

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Venue

The meeting will be held at the **Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)**:



FMI
Erik Palménin aukio 1
FI-00560 HELSINKI
Tel.: +358 29 539 1000

2. Opening/Closure

The open GCOS Science Day will be held on **Monday 22 October 2018, from 9:00 to 16:30**, followed by a reception.

3. Public Transit

For public transport routes and timetables, HSL Reittiopas (www.reittiopas.fi) gives recommended routes and timetables. Use the FMI address in the destination field: Erik Palménin aukio 1. The tram is a very convenient way of travelling to FMI. Tram no.6 runs to Kyläsaarencatu, the nearest tram stop to FMI. Information how to find FMI Headquarters, Dynamicum is at our website <http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/how-to-find-dynamicum>.

Single tickets are available from ticket machines, R-kiosks and other HSL sales points, or via the HSL Mobile ticket app (only if your mobile number is a 358 area code). Tickets are not sold on commuter trains and trams. Bus drivers sell single tickets." See <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-andfares/sales-points> for ticket purchase locations.

4. Arriving in Helsinki

International travellers will generally arrive at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport which is about 20 km from Helsinki city centre. A taxi from the airport to the city center costs about 40€ and takes about 30 minutes.

The train from the airport to the city centre departs every 10 minutes and takes about 30 minutes. Either of the Ring Rail Line trains – the I train via Huopalahti or the P train via Tikkurila – will take you to the same place. The Bus number 615 also travels between the airport and the city centre. A regional ticket (5,50€) must be purchased for trips between the city and the airport. You can get them from a ticket machine or bus driver but not on board the train. Trains and bus arrive in the city at Rautatienatori near the central train station.

5. Visa/Entry Requirement

For getting into the country and around you'll only need a valid ID from any EU country if you're from Europe, and a passport otherwise.

Please note that all participants should possess a valid passport and/or passport. Foreign nationals who need an entry visa are requested to apply for it from the nearest Finnish Diplomatic Representation. More details per country for acquiring travel documents to Finland are provided by the [Passport and Visa Unit](http://www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15716&contentlan=2&culture=en-US) of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at <http://www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15716&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>.

General enquiries about travel documents accepted by Finland and visa issues should be e-mailed to the Passport and Visa Unit (visas.passports@formin.fi). Inquiries about the progress of visa

applications or about the application procedure itself should be made directly to the Finnish Diplomatic Representation concerned.

6. Hotel Information

Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

You could book at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel which is situated near to the central station and bus and tram stops. Easy to join the FMI from there.

[Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel](#)

Mikonkatu, 23

FI-00100 Helsinki

Email: reservations.finland@RadissonBlu.com

Tel: +358 20 1234 703



Below is a list of other Hotels if you prefer:

[Original Sokos Hotel Helsinki](#)

Kluuvikatu 8

FI-00100 Helsinki

Email: hotelhelsinki.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi

Tel: +358 20 1234 601

[GLO Hotel Kluuvi](#)

Kluuvikatu 4

FI-00100 Helsinki

Email: kluuvisales@glohotels.fi

Tel: +358 9 5840 9445

[Hotel Cumulus Kaisaniemi](#)

Kaisaniemenkatu 7

FI-00100 Helsinki

Email: kaisaniemi.cumulus@restel.fi

Tel: +358 9 172 881

7. Time zone

In relation to Greenwich, Helsinki is +3 hours.

8. Electricity

In Finland the power sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

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9. Social events

A reception hosted by FMI will be held after the GCOS Science Day, Monday 22 October. All participants are invited to join the reception.

10. Weather

Temperature

Following a mild summer, autumn reaches Helsinki early in September, with average daily temperatures around 10°C. A beautiful and brisk season, the average high during this month is 14°C, while the lows dip down to 6°C.

Rain

September ties with November for the second rainiest month, receiving an average of 80mm of rain, and typically seeing 15 rainy days throughout the month. This coastal city begins to experience a drop in sea temperatures, going from its highest point at 13°C in August to 10°C in September. The area will continue to cool down heading into October as the cold winter edges closer.

Sunshine Hours

The sun also begins to set more rapidly in the far [northern capital](#). Daylight hours drop from more than 14 hours at the beginning of the month to only 11 hours and 30 minutes. The sunrise inches up from 6:15 to 7:20, while the sunset drops from 20:30 to 19:00 by the end of the month. Skies remain only partly cloudy though, allowing visitors to enjoy as much of the sun as possible.

11. Currency exchange

The local currency is the euro (€). There are currency exchange offices in Helsinki International Airport. All banks also have exchange offices. Credit cards are accepted everywhere and there are numerous cash points that accept international debit cards. Banks are closed on weekends. There are no 1 and 2 cent coins in Finland, so expect your prices rounded up or down a tiny bit. If you wish to own these coins, they are a collectors' item.
