



Congress information desk at the Oulu airport

The Congress information desk can be found in the arrival hall at the Oulu airport on Sunday, Sept 2 at 17:00–20:30 and on Monday, Sept 3 at 10:30–11:30 and 17:00–20:40. Free Congress bus service to hotels from the airport is provided during those times (see separate [bus schedules](#) for departure times).

Congress registration desk and UArctic information desk at the University of Oulu

The Congress registration desk and UArctic info desk are open Monday to Wednesday from 8:00 to 17:30, and on Thursday from 8:00 to 12:30. Both desks are located next to Saalasti Hall in the main building of the University of Oulu, Linnanmaa Campus (address: Pentti Kaiteran katu 1).

NOTE: If you have registered for the Maikkula Mansion lunch event (Tues, Sept 4), pick up your name badge from the registration desk by 11:30 on Tuesday – you will need to show your name badge when entering and leaving the bus!

Congress badge

Your Congress badge, which you receive from the registration desk, gives you access to Congress sessions and social events. Remember to pick up your badge before attending any part of the Congress program, and keep the badge with you at all times!

In addition to your name and institution, the badge includes information on the type of your pass:

M = Meeting Pass (Sun-Tues)

C = Congress pass (Mon-Fri)

H = Helsinki pass (Thurs-Fri, including Women of the Arctic attendees)

S = Student pass (Mon-Fri)

The small colored dots at the bottom of the badge give you access to social events (if you have registered for them), so make sure you bring the badge with you when entering the bus or the venues. The dots appear in the following order on the badges:



Red: Maikkula Mansion lunch event on Tuesday, Sept 4

Yellow: Congress dinner at the Theatre on Tuesday evening, Sept 4

Green: Venetian Garden Party on Wednesday, Sept 5

Blue: Think Corner welcome reception in Helsinki on Thursday, Sept 6

Important note regarding the security at the Maikkula Mansion lunch event (Tues, Sept 4):

You can only enter the Congress buses to Maikkula with your name badge that shows your registration for the lunch event (the red dot). The badges will be also checked when leaving the bus. If you come to Maikkula with your own car or by taxi, your Congress badge will be checked at the gate by the police, so pick it up from the registration desk at the university before 11:30 on Tuesday!



[Lunches and coffees at the University of Oulu \(Mon-Thurs\)](#)

Morning and afternoon coffees are served in the lobbies located at the Environmental Sciences building (next to IT meeting rooms) and in the main lobby next to Saalasti Hall.

On Monday, the icebreaker lunch is served at the Tellus Innovation Arena. For Wednesday and Thursday, you will receive lunch tickets with which you can eat at any open restaurant at the university – there are several on-campus options to choose from. You will get the lunch tickets when you pick up your Congress badge. Please take good care of them, as we will not replace lost tickets.

[Dress code for social events](#)

Icebreaker lunch: casual

Maikkula Mansion lunch event: smart casual

Congress dinner: smart casual

Venetian Garden Party: casual

ThinkCorner welcome reception: casual

Helsinki City Hall reception: smart casual

For company visits on Tuesday, wear comfortable shoes. Protective helmets will be provided by the company if necessary.

[Travel from Oulu to Helsinki](#)

Remember to double-check that you have made flight/train bookings from Oulu to Helsinki for Thursday, Sept 6 if you are participating in both cities! Transportation between the cities is not included in the Congress fee, and each participant is responsible for their own travel arrangements.

[Useful tips](#) on how to get to Helsinki city centre whether you arrive by air, boat or train

The University of Helsinki's [website for conferences](#) also provides other useful information for your stay in Helsinki.

[Congress registration desk at the University of Helsinki](#)

The combined Congress registration and UArctic information desk is open on Thursday from 18:00 to 20:00, and on Friday from 8:00 to 15:00 in the Ground Floor Lobby at the University of Helsinki (address: Fabianinkatu 33).

[Welcome reception at ThinkCorner \(Thurs, Sept 6\)](#)

If you have registered for the welcome reception at ThinkCorner on Thursday evening (Sept 6) and are only participating in Helsinki, pick up your name badge from the registration desk between 18:00 and 20:00. The venues are across the street from each other.

[City Hall reception in Helsinki \(Fri, Sept 7\)](#)

There is a separate invitation card for the City Hall reception in Helsinki on Friday, Sept 7, which you will receive upon registration (either in Oulu or Helsinki). Bring it with you when you enter the City Hall, as you will not be allowed in without the invitation.



Congress student volunteers

Congress student volunteers can help you with downloading presentations or finding the session rooms. The volunteers in Oulu wear white shirts with the UArctic Congress logo on the front and the text "STAFF" on the back. In Helsinki the volunteers wear black University of Helsinki shirts with an ASK ME button on the front.

Maps

Oulu campus maps are available on the mobile app for locating lunch cafés or side event/session rooms. Campus maps are also available at the registration desk, and on the Congress webpages.

Helsinki city map: Download your free Helsinki Guidebook and map [here](#).

Free internet access (Wi-Fi)

panoulu is available at the University and the city centre in Oulu.

hupnet is available at the University of Helsinki. Please ask the registration desk for a username and password.

eduroam is available at the Universities of Oulu and Helsinki.

Useful mobile apps

CITY-OPAS Oulu – Oulu travel guide (in English and Finnish) featuring attractions, transportation, accommodation, tourist information, museums, shopping, food and drinks

CITY-OPAS Helsinki – Helsinki travel guide with lots of information on things to do and see: sights, events, shopping, neighbourhoods, etc.

Oulun Joukkoliikenne – local bus transportation in Oulu

HSL – Helsinki local transportation timetables, and tickets to trains from airport to city centre, trams and buses in Helsinki

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[Useful phone numbers](#)

Taxi in Oulu +358 600 30081 (otaxi)

Taxi in Helsinki: +358 100 0700 (Taksi Helsinki)

Emergency: 112

[Drinking water](#)

The Congress follows the Green Meetings concept, which is why we won't hand out plastic water bottles. In Finland the tap water is one of the purest in the world, so we recommend that you bring your own water bottle which you can refill from any tap at the Universities, the Congress venues, hotels, etc. This includes the washrooms – the water tastes just as great as everywhere else!

[Weather](#)

The weather is usually warm and nice in early September in Finland. However, it can be windy and rainy as well, so it's good to prepare for both. The mean temperature in September in Helsinki is +12C, and a little bit less in Oulu.

[Weather forecast for Oulu](#)

[Weather forecast for Helsinki](#)