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Athens of Finland gets ready for the 100th anniversary of Finland

Athenis Finlandiae event was arranged for the ninth time in Jyväskylä, Finland. The event gathered researches, mathematicians and culture related people together from the around the world – there were guests form over 20 different countries. Event offered different point of views from mathematics, culture, latin and ancient art. Theme for the event was Finland. Event is arranged annually by the Association for the Promotion of Music, Culture and Arts.

The official opening of the event took place on Thur 11th of August and 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 mayor of Jyväskylä **Timo Koivisto**, the principle of the University of Jyväskylä **Matti Manninen** and the principle of Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences **Jussi Halttunen** enounced their greetings and the Regional Council of Central Finland **Tapani Mattila's** greetings were enounced by the event host Aila Paloniemi. The official patron of the event in 2016 was Minister of Education and Culture **Sanni Grahn-Laasonen**.

On Friday 12th of August was a day of seminars. Seminars included for example mathematics teacher **Maarit Rossi** and Finland100 regional coordinator in Central Finland **Raija Partanen**. Friday also included programme for the whole family: Puppet theater by **Theater Capelle**. Event includes a book sales and exhibition every year. This year we did cooperation with **the Writers' Union of Central Finland**. Saturday 13th of August was an excursion day in cooperation with Bridges Finland 2016 –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.

In 2016 Athenis Finlandiae offered interesting programme for the whole family. Seminars were free of charge and they were open to everyone. Event took place in Jyväskylä University of Applied sciences, campus of Lutakko.

Athenis Finlandiae working group wants to thank all the participants, coworkers and lecturers who made this event possible and a success. Next year we continue in the spirit of festival!

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