



Invitation to the 10th Doctoral Conferment Ceremony at the University of Oulu

The University of Oulu will hold its 10th Doctoral Conferment Ceremony from the 19th to the 21st of May 2017. The Conferment Ceremony will be arranged jointly by all the Faculties. The ceremonial conferring of degrees on Honorary Doctors and Young Doctors is the most prestigious of academic festivities.

All Young Doctors who have received their Doctoral Degree from the University of Oulu, and who have not been conferred a degree before, may register.

Conferment Ceremony Events and Schedule

The ceremonies will take place on three consecutive days:

Friday 19th of May 2017 Rehearsals (Saalastinsali, University of Oulu)
Sharpening of the Sword or Sword-Whetting
(Hotel Lasaretti)

Saturday 20th of May 2017 Rehearsals (Saalastinsali)
Conferment Ceremony (Saalastinsali)
Procession (center of Oulu, to Oulu Cathedral)
Ecumenical Service (Oulu Cathedral)
Conferment Banquet and Ball (Ouluhalli)

Sunday 21st of May 2017 Sailing Trip (Maikkula Estate)

Please notice that it is also necessary to take part in the rehearsals on Friday and Saturday – especially on Saturday morning. The celebrations include plenty of music, speeches, and esteemed festivities, but also playfulness and delicious food.

The Young Doctors are entitled to bring one main accompanying person to the Conferment Ceremony in the main festive hall, Saalastinsali. The accompanying person is also welcome to attend the Sword-Whetting, the Conferment Banquet and Ball, and the Sailing Trip. Also the Young Doctors are allowed to bring two (2) additional accompanying persons who can watch the Conferment Ceremony in a separate L1-hall via live stream. Due to the restrictions of the venues the additional accompanying persons cannot attend the Conferment Ceremony in Saalastinsali, the Sword-Whetting or the Conferment Banquet and Ball.

Hat and Sword

Doctors are presented with Doctor's symbols – the hat and the sword. The Doctor's hat is a symbol of liberty, scholarship and freedom of research. The Doctor's sword is a symbol of the scholar's fight for what he or she has found to be good, right and true. Young Doctors need to order the hat and sword by him/herself. More information can be found here:

www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony/the_hat_and_sword

Dress Code

According to the Conferment tradition the dress code for the events is very specific. Please familiarize yourself with the required dress code here:

www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony/dress_code

Registration and Event Fees

On Saturday the Conferment Ceremony and the following Ecumenical Service are free of charge. The costs for other events are: Sword-Whetting 100 €, Conferment Banquet and Ball 130 €, Sailing Trip 50 €.

Attendance for the other events is voluntary.

There will be a Conferment Book which will include information about the Honorary Doctors and the Young Doctors. For the Conferment Book and for general registration we would like to ask you to carefully fill in the form at this address www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2017 **by the 31st of January 2017**.

Young Doctors can also attend as 'absent'. In this case he/she will not be attending the Conferment Ceremony or other events. A Young Doctor attending as 'absent' will have his/her information mentioned at the Conferment Book. They will also have their diploma mailed to their home address. Attending as 'absent' costs 50 € and the registration has to be made **by the 31st of January 2017** at www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2017

More information

More information can be found on the Conferment website www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony and by contacting Secretary Katri Suorsa (conferment.ceremony@oulu.fi) and the Faculty Members of the Doctoral Conferment Ceremony Committee (www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony/committee).

You are most welcome to these unique academic celebrations at the University of Oulu!

On behalf of the Doctoral Conferment Ceremony Committee of the University of Oulu,

Seppo Saarela
Chairperson

Katri Suorsa
Secretary