

## Fourth Circular Letter

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### Welcome to Helsinki!

The 28<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Onomastic Sciences will start in less than two weeks. The Congress Organizing Committee would like to warmly welcome you all to Finland!

We have 223 participants from 39 different countries, of whom 198 will be present in Helsinki and 25 participate online. During the five congress days, there will be 172 oral presentations and 8 posters.

### Updated programme

There are some changes in the congress programme due to cancellations and online presentations. The updated programme can be found on [the congress website](#). **Please check the schedule carefully, especially the time of your own presentation and possible chairing shift!**

### Venue

All the keynote lectures, paper sections and meetings take place in the Porthania building (Yliopistonkatu 3). Some of the lecture halls are on different floors but you can move from one room to another in a few minutes by elevators or stairs. More information about the venue [on our website](#).

### Online participants

Online participants will have access to all paper sections except Room P722, which unfortunately does not have the streaming equipment. The ICOS General Assembly on Thursday afternoon is only for the members of ICOS. Links to the streams will be sent to the registered participants via email.

There will be 15 online presentations, which have been marked in the programme with a light blue background colour. The participants in Helsinki can follow the online presentations on the screens in the lecture rooms. The online presenters will receive Zoom links and detailed instructions by email.

### Social programme

There will be social events every evening from Monday to Thursday:

**Monday:** Reception at the University of Helsinki Main Building (Fabianinkatu 33) at 5:00–6:30 PM.

**Tuesday:** The City of Helsinki reception at Helsinki City Hall (Pohjoisesplanadi 11–13) starting at 6:00 PM. **Please register your participation to the reception by August 13<sup>th</sup> here: [\\*link\\*](#). You will receive a QR code which will be required when entering the Helsinki City Hall.**

**Wednesday:** Two optional excursions: an archipelago cruise or a guided walking tour. You have chosen your preferred excursion when registering for the congress. Both the excursions start at 4:00 PM. The walking tour starts from the info desk of Helsinki Central Library Oodi (Töölönlahdenkatu 4). The cruise starts from the eastern end of the Kauppatori harbour area (**see picture on page 3**). The ship, M/S Emma, can be recognised by the Sunlines shipping company logo.

**Thursday:** Banquet (i.e., the congress dinner) at Restaurant Sipuli (Kanavaranta 7) starting at 6:00 PM. The banquet is only for those who have purchased the dinner ticket. If you have not yet registered for the banquet, you can do so by sending an email to [icos2024@confedent.fi](mailto:icos2024@confedent.fi) by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Student assistants

During the congress, there are ten student assistants to help you with your questions and requests. They can be recognised by pink “Ask me!” badges. You can also feel free to turn to the members of the organizing committee.

### Best Poster Award

During the congress, there will be a vote for the Best Poster Award. Information and the voting instructions can be found in the poster area in the Porthania lobby.

## Book exhibition & SKS discount

During the congress, there will be a book exhibition for onomastic books. Please bring your own books that have been published after the latest face-to-face ICOS congress (Debrecen 2017).

Finnish Literature Society (SKS) is the oldest publisher in Finland and specialises in a wide range of humanities. They offer a 30% discount on all books for the congress participants. Activate the offer by using the campaign code **ONOMASTIC24** in their store (Snellmaninkatu 13) or [webshop](#) by August 31<sup>st</sup>. International shipping available.

## Proceedings

The congress proceedings will be published in the [Onomastica Uralica](#) series. A separate information letter about the proceedings will be sent to all congress participants soon after the congress.

## More information

**Congress website:** [www.tinyurl.com/icos2024](http://www.tinyurl.com/icos2024)

**Contact email:** [icos2024@helsinki.fi](mailto:icos2024@helsinki.fi)



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Starting point of the archipelago cruise on Wednesday afternoon:

