



## CONFERMENT CEREMONY COMMITTEE

### NINTH DOCTORATE CONFERMENT CEREMONY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OULU

Dear Doctor,

The University of Oulu warmly invites you to attend the ninth conferment ceremony of the University of Oulu, which will be arranged jointly by all faculties of the university on May, 2013. The ceremonial conferring of degrees on honorary doctors and young doctors is the most prestigious of academic festivities.

All of those who have earned the degree of doctor at the University of Oulu and who have not yet participated in a conferment ceremony earlier are welcome to participate.

The program for the Doctorate Conferment Ceremony is as follows:

Fri 17.5.2013 at 7 p.m.	Sharpening of the Sword or Sword-whetting
Sat 18.5.2013 at noon	Doctorate Conferment Ceremony
	Procession to the Oulu Cathedral
	Service in the Cathedral
Sat 18.5.2013 at 7 p.m.	Conferment Dinner and Banquet
Sun 19.5.2013 at noon	Sailing Trip

The young doctors (also called as graduands) may bring a guest to the sword-whetting, to the conferment ceremony, to the conferment dinner and banquet, and to the sailing trip. Furthermore, two family members or friends may attend the conferment ceremony on Saturday. There will be rehearsals for the ceremony on Friday, May 17 and in the morning of Saturday, May 18. Rehearsals are obligatory for all doctors attending the conferment.

#### 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, in rigorous research, has found to be good, right and true.

The young doctors order and purchase their hats themselves. More information on the hat and the sword are provided on the www-pages.

#### Dress Code

Information on the dress code can be found on the conferment www-pages at <http://www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony2013/>



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### Costs and Signing up

The Doctorate Conferment Ceremony is free of charge but the other events (sword-whetting party, conferment dinner and banquet as well as sailing trip) are chargeable.

The young doctor is free to choose whether he or she wishes to participate in any other events besides the conferment ceremony. Those who have registered for the ceremony contacted later about participating in the other events: sword-whetting, conferment gala dinner and banquet and sailing trip.

### The Register

The University of Oulu also awards the title of Honorary Doctor to certain distinguished individuals in connection with a Ceremonial Conferment of Degrees. Along with the young doctors, they will be acknowledged in the formal Conferment Register that also contains forewords of the conferrers of the degrees of each Faculty. All participants of the ceremony receive the Register free of charge.

Registration for the conferment have started on September 2012, via the web site <http://www.oulu.fi/promootio2013/> and closes on November 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 (for those who have already received their doctoral degree).

### Conferment as Absent

It is also possible for the young doctor to register as absent. If this is the case, he or she will not participate in the conferment act or any other events. The personal information of the absent doctor will be acknowledged in the Register and he or she will receive a diploma. The young doctor will receive the diploma and the register by mail. The cost for conferment as absent is 50 €

### Additional Information

More information about the conferment is available at our web site:  
<http://www.oulu.fi/confermentceremony2013/>

If you have any questions please contact the secretary of the conferment committee Johanna Issakainen ([johanna.issakainen@oulu.fi](mailto:johanna.issakainen@oulu.fi)) or the other members of the committee.

We warmly invite you to participate in our conferment festivities!

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