

Know Before You Go – Important Information for

Alkali Activated Materials and Geopolymers: High-End Technical Applications

May 19 – 23, 2025
Espoo, Finland

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[HOTEL](#)

Hotel Korpilampi, Korpilammentie 5, 02970 Espoo, Finland
Phone: [+358 9 6138411](tel:+35896138411)

[TRANSPORTATION FROM HELSINKI AIRPORT](#)

An Uber, Bolt or taxi is the most convenient. The drive should be about 20-25 minutes, depending on traffic.

For those driving a car, parking is free at Hotel Korpilampi.

[CONFERENCE CHECK-IN](#)

Monday, May 19, 12:30 – 14:45, in the Foyer.

[MONDAY SCHEDULE](#)

12:30 - 14:45 Conference Check-in/Hang posters 1-13
14:45 - 15:00 Welcoming Remarks (*Kokoustila 1 – 3*)
15:00 - 15:30 Keynote 1 (Marie Jackson)
15:30 - 16:00 Keynote 2 (Constância Trindade)
16:00 – 17:00 Oral Presentations (4)
17:00 – 18:15 Flash Poster Presentation
18:15 - 20:30 Welcome Reception and Dinner (*Club Restaurant*)
20:30 - 22:30 Poster Session I (*Kabinetti*)

[HEALTH AND SAFETY/DUTY OF CARE](#)

Although Espoo, Finland is generally considered a very safe city, known for its low crime rates and peaceful environment, reasonable precautions are advised to protect yourself and your belongings. Don't leave valuables unattended, watch out for pickpockets in public areas and be sure to have travel insurance for your possessions.

Emergency Contact Information: Because of privacy concerns, ECI does not collect or maintain emergency contact information for conference participants. If you would like to make this information available in case of emergency, please use the reverse side of your name badge.

While masks are not required, please respect those who wish to continue to wear masks during the conference. *We will have a limited number of masks available. Should you feel unwell at any time during the conference, please contact an ECI staff member so that they can assist you and notify the hotel.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Poster sessions** will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings.
- **Excursion – Wednesday afternoon.** We will depart from the hotel at 13:30 for a technical tour of Hyperion Robotics. After the technical tour, we will travel to Helsinki for a sightseeing tour on a canal boat.

FINAL PROGRAM AND ABSTRACTS FILES

The files are in PDF format. **There will not be printed copies of the program on site.** We recommend downloading the files prior to arrival. If you would like to have a hard copy on hand, please print and bring with you to the conference.

SPEAKERS

We expect that all presentations will use PowerPoint and we will have a computer projector as well as a laptop with Microsoft PowerPoint. Slides should be the standard 16:9 aspect ratio. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick for loading onto the ECI computer. If you plan to use a Mac computer, please bring the necessary adapters. **Juho Rasmus**, (University of Oulu, Postdoctoral Researcher) will be in charge of AV coordination.

All presentations should be loaded the day prior to the session or no later than three hours before the session in which you are speaking begins.

Some advice for speakers:

- (i) The less clutter (institutional logos, etc.), the better. No footnotes or headers.
- (ii) You will have a well-informed audience, so you can omit introductory slides. The audience can always ask questions.
- (iii) Ask not what you can put in but what you can leave out. The viewer can, at the most, take away one message from your talk.
- (iv) Use large fonts in the figures (including graphs) so that they can be read in one glance.
- (v) Use color when it is effective, but sparingly.

Be sure that you have provided your session chair with a **very brief** biography for introductions.

It is vital to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time, allowing enough time (at least five minutes) for questions/ discussion. Keeping in the tradition of ECI conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social periods are perfect for discussion and questions.

POSTER PRESENTERS

Posters should be no larger than 1.5 meters high and 1.0-meter-wide (portrait style).

The poster sessions/social hours are scheduled for Monday (posters 1-13) and Tuesday (posters 14-26) from 20:30 - 22:30. Both will be held in the Kabinetti room. ECI will provide tape to adhere the poster to the board.

WEATHER

You can visit www.weather.com to check the weather in Espoo. Currently, the extended forecast calls for mostly-partly sunny skies with a high temperature of 19°C (66°F) and a low of 9°C (48°F). Bring a sweater or jacket for the conference room if the temperature is too cool for you. You might also want to bring some sunscreen.

ELECTRICITY

In Finland, type F power plugs and sockets are used (common in central and eastern European nations). The standard voltage is 230 volts at a frequency of 50 hertz.

CURRENCY

The Euro is the official currency of Finland. For those who need to exchange money, there are ATMs at the airport.

SAUNAS

Saunas are an integral part of the Finnish culture. More information can be found on the ECI website for this conference.

TIPPING

Tipping at restaurants is not customary nor expected as a service charge is normally added to the bill. Some individuals may leave a small amount if the service was exceptional. For short taxi journeys, it is easiest to round up the bill to the nearest significant amount in Euros.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following are a few housekeeping items:

- Attire: Business casual or casual. No suits or ties!
- Please wear your badge throughout the conference. The reverse side of your name badge is where we suggest you place your emergency contact information.
- If you have special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you have not already informed us of when you registered, please contact [Renee Smith](#) prior to the start of the conference.
- If you have questions about the identity of any of the buffet/dining items, please ask the dining area staff.
- Audio, still photo and video recording by any device (e.g., cameras, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, watches) are prohibited during oral, poster and workshop technical sessions, unless the author and ECI have granted prior permission. Note that student photographers will be taking photos during the conference for a slide show at the closing dinner.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference function.
- ECI will distribute an electronic conference evaluation/questionnaire at the conclusion of the conference. Please complete and return it, as your comments are valuable to the current chairs, the future chairs in the series, and ECI.
- Guests/Accompanying Persons: If you decide to bring a guest at the last moment, please contact Renee Smith to make arrangements.
- Internet – There is complimentary wireless Internet access at Hotel Korpilampi

If you are having transportation difficulties and will be a late arrival, please email Nancy at nancy@engconfintl.org

Have a safe trip and enjoy the conference!