ECML/PKDD-2002 GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee 400 € (early fee 250 €) includes

- participation in the conference sessions, tutorials and workshops
- ECML'02 and PKDD'02 proceedings
- refreshments during coffee breaks
- social program: Reception by the City of Helsinki 20.8., Conference Dinner 21.8. and Reception by the University of Helsinki 22.8.

A separate ticket for the Conference Dinner must be presented when entering the boat at the Market Square (Kauppatori). Additional tickets for accompanying persons can be purchased from the Conference Registration Desk at the price of 75 €.

PAYMENTS

On-site payments should be made in cash in euros or by credit card at the Conference Registration Desk. Visa, Eurocard and MasterCard are welcome.

CONFERENCE VENUE

University of Helsinki, Main Building
Address: Fabianinkatu 33, Helsinki

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK

The registration desk is open at the conference venue as follows.

Monday 19 August	8:00–18:00
Tuesday 20 August	8:00–18:00
Wednesday 21 August	8:00–17:00
Thursday 22 August	8:00–17:00
Friday 23 August	8:00–17:00

The conference organizers are identified by their blue conference badge. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

COFFEE AND LUNCH

Coffee is served during the breaks in the lobby (2nd floor) according to the conference program. Lunch can be enjoyed at the University cafeterias in the Main Building and Porthania Building. ECML/PKDD participants get a negotiated price by showing a conference badge at the cashier. Shopping Centre Kluuvi close to the University Main Building has a wide variety of restaurants. Please see the location map.

SMOKING

Smoking is not allowed inside the building.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

- Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki. Tuesday 18:00–19:30. Location: City Hall (Kaupungintalo), Pohjoisesplanadi 11–13, next to the Market Square (Kauppatori).
- Conference Dinner, Wednesday 19:30 onwards. Transportation with two boats called m/s Natalia and m/s Katarina. Departure at 19:30 from the Lübeck Quay (Lyypekinlaituri) at the Market Square (Kauppatori). The quay is marked with an anchor on the location map. Please be there on time, and don't forget your dinner ticket! The cruise will take approx. half an hour. The return will be by bus. If you miss the boat, you can take a taxi. The name of the restaurant is Kulosaaren Casino and the address is Hopeasalmenpolku 1.
- Reception hosted by the University of Helsinki. Thursday 18:00–20:00. Location: "Lehtisali" in the Old Part of the University Main Building, next to the Main Hall ("Juhlasali"), where the Opening takes place, Unioninkatu 34.

EMERGENCIES

General emergency telephone number	112
Police	10022

PHARMACY

Yliopiston Apteekki in Central Helsinki:

- Mannerheimintie 5, open 7:00–24:00 every day
- Mannerheimintie 96, open 24 hours a day

Pharmacies are marked with the sign "Apteekki".

CURRENCY

Finnish currency is the euro (€). One US dollar equals approximately one euro.

Most Finnish services accept major credit cards. Facilities for cashing travellers' cheques in Finland are available at banks (opening hours approx. 9:30–16:00) and at most hotels. Banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays except for banks at the Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport. Foreign exchange agencies have more flexible opening hours. The "Forex" office at the Railway Station is open 8:00–21:00 every day.

CASH DISPENSERS

Use the ATMs called "OTTO" for bank or credit card (Visa, Eurocard, MasterCard) withdrawals.

SHOPS

In the city centre most shops are open from 9:00 to 20:00 on weekdays, from 9:00 to 18:00 on Saturdays. The main shopping streets are Pohjoisesplanadi, Eteläesplanadi, Mannerheimintie and Aleksanterinkatu. Stockmann and Sokos are the biggest department stores. Forum is the biggest shopping centre in the city centre.

POST OFFICE

The Main Post Office in the city centre is located between the Railway Station, Sokos department store and Kiasma art museum. Due to renovation, the entry is (probably) at Elielinaukio 2 F. Open Mon–Fri 7:00–21:00, Sat–Sun 10:00–18:00.

TIPPING

Tipping is not expected in Finland. Rounding up the bill is completely within your discretion.

ELECTRICITY

The mains voltage in Finland is 230 V (50 Hz). Plugs and sockets are the same as in most countries of Continental Europe. In case your equipment requires different voltage, an electrical transformer will be needed.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The public transportation system of Helsinki includes bus, tram, underground (metro marked with an "M") and train services, and the Suomenlinna ferry. Tickets are for sale in most hotels, at Stockmann's department store, retail kiosks, Helsinki City Tourist Office and Helsinki City Transport service points. A single ticket (2 € bought from the driver, 1.40 € prepaid, for all services) is valid for one hour inside the Helsinki city limits. A tram ticket costs less (1.50 € bought from the driver, 1 € prepaid) but includes no right of transfer. A tourist ticket is valid for 1 (4.20 €), 3 (8.40 €) or 5 (12.60 €) days.

N.B. Aleksanterinkatu will be renovated during the summer of 2002. Due to extensive road construction work on Aleksanterinkatu, trams 2, 3B, 3T and 4 will follow temporary routes for a half-year period including the conference dates. Also 7A and 7B have been diverted from Aleksanterinkatu.

Taxis are reliable and readily available at designated taxi stands or by calling in advance (tel. 0100 0700). Taxis have meters indicating the fare and tips are unnecessary.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

CONFERENCE AGENCY

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Helsinki City Tourist Office, tel. +358 (0)9 169 3757
Pohjoisesplanadi 19

PERSONAL MESSAGES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR HOTEL!

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Sokos Hotel Helsinki Kluuvikatu 8, FIN-00100 Helsinki	tel. +358 (0)9 43 320 fax +358 (0)9 176 014
Ramada Hotel Presidentti Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4, FIN-00100 Helsinki	tel. +358 (0)9 6911 fax +358 (0)9 694 7886
Hotel Helka Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23, FIN-00100 Helsinki	tel. +358 (0)9 613 580 fax +358 (0)9 441 087
Eurohostel Linnankatu 9, FIN-00160 Helsinki	tel. +358 (0)9 622 0470 fax +358 (0)9 655 044

EMAIL

Computer facilities for reading email are set up in Room 4 (Sali 4) at the conference venue. You can also hook up your laptop there. There may also be a WLAN connection available.

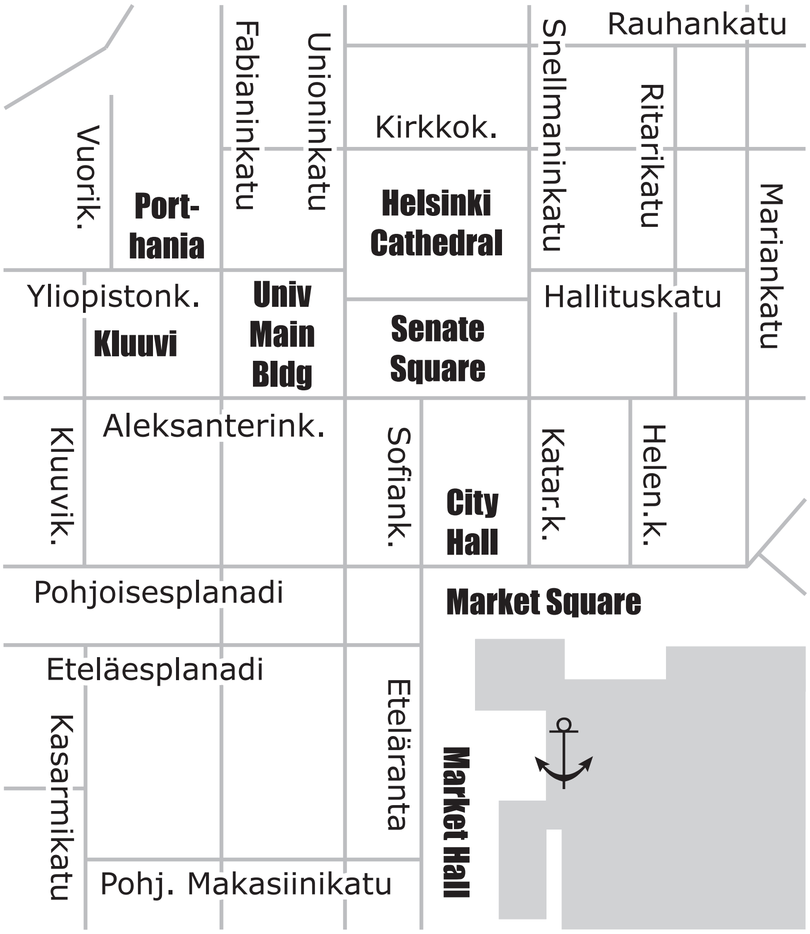
There are several Internet cafés in the city centre:

- Academic Bookstore/Micronia department, Keskuskatu 1
- Café Giovanni, World Trade Center, Keskuskatu 7
- Rikhardinkatu Library, Rikhardinkatu 3
- Lasipalatsi Media Centre, Mannerheimintie 22–24
  - Book Cable
  - Kompassi
  - Meteori Café
  - Skenet Café
- Netcup, Stockmann, Aleksanterinkatu 52
- One Way, Keskuskatu 3
- Pullman Bar, Helsinki Railway Station

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Finnair (Oneworld Alliance Member) 24 h, tel. 0800 140 140
SAS (Star Alliance Member) 8:00-17:00 , tel. 010 68000

LOCATION MAP



INSURANCE

The Conference organizers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, for loss of, or damage to, property belonging to Conference participants (or their accompanying persons), either during or as a result of the Conference. Please check the validity of your own insurance.

LIABILITY

The Conference Organization and the Conference Agency act as agents only in securing hotels, transport and travel services and in no event shall be liable for acts or omissions in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organised through contractors or the employees of such contractors in carrying out services. Hotel and transportation services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public in general. The Conference Organization and the Conference Agency reserve the right to make changes where deemed necessary, without prior notice to parties concerned. All disputes are subject to Finnish Law.