

Practical information for the participants of the 16th meeting of the ITU/WHO Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence for Health Meeting "P" (Helsinki, Finland)



Dates

Workshops: 19 Sept 2022

Meeting: 20 – 22 Sept 2022

Preliminary timetable: [\[link\]](#)

Registration

Register in advance at: <https://www.itu.int/go/fgai4h/reg>

This requires a free ITU user account, see instructions [here](#).

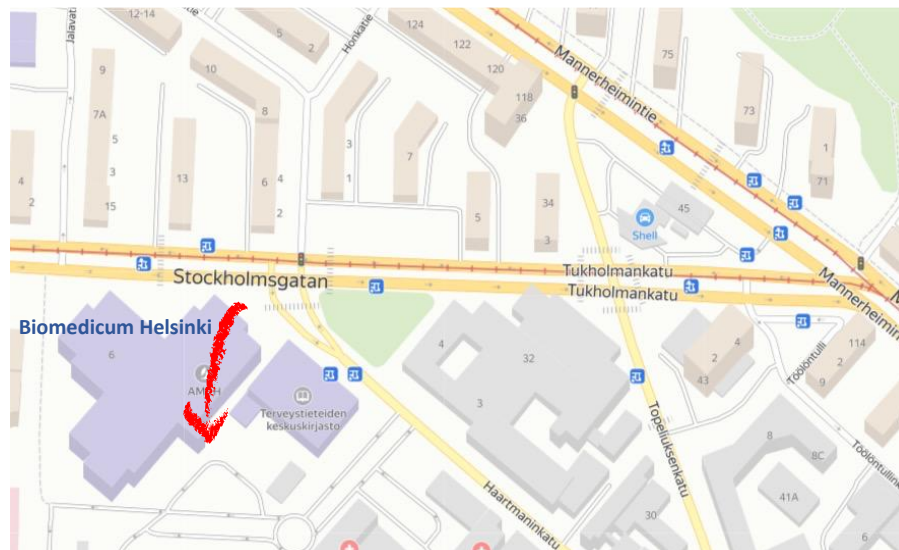
Onsite participation - venue address

Biomedicum Helsinki

Location: The Academic Medical Center Helsinki

Address: Haartmaninkatu 8, 00290 Helsinki, Finland

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/RoZsVv8tg18tishi6>





Host Institute at the University of Helsinki: Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland-FIMM:
<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/hilife-helsinki-institute-life-science/units/fimm/research-fimm>

Online participation

Please register at least 1 day beforehand (see above). Access the workshop/meeting sessions via <https://remote.itu.int> (equivalently via <https://www.itu.int/en/events/Pages/Virtual-Sessions.aspx>) with your ITU user account (same as for registration). Select the event. You will be forwarded to a Zoom meeting room (and need to either have [Zoom](#) installed or use the Zoom web client).

Meeting documents

Access the meeting documents (with your ITU account) at: <https://itu.int/go/fgai4h/collab>

Organizer Contacts

ITU Secretariat: tsbfgai4h@itu.int

FG-AI4H website: <https://itu.int/go/fgai4h>

Visa entry regulations in Finland

All information regarding the visa regulations that apply for Finland can be found on the website of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland: <https://um.fi/visa-to-visit-finland>

You can use their navigator to find out if you need to apply for a visa and for which type. We summarize the visa information as presented on the website <https://um.fi/visa-requirement-and-travel-documents-accepted-by-finland>

EU nationals do **not** require a visa to enter Finland.

Invitation Letter for Visa Application(s)

Delegates who require a personal invitation letter for their visa application kindly proceed as follows:

- Please send an e-mail to the ITU secretariat (tsbfgai4h@itu.int) (with nina.linder@helsinki.fi in CC). Please do this well in advance and consider about a week for us to assess and respond to your request.
- The *e-mail subject* should be "Letter of support for visa"
- The mail should include the following information:
 - ITU registration code (see info/link about "Registration" above, which is mandatory)
 - Briefly introduce yourself and describe why you want to join the event.

- Address of the Finnish embassy in the applicant's country
- A scan of the applicant's relevant passport pages
- The following information: name, date of birth, place of birth, nationality, passport number, date of issue, place of issue, date of expiry, address in country of residence

United Kingdom nationals

Please check the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=finland&order=relevance>
"You can travel to countries in the [Schengen area](#) for up to 90 days in any 180-day period without a visa. This applies if you travel as a tourist, to visit family or friends, to attend business meetings, cultural or sports events, or for short-term studies or training. If you are travelling to Finland and other Schengen countries without a visa, make sure your whole visit is within the 90-day limit. Visits to Schengen countries within the previous 180 days before you travel count towards your 90 days."

COVID-19-related entry regulations in Finland

As of the issuance of this document, the following info was valid:

The restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 epidemic have been lifted. All temporary obligations under the Communicable Diseases Act affecting events, customer premises and food and beverage service businesses expired on 30 June 2022.

Please make sure to refer to the official Finnish health info website for the latest information and advice on COVID-19: <https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus/current-restrictions>

In view of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, please note that all participants are responsible for meeting COVID-19 and travel visa requirements and keeping up to date in case any changes to these requirements are foreseen.

Travel Grants

If you would like to apply for a travel grant, please visit <https://itu.int/go/fgai4h/travel> and read carefully the funding guideline document and other instructions. Afterwards you may submit your application (deadline 15 August).

Please note that in order to apply (and indeed attend the meeting in-person in Helsinki) you must meet both relevant Finnish visa and COVID-19 related entry requirements.

Custom regulations

Please find more information about the Finnish custom regulations at <https://tulli.fi/en/private-persons/travelling>

How to get around in Helsinki

You can travel from the Helsinki Airport "HEL" to the city centre via public transport or taxi. Helsinki Airport locates 20 kilometres from Helsinki City Centre, from where it takes around 25 minutes by taxi or the train to reach the city center.

Helsinki Airport's train station is located under the terminal. There is a direct elevator and escalator connection from the departures and arrivals hall to the train station.

Local "I and P trains" operate to and from Helsinki Airport. A train ride to Helsinki City Centre takes about 30 minutes. Local train tickets can be purchased from HSL's mobile app, or from the ticket machine at the train platform. Timetables, tickets and fares for local trains and can be found on [HSL.fi](https://hsl.fi).

Please check the airport train schedule [here](#).

For taxi to the city centre please use "Taxi Helsinki" with a fixed price to the city centre, usually 35 euros.

Once in Helsinki, the tram is the most convenient way to move around, bus is another good option:

<https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/info/getting-around-helsinki>

Hotels

Please find below a list with suggestions of hotels. Hotel reservations must be made by the delegates themselves. Most hotels are in the city centre from where you can reach the venue with a direct tram (takes about 20 minutes).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Hotel F6 ****	Fabianinkatu 6, Kaartinkaupunki, 00130 Helsinki	+358 9 68999 666	https://www.hotelf6.fi/
Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre, an IHG Hotel ****	Elielinaukio 5, Kluuvi, 00100 Helsinki	+358954255000	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/helsinki/helek/hoteldetail
GLO Hotel Kluuvi ****	Kluuvikatu 4, 00100, Helsinki	+358103444400	https://www.glohotels.fi/en/hotels/glo-kluuvi
Hiisi Hotel Helsinki Jätkäsaari ***	Länsisatamankatu 16 Floor 5, 00180 Helsinki	+35820 7780 777	https://www.hiisihomes.fi/en/hiisi-homes/hiisi-hotel-helsinki-jatkasaari/
Scandic Meilahti****+	Tukholmankatu 2, Meilahti, 00250 Helsinki	+358300308406	https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/scandic-meilahti
Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa ****+	Kalastajatorpantie 1, 00330 Helsinki	+358945811	https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/helkjh-hilton-helsinki-kalastajatorppa/

Currency/credit cards

The local currency is the Euro (€). Visa and Mastercard are common credit cards.

Climate

Please see <https://www.climatestotravel.com/climate/finland>

Time difference

Time zone: UTC/GMT +3.00 hours.

Electricity

For Finland there are two associated plug types, types C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Finland operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Medical facilities and nearest hospitals

The nearest hospital for urgent care is on the same campus as the venue: Haartman Hospital, Haartmaninkatu 4.

<https://www.hus.fi/en/patient/hospitals-and-other-units/haartman-hospital>.

For non-life-threatening conditions, there are private clinics at which you usually get an appointment for the same day:

Terveystalo: <https://www.terveystalo.com/en/>

Mehiläinen: <https://www.mehilainen.fi/en>

Emergency numbers

Dial 112 in case of an emergency: Ambulance, polis & fire emergency

Helsinki city tourist info

If you would like to learn more about Helsinki and/or extend your stay, you can visit the site:

<https://www.myhelsinki.fi/info/tourist-information>