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## Just a few things to do before summer break ...

After a very, very busy spring trying to balance organizing FIIF events with rules and restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we provide you with this spring's last FIIF Newsletter containing the latest and greatest information about FIIF.

**FIIF Partner Survey** is still on-going, so if you have not yet provided us with feedback, now is the time! This year the survey focuses on the use of FIIF services. Personal participation links have been sent to all FIIF Newsletter recipients. If you have not received one, you may [use this link](#).

In this issue you can find a sneak preview to next fall's upcoming program. We plan to bring back physical events, as they have significant value in boosting networking and match making, but we will develop our online offering as well. "Online" will be offered as an alternative also in future and participation links to Teams events will be sent to registered participants in e-mail before the event. All event materials are posted in "Partner log in" section of the FIIF website for later access.

You should mark already now into your calendar two important dates:

November 10, 2020 DIMECC's annual seminar in Tampere

November 26, 2020 FCA's AI Day in Espoo

The next FIIF Newsletter will be published in late August and it will contain a more detailed schedule of FIIF activities during the fall of 2020. If you want to suggest a topic for a FIIF event or activity, give a presentation at a FIIF event, or have material that you would like to be included in the FIIF Newsletter or otherwise distributed to the FIIF community members, please contact the FIIF Manager ([fiif.manager@dimecc.com](mailto:fiif.manager@dimecc.com)).

FIIF Manager also maintains the FIIF mailing list, which is used to distribute information to contact persons. Please contact the FIIF Manager regarding any changes to the FIIF mailing list.

Charge your batteries and prepare for an active fall 2020!



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## Sneak preview to FIIF events and activities during the fall

Next fall's event calendar is still open, as we have received a record number of suggestions for events and topics. After so many months of online meetings and webinars people and companies seem to be ready for more face-to-face communication and matchmaking. A more detailed event calendar will be presented in the next FIIF Newsletter, which will be published in August. Here is, however, a summary of what we already have on our plates.

In February we organized in co-operation with IBM Oy and the Finnish Software and e-Business Association an event on industrial process optimization ("**Bit by bit – improving competitiveness through industrial process optimization**", Feb 13, 2020, Helsinki, Finland). We were planning to organize a similar event for technical people in March, but due to COVID-19 pandemic we decided to postpone it to next fall. Planning and scheduling of this event is still on-going (preliminary date: September-October 2020).

On October 6, 2020 we will organize a **data summit for built environment** with 6Aika community as part of their "Energiaviisaat kaupungit" ("Energy-wise cities") and "Ilmastoviisaat taloyhtiöt" ("Climate-wise houses") projects.

Another event, which we decided to postpone to next fall, is a hands-on **Digital Business Modelling workshop** with Taival Advisory, i.e. how to identify, plan and execute business digitalization and transformation initiatives. This event was originally planned for April 2020, but now we are planning to organize it in October 2020.

This year the theme of DIMECC's annual seminar is **data sharing** which fits well with FIIF's overall agenda and mission. The seminar will be organized on November 10, 2020 in Tampere, Finland. This event brings together different ecosystems, communities and programs and offers an excellent place for contacts and networking. FIIF will be actively involved in the preparation of this event and we are planning to organize a side event with 6Aika community with a preliminary title of "**Use of Blockchain for Managing Data in Built Environment**". There may even be some FIIF-originated presentation(s) as part of the main event flow.

FIIF will continue working together with Kampusklubi and AR/VR Mornings in organizing **ARVR-related events and activities** at Kampusareena in Tampere. Times and topics will be decided later.

FIIF started its **co-operation KOTEL r.y.** with an event in May, and we will continue that also during the fall. In addition to joint event(s) we will define, how FIIF partners could participate in and benefit from KOTEL's other activities, like expert workgroups and research projects. More information will follow.

Based on positive feedback we plan to continue organizing FIIF Flash events also during the fall of 2020. These events are like "FIIF Networking Opportunity" on steroids: short online events with 1-2 presentations from a single company promoting expertise and improving visibility to other FIIF partners. You choose the topic and time, and FIIF takes care of the practicalities. If you want to leverage this opportunity, just let FIIF Manager know and we will schedule an event for you on "first-come-first-served" basis.

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## FIIF Flash Event with VTT September 1, at 10-11 online

Autumn FIIF Flash Event round begins with VTT and “5G Test Network as Service” (September 1st, at 10-11, online), presenter **Harri Hyväri**, Senior Scientist, VTT Oy. Register for the

event using this [link](#).

VTT offers Finnish carrier grade state-of-the-art 5G test network services in around Finland. Test network partners have evaluated, developed and tested pre-commercial and commercial products and services for several use cases, including smart industry, smart energy, smart cities, smart mobility and well-being. Collaborating with VTT, you can innovate, develop and test your new wireless products and services utilizing carrier-grade 5G test network. Even testing in the harsh Arctic environment is possible. Business model development is an important part of service creation, and is built-in into our service offering and know-how. Test network offers cellular connectivity, several IoT connectivity techniques, high-speed access to core network and Internet, time synchronization services, MEC and EDGE AI computing platforms, and mobile broadcast/multicast support. It is also possible to tailor features according to your needs.

## FIIF's online Materials Archive

One preliminary finding from this year's FIIF survey is that our members are not very familiar with FIIF's Material Archive. So, here are short instructions where you can find it, how to log in, and what you can expect to find in it.

You can find FIIF's Materials Archive on **FIIF's web pages**, in the “**Partner log in**” section:



In order to log in, you need to give your **e-mail address**:

### PARTNER LOG IN

Enter your email to gain access to FIIF partner materials.

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Information in the Materials Archive is divided into three categories:

**Events** – Presentation materials from past FIIF events since April 2018.

**White papers and other materials** – Selected white papers and reports from IIC and PTC.

**Newsletters** – FIIF Newsletters and Alerts since April 2018.

Please visit the archive, check the materials, and give your comments to FIIF Manager on **how to make it even better!**



## PoDoCo spring round: 17 new doctors receive funding

The Post Docs in Companies program (PoDoCo) funded 17 new partnerships between doctors and companies in the spring round. The program received 28 collaboration applications. Now a total of 151 PoDoCo grants have been awarded in the program since 2015.

- We received a good variety of applications in the spring round, which is great, because we can fund projects from all disciplines. The group of foundations funding PoDoCo has lately grown and we are able to support the renewal of companies from the for example the view point of social sciences or educational research, says Dr. Seppo Tikkanen, leader of the PoDoCo program.

For example, Moilo Oy and Jan Nâls got funding for their project "Growing Empathy: Facilitating Empathy through Children's Storytelling" and Outotec Oy and Shila Jafari for "Mine-Water as a business case".

The next PoDoCo grant application round will be held August 15 – October 31, 2020. Find more [info](#) and/or contact Dr. **Seppo Tikkanen** (e-mail [seppo.tikkanen@dimecc.com](mailto:seppo.tikkanen@dimecc.com), tel. +358 40 840 2780).

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## DIGINNO's SME Digital Maturity Recommender Tool launched

The **SME Digital Maturity Recommender Tool** was developed by Latvian Information and Communications Technology Association (LIKTA) together with other DIGINNO partners. It is based on the methodology developed in the LIKTA initiative "Gudrā Latvija", the implementation of which was started in 2019. More than 850 companies have already used this tool in Latvia.

This tool enables SMEs to measure their digital maturity across 10 business dimensions. Upon completion, you will receive recommendations about the next steps towards digitalization, insights on how to start an internal discussion on digitalization as well as understanding of how your company scores in comparison with others.

This tool is part of the DIGINNO project's **Digitalization toolkit** that brings together best practices and show cases a digitalization roadmap for companies.

Check your company's digitalization level with the tool! It is available in English and in some of the languages of the Baltic Sea Region on [this website](#).

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## Save the date: FCAI AI Day (November 26, 2020)

Finnish Center for Artificial Intelligence (FCAI) organizes every year AI Day, which is the biggest annual event presenting the frontrunner AI research in Finland. The event brings together researchers, companies, students and the public sector involved in the fast-developing field of AI. This year, AI Day is organized in collaboration with the **Finnish Artificial Intelligence Society (FAIS)**. The event features keynotes, poster session as well as many opportunities for matchmaking and networking. AI Day will be organized on **November 26, 2020** at Dipoli conference center in Otaniemi, Espoo.



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