

Finncon 2018 brought together 3 000 fans of science fiction and fantasy

The next Finncon will take place in Jyväskylä next summer - Guests of Honour have been announced

Finncon 2018 took place over the weekend of 14-15 July at the University of Turku. According to early estimates, the event had some 3 000 visitors. The organisers believe the con was successful and early feedback from the participants has been positive. The fact that Animecon took place over the same weekend in Helsinki may have reduced the number of visitors somewhat.

Over the sweltering weekend there were many presentations, panels and workshops at Finncon. In addition, the Tähtifantasia, Atorox and Nova awards were presented. Also, six new books were launched at the evening party on Saturday. The Guests of Honour at this year's Finncon were the authors **Lauren Beukes** and **Maria Turtschaninoff** and the Scholar Guest of Honour was **Merja Polvinen**. The theme this year was *encounters*.

The next Finncon will take place in Jyväskylä on 5-7 July, 2019. Finncon 2019 was represented at the closing ceremony by the author **Anne Leinonen**, who is one of the chairs of next year's convention. She presented the Guests of Honour for the Jyväskylä Finncon: they are the translator **Kersti Juva**, professor **Raine Koskimaa**, the publisher **Cheryl Morgan** and the author **Charles Stross**.

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