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International Abilympics Conference

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The benefits of vocational skills competitions are manifold and widely recognised. Now it is time to transfer the accrued best practices to Abilympics competitions and to the VET for people with disabilities and special needs. To hasten this, Skills Finland and Luovi Vocational College have decided to organise this Competitions for All Conference.

We warmly welcome you all to Oulu, and hope that this initiative raises fruitful cooperation in Europe and beyond.

The Chairman of the Conference is **Markku Aunola**,
Principal of Kiipula Vocational College & Member of IAF EXCO.

C O N F E R E N C E V E N U E :

Siilasvuo House, Building K2, Luovi Vocational College, Tykistökatu 2

S U N D A Y 2 5 TH O F A P R I L

Transport from the airport to Hotel Eden

20.00 **Get Together Party at Hotel Kortteeri**

M O N D A Y 2 6 TH O F A P R I L

07.00 **Breakfast at Hotel Eden**

08.30 Transport to Luovi Vocational College

09.00 **Opening**
Chairman

09.10 **Welcome to Luovi Vocational College**
Director [Tarja Mänty](#),
Luovi Vocational College

09.20 **International Abilympics**
President [Eisuke Saotome](#),
International Abilympic Federation

09.40 **8th International Abilympics Seoul 2011**
Secretary General [Boik Hwang](#),
8th International Abilympics Seoul 2011
Organizing Committee

10.00 **Government Greetings**
Minister of Communications [Suvi Lindén](#),
Ministry of Transport and Communications

10.25 **"Umbrella"** – a performance
by students of Luovi Vocational College

10.35 **Break**

10.50 **Abilympics as a Booster for
Training in a Vocational College**
Principal [Olli Daavittila](#),
Keskuspuisto Vocational College

11.10 **Characteristics That Typify Successful
Finnish World Skills Competitions
Participants**
Ph.D. Senior Researcher [Petri Nokelainen](#),
Research Centre for Vocational Education,
University of Tampere



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- 11.55 **Taitaja2010, the Finnish National Skills Competition**
Competition Manager [Pekka Matikainen](#), Skills Finland
- 12.15 **Lunch at restaurant Upseerikerho**
- 13.15 **Finnish Experiences of TaitajaPLUS & Abilympics**
Abilympics Coordinator [Matti Kauppinen](#), Skills Finland
- 13.40 **Mechatronics for All**
Sales Director Europe and Direct Markets
Dr [Nader Imani](#),
Festo Didactic GmbH & Co KG
- 14.05 **Skills Competition & Abilympics in France**
International Relations Coordinator
[Laurence Gates](#),
WorldSkills France – COFOM
- 14.25 **Skills Competitions in Estonia**
Skills Competitions Manager
[Maret Tammerand](#), Foundation INNOVE
- 14.45 **Coffee break**
- 15.15 **Introducing Vocational Opportunities in Skills Competitions by the Study Paths**
Ph.D. Head of Department [Jukka Lerkkanen](#),
Teacher Education College,
JAMK University of Applied Sciences
- 15.45 **Closing Words**
Chairman
- 16.00 Transport to Taitaja2010 Opening
- 17.00 **Opening Ceremony of Taitaja2010**
- 18.30 **Cocktail at Taitaja2010**
- 19.45 Transport to Hotel Eden

T U E S D A Y 2 7 ^{T H} O F A P R I L

- 07.00 **Breakfast at Hotel Eden**
- 08.30 Transport to Luovi Vocational College
- 09.00 **Good Experiences of Skills & Abilympics Competitions**
Executive Director [Eija Alhojärvi](#),
Skills Finland
- 09.20 **An Employer's Perspective on Abilympics**
HR Director [Sirpa Huuskonen](#),
ISS – Finland
- 09.40 **Employability – Challenges & Opportunities**
Development Manager [Pauliina Lampinen](#),
VATES Foundation
- 10.00 **Being a Skills Competitor**
Baker-Confectioner [Linda Nummelin](#)

- 10.15 **Skills & Abilympics Competitions in Relation to Finnish Education Policy**
Counsellor of Education [Seija Rasku](#),
Ministry of Education
- 10.35 **HAMK Skills Trainers' Academy – the Trainer of Vocational Trainers**
Executive Director [Tuomas Eerola](#),
Skills Trainers' Academy,
HAMK University of Applied Sciences
- 11.00 **Guided Tour in Luovi Vocational College**
- 12.15 **Lunch at restaurant Upseerikerho**
- 13.15 Transport to Taitaja2010
- 13.30 **Guided Tour in Taitaja2010 & Visit to TaitajaPLUS Award Presentation**
- 17.15 Transport to Hotel Eden
- 17.30 **Free time**
- 19.40 Transport to restaurant Lasaretti
- 20.00 **Dinner at restaurant Lasaretti**
- 23.15 Transport to Hotel Eden

W E D N E S D A Y 2 8 ^{T H} O F A P R I L

- 07.00 **Breakfast at Hotel Eden**
- 08.30 Transport to Luovi Vocational College
- 09.00 **Is Europe Ready for the International Abilympics 2015? – Discussion**
- 10.30 **Break**
- 10.45 **Conclusions from the Discussion**
Chairman
- 11.30 **The Future of Skills & Abilympics Competitions in Europe**
Director General & Chairman of the Board
[Timo Lankinen](#),
The Finnish National Board of Education
& Skills Finland
- 12.00 **Closing Words**
Chairman
- 12.15 **Lunch at restaurant Upseerikerho**
- 13.30 Transport to Hotel Eden
Transport to the airport



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HOTEL:

Holiday Club Oulun Eden, Holstinsalmentie 29

TAITAJA 2010:

Oulu Hall, Ylioppilaantie 4

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