



## **Welcome to the final Annual Meeting of IGCP Project 510 (A-type Granites and Related Rocks through Time); Helsinki, Finland, August 18-20, 2010!**

### Scientific program

The Conference will be held at the Department of Geosciences and Geography, University of Helsinki on August 18-20, 2010. During two days, 25 talks and 10 poster presentations will be delivered. These cover all the main topical fields of IGCP-510: the petrogenesis of A-type granites, the metallogenic significance of A-type granites, granite typology, and A-type granites and lithospheric evolution. The technical sessions (program attached) will start on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 8.30 AM.

### Venue

The Conference will be held at the [Kumpula Campus](#) of the University of Helsinki, circa 5 km north of downtown. Maps of downtown Helsinki and the Campus area are attached to this message. [Sokos Hotel Pasila](#) is 2, 8 km and [Park Hotel Käpylä](#) 1,9 km from the Campus. Bus number 506 runs from the Pasila Station to the Campus, passing relatively close the Park Hotel Käpylä enroute (see map attachment).

### On-site registration

Registration will take place in the Department of Geosciences and Geography (Kumpula Campus, Physicum, Gustaf Hällströmin katu 2a) on

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 3 to 5 PM** and

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 8 to 8.30 AM.**

The Conference Desk, located on the ground floor in the Physicum building, will assist the participants in all matters of registration and information.

### Social program

**Wednesday evening, 18<sup>th</sup> August, at 6 PM:**

*Reception by the Rector of the University of Helsinki*

(University Main Building, Unioninkatu 34, downtown Helsinki)

Please note that the reception is free for all participants.

**Thursday evening, 19<sup>th</sup> August, at 7 PM:**

*Conference dinner*

[Restaurant Lasipalatsi](#) (Mannerheimintie 22-24, downtown Helsinki)

Please note that the dinner fee must be prepaid.

## Facts about Finland

**Airport transportations:** Helsinki Airport is also served by [Finnair's City buses](#) with connections to the airport and the centre of Helsinki every 20 minutes. The bus trip takes about 35 min from the Airport to the Railway Station, and costs 5.90 €. The taxi fare from the airport to the Sokos Hotel Pasila and Park Hotel Käpylä is approximately 30 €.

**Climate:** The temperature in mid-August in Finland is generally 10-20 °C (50-70 °F). It may be sunny or rainy or both.

**Language:** Finnish and Swedish are the official languages. English is spoken and understood.

**Currency regulations:** The Finnish monetary unit is euro (€) divided into 100 cents (cnt). 1 € is equal to about 1.3 USD. Travellers cheques are honoured in all banks, travel agencies, hotels and in most shops. Major credit cards are widely accepted.

**Banks, money exchange:** There are exchange offices in most banks and hotels. Banks are open Monday-Friday from 10 AM to 4.30 PM, closed on Saturdays and on Sundays. The Forex exchange office at the Railway station is open Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 8 PM, Saturday-Sunday from 9 AM to 7 PM.

**Time difference:** Finland is two hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). During the summer months daylight saving time applies from March 31 to September 30.

**Electricity:** Finland has an alternating current (AC) 220 volt, 50 hertz electricity supply. Appliances designed for DC supplies or different voltages require a transformer.

**City transportations:** Helsinki region has an integrated public transport ticket system. Tickets are valid on public transport services in Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen, Vantaa, Kerava, and Kirkkonummi. The same ticket can be used for traveling on buses, trams, the metro, commuter trains and the ferry to Suomenlinna. You can also transfer from one vehicle to another with the same ticket. A day ticket is your key to getting around in the Helsinki metropolitan area. The tickets available on single-charge cards include easy to use and economic 1-7 day tickets. You can choose a Helsinki internal ticket or a regional ticket valid in Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen and Vantaa. Single tickets are available from ticket machines, bus and tram drivers as well as conductors on commuter trains. The price for a single ticket is 2.50 € and for a day ticket 6.80 €. More information about the [Helsinki region transport](#) is found at their website.

**Taxis:** All taxis are metered. Drivers expect no tips.

## **The Organizing Committee sincerely welcomes you to the wrap-up conference of IGCP-510!**

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