



1. Welcome drinks at the Restaurant Töölönranta (Wednesday 9 June at 8 pm): Meet all our international guests and hosts for the first time in a garden looking over the beautiful Töölönlahti bay in central Helsinki. Unofficial socializing whilst enjoying drinks. **FREE** for conference attendees.

2. Reception hosted by the Mayor of Helsinki at the Helsinki City Hall (Thursday 10 June at 5.30-6.30 pm): The City of Helsinki wishes to welcome all our international guests before the cocktail cruise leaving from the market square pier, which is in front of the Helsinki City Hall (one-minute walk). **FREE** for conference attendees.

3. Cocktail Cruise (Thursday 10 June at 5.30-6.30 pm): Helsinki is a capital by the Baltic Sea surrounded by a beautiful archipelago, and this cruise is a perfect chance to explore it, including the Suomenlinna island fortress built in 1748 to protect our capital against invaders. Sip cocktails, taste traditional Finnish appetizers and socialize with colleagues and friends before the Gala-dinner. **FREE** for conference attendees.

4. Gala Dinner at Restaurant Pörssi (Thursday 10 June from 8.00 pm onwards): Gala Dinner at an impressive Art Deco-style restaurant and venue for festive banquets located centrally (five-minute walk from the pier where cocktail cruise ends). First-rate kitchen and refined style. Banqueting address by Finland's Minister of Justice Mrs. Tuija Brax and an interesting brief banqueting note by Henrik Ingo, an open source software programmer and author of the book "*Open Life: The Philosophy of Open Source*", who has been strongly involved in the Finnish-rooted world success story of MySQL, and who is nowadays practising one of the core freedoms of free software - the freedom to fork – meaning taking the source code of an open source project like MySQL, in order to create a competing alternative. Optional gala dinner ticket required.

5. Leaving Drinks at Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary (Friday 11 June from 5 pm onwards): This gallery is one of the largest gallery spaces in the Nordic countries showing and promoting both established and emerging international contemporary artists. The combination of established and young talents makes the art profile of the gallery challenging, persistent and unprejudiced. The leaving drinks are sponsored by Sinebrychoff (part of the Carlsberg Group) promoting its Carlsberg products. Apart from beer, some finger food and wines will also be served whilst enjoying art and saying goodbye to conference guests with the IFCLA 2012 reunion in mind. Optional leaving drinks ticket required.

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