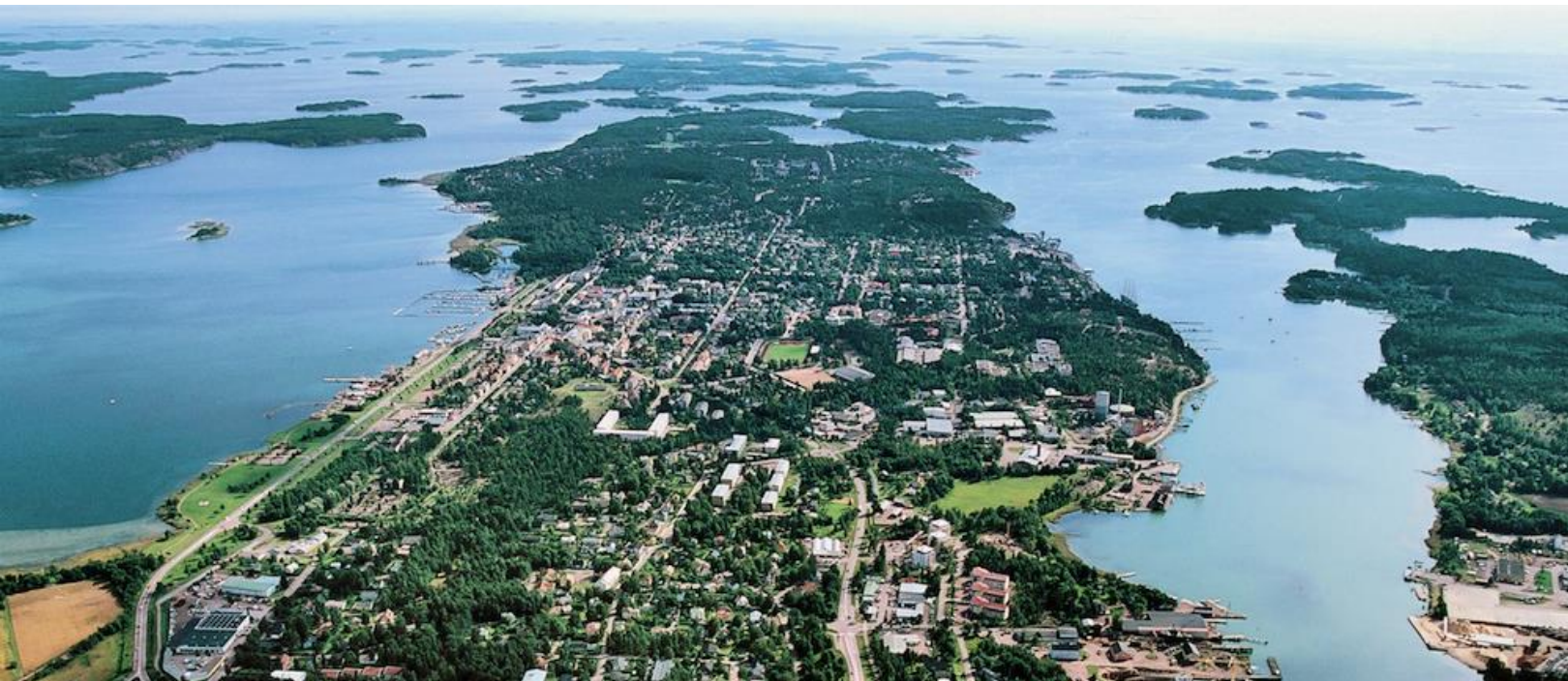


The Åland Maritime Academy in Finland is happy to invite you to the

IMLA-IMEC 31st INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ENGLISH CONFERENCE

Sep 30-Oct 3, 2019

INVITATION AND 1ST ANNOUNCEMENT



Conference Theme: **Interactivity and Cooperation**

VIKING LINE

About IMLA-IMEC

The International Maritime Lecturers Association (IMLA) is a professional Association providing a no-border global forum for exchanging information and discussing issues related to Maritime Education and Training. It has Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) status at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

The International Maritime English Conference (IMEC) is a Special Interest Group within IMLA established in 1981. IMEC fully embraces a no-border forum concept through its website, social media and events where teachers and other parties from all over the world dedicated to mediating in the process of Maritime English language acquisition are invited to freely present their achievements, share experiences and exchange ideas.

The International Maritime English Conferences have been organised all over the world since 1981: Hamburg, Saint-Malo, La Spezia, Plymouth, Cadiz, Lisbon, Amsterdam, Gdynia, Malmö, Shanghai, Rijeka, Dalian, Varna, Qingdao, Saint Petersburg, Manila, Marseille, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Szczecin, Alexandria, Constanta, Yangon, Istanbul, Terschelling, Johor Bahru, Gothenburg, Busan, and Manila.

Each event has confirmed the growing interest in and importance of this field. Development in technology and respective updates in IMO requirements regarding “safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans”, along with the increasing number of multilingual and multicultural crews, constantly impose new criteria on communications at sea, worldwide.

Prof. Dr. Jin Yongxing, Honorary Chair of IMLA

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Dear IMEC members

We would like to welcome the International Maritime English Conference to the Åland Islands in Finland. We are a small organisation in a small part of Finland, but small is beautiful, and ideal for a conference venue. This is the place where you will be really close to the sea and our flourishing shipping industry - and at the same time OPEN to the world with all its opportunities and challenges.

We want the IMEC to be inspired by the natural connections to what we live and work for, i.e. improving communication horizontally and vertically, onboard and ashore, between ships and between humans. We all live in this environment and it is our ambition to allow for good communication and openness to saturate our conference here.

Sincerely,
Jonas Waller, Rector

Venues

Mariehamn

Mariehamn (population 11,000) is the capital and only town of the Åland Islands. Åland is an autonomous province of the Republic of Finland - an archipelago of 6,500 islands in the Baltic Sea. (See picture on the title page and map on page 6).

The Czar of Russia founded the town in 1861. It is an autonomous – and unilingually Swedish – province of Finland with its own parliament. Its main industry is shipping.

Its location makes for excellent communications with the mainlands of Finland, Estonia, and Sweden, as well as the islands in all three countries, see map below!.



The Åland Maritime Academy is a division of the Åland University of Applied Sciences. It has been training professionals in the trades of the sea since 1856. The student body is about 500 and staff 50. Read more at www.ha.ax/en

Conference at sea

The conference is due to start ONBOARD A CRUISE SHIP (in the conference facilities) which will take us through the archipelago some six hours across to the Åland Islands. See more in the programme section under the pre-conference section!



Aboa Mare Maritime Academy in Turku/Åbo

When travelling to the Åland Islands by car/passenger ferry (as millions do every year) one option is to depart from the Finnish mainland. Turku (Åbo in Swedish) is the hometown of the Aboa Mare Maritime Academy. IMEC legend Peter Björkroth will receive us at their venue the day before the conference kicks off onboard one of the ferries.



Format

IMEC31 welcomes paper presentations, discussions of teaching/learning practices, workshops and round table discussions. For the proceedings of IMEC-31, there are a number of different presentation formats. Details of these and their proposed duration are as follows:

- Conference article (paper): 30 minutes
- Workshop: 90 minutes
- My practice: 20 minutes, a short, practical session to demonstrate or describe a specific approach, resource or solution that you use in your teaching. The aim of this session is to: present your practical experience; show materials; provide creative ideas; or explain how you work on a particular topic.
- Round table: 40 minutes, a moderated academic discussion based on a previously agreed topic of relevance for the conference. The moderator will have prepared a set of questions to be discussed by the participants.

Submissions

Abstracts by April 30, 2019

Papers by August 31, 2019

For details, go to the [IMLA-IMEC website](#)

Topics

For our professional development, we need to talk about the following topics:

- Cross-curricular integration of teaching, learning and assessment in Maritime English courses
- Language, communication and the maritime domain – common topics and overlapping issues
- Cross-cultural communication and awareness from different perspectives
- Unification of graduate attributes: competence, performance, teaching, learning and assessment
- Cross-curricular/cross-course adaptation, design and implementation of teaching and learning activities of Maritime English
- E-learning, blended learning, e-platforms, computer-based testing ideas and suggestions
- Trends and research; teaching materials and learning activities
- The professional implications of the professional maritime context and how they condition communication at sea
- Train the trainer – trainer requirements and competences
- International cooperation – needs, opportunities and possibilities



Programme

Sunday September 29

15.00 Pre-conference get-together at the ABOA MARE (the Maritime division of the NOVIA University of Applied Sciences) facilities *in Turku, on the mainland of SW Finland.*

19:00 Dinner

One night at a hotel near the ferry harbour*

Monday September 30

07:30 Meeting up at the Viking Line ferry terminal

08:00 Departure from the Finnish mainland:

Boarding the m/s Amorella

08:30 Conference sessions

12:00 Buffé lunch

14:10 Disembarkation at Mariehamn

15:00 Inauguration ceremony

19:00 Dinner

Tuesday October 1

09:00 Conference Sessions

12:00 Lunch

13:00-18:00 Sessions

15:00 Coffee Break

19:00 Cultural Night at the Maritime Museum

Wednesday October 2

09:00 Sessions

12:00 Lunch

13:00-15:00 Sessions

15:30 Island Tour with dinner

Thursday October 3

09:00 Sessions

11:30 Closing Ceremony

13:30 Meeting up at the ferry terminal

14:00 Departure either eastwards or westwards with the Viking Line. Lunch onboard.

Friday October 4

Post-conference programme in Stockholm

10:00 Walking tour and boat trip

Registration

Register online [HERE](#). NOTE that you will be registered only as we have received your payment.

Fees

- IMLA Members: 430 euros
- Early Bird (before August 1): 380 euros (400 non-members)
- Non-members: 470 euros
- Accompanying persons: 300 euros

The fees include all transport, meals, and snacks.

Some drinks have to be paid by the participants.

Pay before Sept 15 to: Högskolan på Åland

IBAN: FI03 5578 0420 0624 58

BIC: OKOYFIHH

Bank address: Andelsbanken för Åland,

Köpmanngatan 2, AX-22100 Mariehamn, Finland

If bank transfer is a challenge, contact

erik.hemming@ha.ax

Accommodation

We have special deals with a few good hotels. **Don't book yourself. We'll get a better price!** They are all within walking distance from the conference venue and the town centre, see [Google Maps](#).

[Arkipelag](#) € 100/room (double) incl

breakfast and evening sauna/pool. The 35 first rooms booked are with seaview. Nightclub, lobby bar, and restaurant. Nextdoor to the conference venue,

[Alandica](#)

[Park Alandia](#) € 84 single and € 96 double,

incl breakfast and morning sauna. Good pub and restaurant

[Pommern](#) € 99/room (double) incl breakfast.

Very nice lobby bar and restaurant

[Cikada](#) (B&B) € 55/room (double) incl

breakfast. This is the most inexpensive alternative.

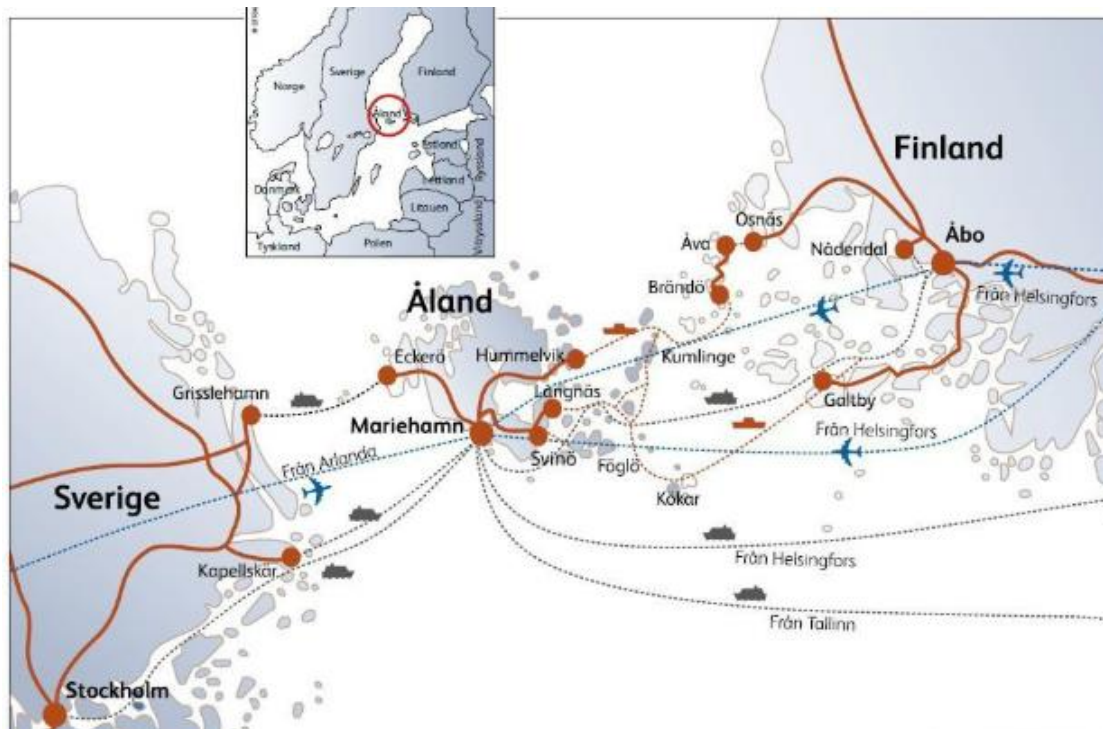
There is no hostel in the town in the low season.

* Hotels in Finland and Sweden

The first night (September 29) is in Turku. The next three nights are in Mariehamn and then you need to DECIDE if you go to Sweden or back to Finland (see the map below). Write to erik.hemming@ha.ax for more info!

Getting to the Åland Islands

Several ferry companies with some 30 arrivals serve the Islands daily. There are three ports of departure in Sweden, four in Finland and one in Estonia. In addition, there are daily flights from Helsinki, Turku and Stockholm. Since the conference starts on a ferry, we recommend that you travel to Turku (normally via Helsinki). If possible, book your return flight home from Sweden - that way you can include Stockholm in your itinerary. Get the full picture and all links at <http://www.visitaland.com/en/travel/> (Åbo = Turku)



Season and weather

The conference is in the autumn season. Click here for [average weather](#). To us it is a nice time, with very few tourists, nice autumn colours, and great hiking in our forests and along our shores. In Scandinavia we have [freedom to roam](#) in nature, which means you are welcome to move around everywhere out of sight of people's homes. To sum up, there are plenty of reasons to stay a day or two extra in Scandinavia.

Welcome!

Here is a [video](#) with the two local IMEC members Tiina Mäkinen tiina.makinen@ha.ax and Erik Hemming eh@ha.ax. Write to us soon and say that you are planning to attend! Or ask us something. See more on the conference [website](#). We keep updating it and add links to exciting info about [the IMEC on Åland Adventure!](#)