Accommodation:

We kindly ask the participants to book their accommodation themselves. Hotel Vaakuna, Hotel Aada and Summer Hotel Elli, which are all within a walking distance from the symposium venue, offer a reduced symposium rate between 3 and 7 June, 2014. You have to make your reservation by **May 3, 2014** in order to get the discount rate. Please mention the booking code "FINKA 2014" when making the reservation.

Hotel Vaakuna

Torikatu 20, 80100 Joensuu

Tel.: +358 (0)10 7823 100

Email: vaakuna.joensuu@sokoshotels.fi

www.sokoshotels.fi/hotellit/joensuu/vaakuna/

Single room 98.90€ per night including breakfast and sauna

Double room 119.10€ per night including breakfast and sauna

(Discount rates at Hotel Vaakuna available until **27 May 2014**.)

Hotel Aada

Kauppakatu 32, 80100 Joensuu

Tel.: +358 (0)13 256 2200

Email: huonevaraukset@hotelaada.fi

www.hotelaada.fi

Single room 72€ per night including breakfast

Double room 80€ per night including breakfast

Summer Hotel Elli

Summer Hotel Elli

Länsikatu 18, 80110 Joensuu

Tel.: +358 (0)10 421 5600

Email: reservation@summerhotelelli.fi

www.summerhotelelli.fi

Single room 56€ per night including breakfast

For other accommodation possibilities, see the FINKA website:

<https://wiki.uef.fi/display/FINKA/Accommodation>

Invitations:

If you need an official invitation to Finland for your travel arrangements, please contact the symposium organizers at your earliest convenience.

Important dates:

17 April 2014: Registration and payment of registration fees

3 May 2014: Deadline of early booking discount for the hotels

4–6 June 2014: Symposium

Organizers:

The FINKA symposium is organized by FINKA, a research project at the University of Eastern Finland funded by the Academy of Finland. The members of the organizing committee are:

Marjatta Palander (chair), Helka Riionheimo (vice-chair), Hannele Forsberg, Sanna-Riikka Knuuttila, Vesa Koivisto, Maria Kok, Henna Massinen, Ilja Moshnikov, Laura Piironen and Milla Uusitupa.

For all correspondence concerning the symposium, please contact finka-2014@uef.fi.

We look forward to seeing you in Joensuu!