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The combiner of science and art Osmo Pekonen was awarded with the Wolmar Schildt award

The official opening of the **Athenis Finlandiae event** was celebrated at the University of Applied sciences, the campus of Lutakko on Thur 11th of August. This year the main theme of the event is Finland which also prepares us to the next years **10th anniversary of Athenis Finlandiae** and the **100th anniversary of Finland**. Event is arranged annually by the Association for the Promotion of Music, Culture and Arts.

Athenis Finlandiae is arranged since 2008. Themes of the event have changed every year. Themes have been for example astronomy, Nordic countries and the middle ages. The event is annually based in latin and antique. The official patrons of the event have been for example President of Finland **Tarja Halonen**, Minister **Elisabeth Rehn** and Finnish author **Sofi Oksanen**. Event guests have also included the German Ambassador to Finland **Dr. Thomas Götz** and the Chinese Ambassador to Finland **Huang Xing**. The official patron of the event in 2016 is the Minister of Education and Culture **Sanni Grahn-Laasonen**. The programme includes seminars, book sales and exhibition, programme for the whole family and Wolmar Schildt award ceremony.

The official opening of the event was hosted by the member of the parliament **Aila Paloniemi**. Former prime minister of Finland **Paavo Lipponen** held the first lecture from the subject: Eero Saarinen – American and Finnish architect. The greetings in Latin was enounced by **Joonas Ilmavirta** from the University of Jyväskylä. The greetings from the patron of the event was enounced by the host Aila Paloniemi. The mayor of Jyväskylä **Timo Koivisto**, the principle of the University of Jyväskylä **Matti Manninen**, the principle of Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences **Jussi Halttunen**, Finland100 regional coordinator in Central Finland **Raija Partanen** and mathematics teacher **Maarit Rossi** also enounced their greetings in the event.

Athenis Finlandiae event has an annual ceremony where **Wolmar Schildt** award is handed over. Wolmar Schildt was a district physician who invented the words 'science' and 'art'. This year the award was given to a doctor of philosophy and social sciences, **Osmo Pekonen**, from the University of Jyväskylä.

Event continues on Friday 12th of August with seminars and the programme for the whole family. On Saturday 13th of August we arrange an excursion day in cooperation with **Bridges Finland 2016** –event.

Athenis Finlandiae working group warmly welcomes everyone to the seminars tomorrow at Jyväskylä University of Applied sciences, the campus of Lutakko and to an excursion day on Saturday!

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