

## Roman feast in the Athens of Finland

Athenis Finlandiae – culture event took place on the week 37 in Jyväskylä. Focusing its theme on around Rome this year, the event called together thousands of professionals and enthusiasts of the Latin and Greek languages and cultures. The programme was familiarly filled with different thematical lectures, language courses and other entertaining events.

During the event, a book named in three languages “Makers of Rome”, “He tekivät Rooman” and “Auctores Romae” written by Maija-Leena Kallela, Juhani Sarsila and Erkki Palmén was published. The book resurrects 34 crucial characters to the western culture, which all rise from the dark of prehistoric ages and the fables from the age of kings. The star of Latin music, Dr. Ammondts released his interpretation of the evergreen Russian composition “Million Alyh Roz” on his album “Roses and Memories in Latin” in a joint concert with the Studio Choir, which also released a new album called “Classica Dilecta Latine Cantata”

This year’s Wolmar Schildt – award was presented to Jorma Lempinen. The award committee stated that Lempinen has by his actions advanced the work in science, art and culture like the fennoman and doctor Schildt. In addition, he has merited in spreading common wisdom and affected people by his actions home and abroad.

The event reached its culmination in Jyväskylä City Theatre on the Sunday evening. The stars of the sold out concert, Tomi Metsäketo, Tessa Virta and the best choir of Finland, Voice took the stage in front of an ecstatic audience.

The arranging party, Musiikin, Kulttuurin ja Taiteen Edistämisyhdistys ry would like to thank all the participants and partners and wishes everyone a warm welcome to next year’s Athenis Finlandiae 2012 event, in week 37. Recently signed collaboration deal with JAMK University of Applied Sciences will bring the school’s international students to arrange the event. This year’s info, photos and lecture abstracts can be found at <http://www.athenisfinlandiae.com/english.htm>