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We have the pleasure to welcome you to **the 3rd International Conference on Field and Service Robotics FSR2001**. The conference deals with the recent development of non-factory robotics both in science and technology. The conference will be held at Helsinki University of Technology in Otaniemi campus nearby Helsinki in Finland.

The preliminary program includes 6 plenaries and 19 technical sessions during three days. The exhibition will show robotic development as well as related activities in industry.

The organizer is the Intelligent Machines and Special Robotics Institute together with Finnish Society of Automation. After two very successful conferences, organized previously in Canberra and Pittsburgh, we hope that this first conference in Europe will provide insight into advances in the field in this continent in particular.

Conference site: **Helsinki University of Technology**
The Computer Science Building
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Transportation

There are good bus connections from the Helsinki bus station to Otaniemi: Bus number 103 stops in front of the Computer Science building. Busses 102, 194 and 195 drive past Otaniemi and stops in front of the library at the distance of 300m. Driving time will vary from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. Buses leave for Espoo from the platforms 50 and 51 at the Helsinki bus station. The single ticket costs 17 FIM and the Helsinki metropolitan region travel card according the time period ranges 45-135 FIM.

Further information on [Helsinki metropolitan area transportation and timetables](#).

No shuttle service will be provided by the organizers.

WELCOME TO FINLAND

Finland is a Nordic country situated between the West and the East and offering the best of both traditions. In Finland you will find pure and varied nature with lots of exciting and relaxing activities. The vibrant culture provides a great variety of events and tours suited for different tastes. Beside of diverse nature and culture Finland is also known as a modern, high-tech country.

Finnish summer is warm and bright. It is also the season of the Midnight sun, when in the northernmost parts of the country the sun does not set for a couple of months. Even in more southern places, the night does not get dark at all, the days being separated by a couple of hours of twilight.

The time in Finland is two hours ahead of GMT.

[Facts about Finland and Finns](#) among information about history, climate, weather forecast, currency, maps and a travel navigator by Finnish Tourist Board.

[Virtual Finland](#) provides information about Finland, daily news and a search engine by Ministry for Foreign

VISITING HELSINKI AND ESPOO

The capital area with more than a million inhabitants covers an area of three cities; Helsinki, Espoo and Vantaa. Helsinki is the capital of Finland. Helsinki has a colorful history and offers unique sights and versatile events. The sea and the islands are dominant features of the surroundings.

Helsinki This Week magazine provides you information on Finland and Helsinki, tourist information and services, sightseeings, useful to know, transport, sights & museums, calendar of events, shopping, restaurants, sauna and sports, hotels, route map, Helsinki central area, exhibitions and list of sights. Moreover, the magazine contains a comprehensive list of important addresses and telephone numbers for a tourist. From the latest issue of Helsinki This Week magazine you can download sections in pdf- format.

Espoo is the second biggest city in Finland and it is the western neighbor of Helsinki. **Travel information on Espoo**; includes also tourist map of the Tapiola -Otaniemi area.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All participants are invited to take part in the social programme! Registration fee for delegate, author and accompanying guest includes the Get Together and the Conference Banquet. For students there will be the special fee for Get Together Euro 17 and Conference Banquet Euro 76. Helsinki sightseeing costs Euro 18,50. Please remember to register in advance!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Helsinki sightseeing tour takes in the most important and interesting parts of Helsinki, such as the historical center and the Senate Square, the diplomatic quarters, the Presidential Palace, City Hall, the Parliament building, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. The bus stops at Senate Square, Sibelius Monument and when possible at the Temppeliaukio Church. Departure by bus from the front of **Hotel Helka**, Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23, at 16.00 and arrival to Otaniemi at 18.00.

Get Together at the seaside sauna of Helsinki University of Technology hosted by HUT. Sauna and the Sisu are the true Finland to experience, do not miss out. Snacks, refreshments and towels on the house. Address: behind Jämeräntäival 7 beside the swimming hall in Otaniemi. Starts at 18.00.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Conference Banquet at the **fortress of Suomenlinna** transfer by boat to the Banquet. Suomenlinna is over 250 years old unique historical fortress off Helsinki. It is one of the most interesting and impressive examples of architecture, ancient culture, natural beauty and animal sanctuaries in the world. History of the fortress links to history of Finland and the Baltic Sea. Today it is one of the most popular visiting destinations among Finns and foreigners. The boat departs at 18.30 from Otaniemi. Dinner will be served in the hall called Pirunkirkko (the church of the devil) at 19.30. Casual clothing will be recommended.

POST TOURS THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia

This whole day visit includes return cruise by catamaran, sightseeing in Tallinn by a English speaking guide, lunch in old town, transportations and a little time for shopping. **Please note** that this tour will be made only when weather permitting. Registration in advance.

St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Petersburg package includes accommodation and breakfast, return ticket by train, transfers in St. Petersburg, panoramic city tour and visit either to the State Hermitage Art Museum or the Yusupov Palace. Duration 2 days and 1 night. Tour can be extended by extra night with separate cost. Registration in advance.

Please check your nearest consulate or embassy whether you need a visa for visiting Tallin or St. Petersburg.

Welcome to Finland!

For further questions please contact FSR2001 Secretariat

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