



Invitation to the 11th Doctoral Conferment Ceremony at the University of Oulu

The University of Oulu will hold its 11th Doctoral Conferment Ceremony from the 22nd to the 24th of May 2020. 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 22nd of May 2020 Rehearsals (Saalastinsali, University of Oulu)
Sword-Whetting (Hotel Lasaretti)

Saturday 23rd of May 2020 Rehearsals (Saalastinsali)
Conferment Ceremony (Saalastinsali)
Procession (Center of Oulu, to Oulu Cathedral)
Ecumenical Service (Oulu Cathedral)
Conferment Banquet and Ball (Teatria)

Sunday 24th of May 2020 Sailing Trip (Maikkula Mansion)

Please notice that it is also necessary to take part in the rehearsals – 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 (1) companion to the Conferment Ceremony in the main festive hall, Saalastinsali. The (1) companion is also welcome to attend the Sword-Whetting, the Conferment Banquet and Ball, and the Sailing Trip. The Young Doctors are also allowed to bring two (2) additional guests who can follow the Conferment Ceremony in a separate L1-hall via live stream.

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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

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.

The registration for the Conferment Ceremony and related events is open for Young Doctors until **12th of January 2020** in the following webpage:

<https://www oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2020>

The events related to the Conferment Ceremony are filmed and photographed. By attending to the event, you accept that you will be photographed and that the audio and video material may be used for the purposes described in the data privacy notice. For more information please see:

<https://www oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2020>

The Conferment Book will include information about the Honorary Doctors and the Young Doctors. For the Conferment Book we kindly ask you to carefully fill in the information asked on the registration form

<https://www oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2020> **by the 12th of January 2020**. If you prefer not to have your information published in the Conferment Book, you have the right to leave the questions unfilled.

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 12th of January 2020** at <https://www oulu.fi/confermentceremony/registration2020>.

Accommodation

For the convenience of the participants and guests of the Conferment Festivities of the University of Oulu, special priced accommodation is being offered in Oulu city centre for 22-24 May 2020. For further information, please see the following page: <https://www oulu.fi/confermentceremony/accommodation>.

More information

More information can be found on the Conferment website www oulu.fi/confermentceremony and by contacting Project Manager Niina Timosaari (conferment.ceremony@oulu.fi).

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

Niina Timosaari, Project Manager
Jouko Miettunen, Master of Ceremonies
Johanna Bluemink, Chief Marshall

