

Tampere: Host to Akademy 2010



Tampere is the third biggest city in Finland and the most populous inland city in any of the Nordic countries.

The city has a population of over 210,000 inhabitants with close to 300,000 people in the conurbation and over 340,000 in the metropolitan area.

Industrial Heritage

Tampere lies between two lakes, Näsijärvi and Pyhäjärvi that differ in level by 18 metres (59 ft). The rapids linking them, Tammerkoski, have been an important power source throughout history, most recently for generating electricity. Tampere is dubbed the "Manchester of Finland" for its industrial past, earning the Finnish nickname "Manse".



Conference Host: University of Tampere



The main conference session (Saturday 3rd July and Sunday 4th July) and the KDE e.V. General Assembly (Monday 5th July) will be held in the main building of the University of Tampere. The main campus is close to the Tampere city center, and about ten minutes walk from the railway station.

About the University

The University of Tampere embraces many fields of science and its research profile is extensive and multidisciplinary. There are six faculties and nine independent institutes. The University of Tampere is the biggest provider of higher education in Finland for social sciences and the accompanying administrative sciences.

Some 15,200 students are currently pursuing degrees at the University of Tampere. Every year approximately one thousand master's degrees and one hundred doctoral degrees are produced. The personnel number about 2,100.

The University of Tampere is renowned for its high-quality teaching. The University is also keen to develop into an international research university with extensive co-operation networks in teaching and research throughout Europe and beyond. The main forms of internationalisation are mobility of students, researchers and teachers, likewise the master's programmes offered through the medium of English and associated research established in fields in which the University is especially strong.

More information is available at: www.uta.fi/english/introduction.html

Workshops and BoFs: Finlayson Area



Akademy pre-registration, the Welcome Party (Friday 2nd July), workshops and Birds of a Feather (BoF) meetings will be organized in the Finlayson area, mainly in the **Demola & Protomo** premises. The Finlayson area is in the city center, just next to the Centre Square at:

**Väinö Linnan aukio 15, 3rd floor
33210 Tampere**

About Demola

Focusing on ICT intensive and digital media services with global market potential, Demola facilitates tens of multidisciplinary innovation teams on an annual basis. Demola provides an opportunity for students to contribute to real-life innovations with end-users and globally connected organizations.

About Protomo

Protomo is a multidisciplinary innovation community for entrepreneurs of the future. Protomo provides new product and service ideas with free facilities, community support and sparring from leading industry experts. In Protomo you can create prototypes of new products and services and develop your spin-off business idea without immediate business risks, together with your potential customers.

Finlayson Area

The historical Finlayson mill area is known as the old “town within the town” of Tampere. The Finlayson area, delighting in its historical roots, has become an excellent tourist attraction with versatile services for everyone to enjoy: there are museums, art galleries, theaters, boutiques, a cinema complex and numerous restaurants.