



Futures Conference 2022 gives you a unique opportunity to network and learn more about the futures of health and wellbeing!

Despite the devastating situation in Europe we are continuing to prepare our event and are optimistic that the peace negotiations will be successful soon. Our thoughts are constantly with the Ukrainians and the people living in the area.

We're delighted to let you know that we have received more than 120 submissions to the Futures Conference 2022. In addition to the five keynote speeches there will be around 100 presentations in various sessions and nearly 20 interactive workshops organised. Thank you all who are coming to present either on-site in Turku or virtually – we are excited to hear about your work!

For those who are not presenting their work at the conference, please do mark your calendar with the dates, follow us on Twitter and/or sign up for updates, fill in your early-bird registration, start planning your travelling, and spread the word in your community. We are excited to finally be able to arrange Futures Conference live again and see you here in Turku in June!

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Soumya Swaminathan

Soumya Swaminathan works as a Chief Scientist at the World Health Organization WHO. A paediatrician from India and a globally recognized researcher on tuberculosis and HIV, she brings with her 30 years of experience in clinical care and research and has worked throughout her career to translate research into impactful programmes. Her vision is to ensure that WHO is at the cutting edge of science and is able to translate new knowledge into meaningful impact on population health worldwide.



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Liisa Tyrväinen

Liisa Tyrväinen works as a Research Professor at the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) in Helsinki. She has long experience in interdisciplinary research work regarding amenity benefits of forests and other types nature areas. Her work has a strong focus on cultural ecosystem benefits, in particular outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism. A key theme of her research teams' work has been to measure health and social benefits of forests and other nature areas.



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Presenting some of the forthcoming workshops:

There will be a versatile and interesting programme of various interactive workshops, like:

- Biodigital today and tomorrow: exploring innovations, drivers, and shifts towards a biodigital era
- Pathways to planetary well-being: multilateralism for climate stability, balance with living nature, and no pollution
- The roles of imagination and aspiration in building socially, culturally, and ecologically sustainable future(s)

...and some of the forthcoming special sessions:



Millennium Project:
Anticipatory governance to boost crisis preparedness – what policy actions needed for resilient cities and human-friendly AI?



STYLE Project:
Mental time travel towards more physically active lifestyles

What is said about the Futures Conferences?

"Well managed conference. Delightful to see so many interactive workshops included in the program."
Participant, 2021

"Generally a great event – enjoyed the sessions. Thanks for organising!" Participant, 2021

"Fantastic inclusive conference – good networking time and range of topics." Participant, 2021

"One of the best zoom experiences I've ever had." Participant, 2020

"I was really happy to get the opportunity to run a workshop. It was nice to have many workshops as part of the program, to have opportunities to experience new tools and methods and reflect on them together. I also thought the number of participants were rather good – I am not so fond of conferences that are too big, and I think this size was nice to get to know some people." Participant, 2019

SNEAK PEEK AT THE ARRANGEMENTS



You can participate live or online

We encourage in-person attendance of the conference but are also excited to accommodate virtual participation for both authors and attendees who cannot travel to Turku, Finland.



Early-bird registration by 14 April

The conference organisation puts great effort into making the conference affordable to a wide audience. Note the extended deadline for 'early-bird' registrations by 14 April 2022.



Be early-bird with your hotel reservation too

We have reserved a quota of rooms in the venue hotel 'Marina Palace' as well in some of the hotels in the city centre. The reservations will be made on "first come, first served" basis.



Join us at the Conference Dinner

In the evening of the 2nd conference day (16 June) you are most welcome to the conference dinner. Tickets can be purchased during the registration.

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