



International School Psychology Association

29<sup>th</sup> ISPA Colloquium

## Meeting Individual and Community Needs

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TAMPERE, FINLAND



# Organizers

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Co-hosted by:

International School Psychology Association  
and the Finnish Federation of Psychologists Organisations  
and the Finnish Psychological Association, Committee on School  
Psychology

## Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome you to Tampere for the 29<sup>th</sup> International School Psychology Colloquium, the first international school psychology conference ever to be organized in Finland. We are looking forward, with a great deal of pride, to showing you our beautiful country in the summertime and share with you, our colleagues from around the world, the warmth and hospitality of our Local Organizing Committee. During the colloquium, we hope to provide you with the wonderful atmosphere and special feeling that only ISPA colloquia can create.



# Theme and Scientific Program

The theme of the colloquium, “ Meeting Individual and Community Needs”, is a challenge for school psychologists all over the world and will continue to be in the foreseeable future. It reflects the major concerns of both practice and theory.

- What does community and individuality mean in different cultures and societies?
- What does it mean at a single school and in the field of school psychology?
- What direction are we going in?
- What new challenges and possibilities are there for different professionals working toward student welfare?
- How do we share the best practices and research regarding the good results of international school evaluations?
- How can school psychologists and others working with students also work with teachers in order to achieve desired results?

**We have invited keynote speakers from Finland, Sweden and USA.**

We also want to organize one afternoon symposium for those psychologists working in upper secondary schools (over 16 years of age) and another symposium for sharing the best practices in school psychology from the Nordic countries.

## **Official language**

The official language of the Colloquium is English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

# Finland

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Finland, a member of the European Union since 1995, has about 5.3 million inhabitants and is one of the largest countries in Europe. Finland is a northern country of great beauty and has a distinctive cultural life. The capital of the country is Helsinki. Two-thirds of the area is covered by forest and by over 200,000 lakes. The coastal archipelago with its labyrinth of waterways is unique. Finland has 32 wild and beautiful national parks covering 7,300 square kilometers. The main industries are electronics and other high-tech industries, paper and wood processing, and metal engineering. The stable society, clean environment and scenic nature make the country a pleasant place to visit. For more information, please visit: [www.virtual.finland.fi](http://www.virtual.finland.fi).

## **Tampere**

The city was established in 1779 between two lakes on the banks of the Tammerkoski Rapids by King Gustavus III of Sweden and has a long history as a place of traditional industrial production - pulp, paper, textiles, and many other products. Today, the post-industrial Tampere has over 200,000 inhabitants and is a dynamic centre of research, technology, education, culture, sports and business. For more information, please visit: [www.tampere.fi](http://www.tampere.fi)

## How to reach Tampere?

Tampere has excellent travel connections - including an international airport - with the rest of Finland, Europe and the world. There are frequent daily airline services via Helsinki, and direct flights from Copenhagen, Stockholm, London, Frankfurt/Hahn and Riga to Tampere Pirkkala Airport. The trip from the Tampere-Pirkkala airport to the Tampere City center takes less than half an hour. Helsinki and Tampere are also connected by regular bus and train services. There is a direct bus connection to Tampere from Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Buses leave at regular intervals at all hours. Trains from the Helsinki railway station to Tampere leave regularly every hour. Finland is also easily accessible by sea. There are frequent ferry services to the coastal cities of Turku and Helsinki.

## Colloquium Venue

The Colloquium will be held at Tampere Hall, the largest congress and concert centre in Scandinavia. Tampere Hall is a versatile centre of high quality with the latest technical equipment, a first class restaurant and other services. There are several lecture rooms to meet the requirements of the colloquium. Its modern architecture and works of art make it a sight worth seeing. Tampere Hall is located next to a pleasant park across the university main building and within walking distance from the city centre and most of the colloquium hotels.

**Address: Yliopistonkatu 55, [www.tampere-talo.fi/english/](http://www.tampere-talo.fi/english/)**



# Social programme



A number of social events will be organized to make your stay in Tampere enjoyable. There will be, for example, a get together party, summer evening on an island, and the possibility to become familiar with the Finnish Sauna. You will also have a chance to take part in optional tours that will give you a chance to get to know Tampere and the surrounding countryside. Detailed information can be found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular and on the ISPA website.

## **Pre- and Post tours**

Pre- and post- tours will be organised to Turku Archipelago, and Tallinn, Estonia and St. Petersburg, Russia.

# Registration and accommodation

Registration and hotel reservation forms will be available on the ISPA website in November 2006. The colloquium organizers have reserved hotel rooms in different price categories close to the venue and the city centre.

## **Important dates**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Circular and Call for Papers	November 2006
Registration starts	November 2006
Abstract submission deadline	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2007

## **Further information kindly contact**

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More complete and detailed information will be found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular which will include information about keynote speakers, social programs, hotel descriptions and prices, pre- and post- colloquium tours, etc. This information will be made available on the ISPA website:

[www.ispaweb.org](http://www.ispaweb.org)

# Reply form

You can have all the information you need from the websites, but if you need a paper version of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular, please complete the following and return it by post.

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I intend to:

- participate in the colloquium
- submit an abstract for the colloquium

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