

Dear Agricultural Science Days 2026 guest

Welcome to join us in creating a rewarding agricultural science event! This bulletin contains more detailed information about the arrangements of the event. All materials for the event can also be found on the event's website at: <https://www.smts.fi/maataloustieteen-paivat>

Arriving at the Agricultural Science Days

The Agricultural Science Days will be held for the first time at the University of Helsinki's City Centre Campus, in the facilities of Porthania (Yliopistonkatu 3) and the Main Building (entrance: Fabianinkatu 33). The City Centre Campus is well-served by public transport, and it is approximately a 650-meter walk from the Helsinki Central Railway Station to Porthania. You can explore suitable route options in more detail via the HSL Journey Planner (www.reittiopas.fi).

There are two accessible parking spaces at Porthania, located more than 10 meters from the entrance. Similarly, there are four accessible parking spaces in front of the Main Building. Porthania's Hall PI has accessible entry; otherwise, Porthania's facilities are only partially accessible. The Main Building facilities are fully accessible. The Main Building and Porthania are located next to each other, and passage between the buildings takes place outdoors.



City Campus map. The information desk and registration can be found at the main entrance of Porthania (3).

Registration and Info Desk

The info desk opens in the lobby of Porthania on January 8th at 8:30 AM, and registration takes place at the info desk. Upon registration, each participant will receive an envelope containing a name tag, lunch vouchers, the Agricultural Science Days program booklet, and a list of posters. The info desk will be staffed throughout the event, and you may contact the organizers there with any questions regarding the event.

Oral Presentations

The opening session of the event begins at 9:30 AM in Porthania, Hall PI, and it will be streamed to the adjacent hall. Questions for the opening session speakers can only be asked in Hall PI. Oral presentations are divided between the facilities of Porthania and the Main Building. You can find the exact locations and schedules for the sessions in the program booklet. Some of the presentations held in Porthania Hall P674 on January 8th will be streamed and shared online with members of the Maaseutunuoret ry. More detailed information regarding the streaming will be provided at the hall door and at the beginning of the session.

Poster session

A poster session will be held on Thursday, January 8th, from 4:45 PM to 7:00 PM. Poster authors will present their work and answer questions related to their research. The posters are divided by themes across the Main Building's facilities: Aula Rectoria, Agora, and Fuksi. The posters will remain on display throughout Friday morning, and presenters must collect their posters by 12:30 PM on January 9th.

Catering

Coffee/tea and rice pies will be served to participants during registration (January 8th, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM) at Porthania (UniCafe). Lunch is available on both days at the Main Building (Laurus and Agora, Sodexo) and Porthania (UniCafe) lunch restaurants according to the schedule in the program booklet. On Thursday (January 8th) afternoon, coffee/tea and the "bun of the day" will be served in the Main Building's Agora, Fuksi, Aula Rectoria, and Aula Studium areas. Cocktail servings and non-alcoholic sparkling wine will be served along the poster session. On Friday (January 9th) morning, coffee/tea and carrot cake will be served in the Main Building's facilities Agora, Fuksi, Aula Rectoria, and Aula Studium. Please note that for avoiding overcrowding, the event lunch tickets are directed to different restaurants at different days. This arrangement ensures that each restaurant serves only part of the participants at a time.

Abstract Book and Conference Articles

An abstract book, consisting of abstracts from oral presentations and posters, will be published in early January on the Suomen Maataloustieteellinen seura website (<https://www.smts.fi/julkaisusarjat>) where it will be openly accessible to everyone. Presenters may choose to write a longer conference paper based on their presentation, which will be published electronically as a bulletin of the Suomen Maataloustieteellinen seura. Extended conference papers can be submitted for publication until March 31st, 2026, at: <https://journal.fi/smst/about/submissions>

Visitor Network

The University of Helsinki has two wireless networks: Eduroam and HelsinkiUni Guest. Eduroam is an international academic public network. If you have an Eduroam account from your home university, you can use the same account on the City Centre Campus. The HelsinkiUni Guest network provides casual visitors with an easy way to access the internet on university premises. More information about the HelsinkiUni Guest network and other visitor tips can be found at: <https://www.helsinki.fi/fi/tutustu-meihin/tule-vierailulle/vierailijan-opas>

Storage of Belongings

There are unattended coat racks in the lobby of Porthania where you can leave outerwear. The Main Building's coat racks are located at the Unioninkatu entrance. Most lecture halls also have some coat racks, though there may not be enough for everyone. In the Main Building, behind the elevators in the entrance hall, there are lockers equipped with contactless payment for secure storage. Please note that these lockers are not large enough for suitcases or similar items. A small lecture hall in the Main Building, Studium F3020, has been booked for temporary storage of belongings during the event. You can ask for more information about this storage option at the info desk. Storage of belongings is at your own risk; the event organizers are not responsible for lost clothing or items.

A warm welcome to the Agricultural Science Days!