



Dear WRRC Presidium,  
Dear Delegates,

I am honored to be able to welcome you to Helsinki during this very odd time. We have barely put the pandemic behind us when the European safety has changed dramatically. Sports has always had a significant meaning as regards international collaboration, communication and unity. That also has changed during the last two weeks. We can only say our hearts are with those suffering in Ukraine.

Finnish DanceSport Federation (FDSF) soon 50 years of age, is a multidisciplinary Sports Federation. Established on Standard and Latin, got later also Rock'n'Roll, Boogie Woogie, Lindy Hop and Bugg. Since then our disciplines have been added with Sports Aerobic, Disco, Performing Arts, Hip Hop and Breaking. For a federation which roots are strongly in Standard and Latin, there is always a journey to go in order to define decision making and collaboration issues to its own members. Equality and equity in administrative level as well as in treating athletes is utmost important for being a truly multi-dancesport federation.

In FDSF we believe in courage, responsibility, positivity and respect. These are the core values in our programmed work. I wish that during this weekend all of us strive to work according to those as well. As sports leaders we all need to carry our own piece of responsibility as regards peace. We shouldn't forget the heart of sports even during the very hard and unsafe times.

I wish you all a fruitful and successful meeting in springy Helsinki, we are very honored and happy to have you all here!

Leena Liusvaara

President, FDSF

Here is the last-minute information to ensure your smooth arrival to Sokos Hotel Presidentti on Thursday or Friday. We are all set to go with this important weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing you in sunny Helsinki later this week.

## The important places

The 2022 WRRC General Meeting weekend takes place at Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti (A), located downtown Helsinki, close to the Helsinki Central Railway Station (B), the House of Parliament and the Kamppi shopping mall. The Saturday night dinner takes place at a close distance, at Restaurant 10th Floor, a functional classic operating on the roof of Hotel Vaakuna (C).

Venue address: Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4, Helsinki, website:

<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-presidentti>



There are many restaurants and cafeterias nearby, as the hotel is at the very centre of Helsinki.

## How to get here

The closest international airport is Helsinki Airport (HEL), located in Vantaa, 18 km north from the venue. Taking a taxi outside the terminal building is easy, just follow the exit and taxi signs at your arrival terminal. We recommend taking a **Taksi Helsinki lane 2** ride with a fixed price of EUR 35 from terminal to the venue. It takes about 30 minutes by car.

<https://www.taksihelsinki.fi/en/uncategorized-en/pricelist-from-the-airport-2/>

Taking a HSL commuter train from the airport to the Helsinki Central Railway station through the heart-shaped track is also convenient. You can take either I-train or P-train and they both arrive to the Central Railway Station, which is located within a walking distance (500 m) from the venue. The train station is located between terminals 1 and 2 at the airport, and you can enter the train station without going outside the terminal building, just follow the signs at the airport.



An ABC-single ticket for an adult at a ticket machine costs EUR 4,10. The trains depart at about every ten to twenty minutes. It takes about 40-45 minutes by train from the airport to the Helsinki Central Railway Station and it is less than a 10-minute walk from the railway station to the venue.

<https://bit.ly/3vGivQF>

Passengers with Ukrainian passport travel free of charge on HSL public transport in March-April: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/hsl/news/news/2022/03/passengers-with-ukrainian-passport-travel-free-of-charge-on-hsl-public-transport>

You are required to wear a face mask on public transport.

### **Latest info on Covid-19 safety measures**

The guidelines for border traffic: <https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic>

The Covid-19 safety measures still include:

- wear a face mask in public indoor spaces
- wash your hands
- cough and sneeze correctly
- keep distance to others
- if you feel ill, avoid contact to others

The venue is not requesting to see the covid passport anymore. Read more about the hygiene and safety measures at the venue: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/about-us/lets-take-care-of-each-other>

### **Weather forecast**

Good news! According to the forecast by the Finnish Meteorological Institute, it is all looking just fine! It will be partly cloudy with temperature around +3 °C - +5 °C during day time, and from -8 °C to -5 °C at night time. A bit of wind, which might make it feel a bit chilly, but at least there's no rain expected at this point.



<https://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/local-weather/helsinki>

We will be walking outside on Saturday evening, so please make sure you have warm clothes and good walking shoes with you.

### Registration desk

The registration desk will open on Friday at 17:00 – 19:00, and on Saturday at 08:30 – 09:30 and during the lunch break at 13:30 – 14:30. Come and greet us, and get your name badge and the conference folder with you.

On Sunday, the voting delegates are requested to come to the registration desk at 08:30 – 09:30 to sign and pick up your voting cards. The voting cards are shared as a back-up for the electronic voting.

### Questions?

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