**The venue:** The venue is at the University Hospital campus. Finmedi5, FM5. Link to a hospital campus map. The bus stops are located also on the map. Most of the busses running from downtown stop on the Teiskontie TAYS-stop. FM5 is marked on the map (link), you should cross the street and walk past the construction site covering the main entrance of the hospital. Take a second turn to the right and walk past three white buildings on your right hand side. There will be a parking lot in between two buildings and at the furthest corner of the building looking from the road there is the entrance to the venue. There will be a sign at the door. Hospital map: (<http://intra.sis.pshp.fi/download/noname/%7B039471F3-F98B-48A0-B1F9-B5AA97E545AF%7D/2218>)

**Accomodation:** There is a hotel in the campus, in the next door building to the venue –Norlandia Care Tampere. It works as a patient hotel as well, and the eye clinic is in the same building. Nonetheless, it is the closest hotel and quite new.

If you prefer accommodation downtown, there are a few hotels nearby the railway station (the most convenient way of getting from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is by train). These are called Tampere Scandic  Station, Tampere Scandic City (<https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/tampere>) and Holiday Inn Lapland Hotel. Hotel Ilves is a traditional hotel downtown, a bit further away from the central railway station, closer to the bus station. Radisson Blu Grand Hotel Tammer is located closest to the Thursday evening dinner venue. Omena hostels are not as expensive and they, too, are located downtown (<https://www.omenahotels.com/en/hotels/tampere-en/>). We have not prebooked any rooms in any of the local hotels, since using “www.travel sites” such as “trivago” or “booking.com” give less expensive prices.

There are several busses (numbers 1, 8, 28, 29, 42, 80, 90, 95) running from the city to the hospital, so it should not be a problem of getting to the venue. Take a bus driving to the east from the city center.

**Travelling:** Easiest way to travel is to take a plane to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. From the airport, there is a fluent connection to Tampere by train 1,5-2hours (one transfer) or by bus 2,5hours. Otherwise it is also possible to have joint flight to Tampere-Pirkkala airport close to Tampere, but it still takes a 20min local bus ride/taxi.

Check the buses at Matkahuolto: https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/ and trains at VR (Valtion rautatiet) <https://www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/frontpage>.

For those who enjoy the searide, please take a boat from Tallinn (Tallink and Viking line) or Stockholm (SIlja Line and Viking Line) to Helsinki or Turku and then continue your travel with a train to Tampere. The train leaves from the Turku harbor and in Helsinki you may enjoy a tram to the central railway station.

**Abstracts:** Please submit your abstract to **Maija-Liisa.Kalliomaki@pshp.fi.** The maximum words count is 250. **Deadline for abstract submission is extended to March 26th 2018**.

**Posters:** Posters are qualified by sent abstracts, so please refer to above “Abstracts”. Poster size is: 90 cm width and 120 cm height. Please use readable size font and use titles: Background, Materials/Patients, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Tables and figures are recommended.

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