

# **2012**

**Saariselkä, Finland 17.3 - 20.3.**

## Call for Papers

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VikingPLOP is a Nordic PLoP conference. VikingPLOP 2012 will be held in Saariselkä, Finland in March. The location is in the middle of ruggedly beautiful wilderness of Lapland with marvelous landscape and wondrous fjelds. In March the snowy Lapland nature is at its best. The venue is easy to reach by airplane as it is in the vicinity of Saariselkä ski resort.

The conference offers writer's workshops that allow you to learn about patterns, to receive feedback on your own work, and to discuss with fellow pattern enthusiasts. It is a excellent venue to exchange knowledge about patterns and learn from other experts. We especially encourage new-comers and non-academic pattern enthusiasts to participate in the conference. Open and supportive community makes VikingPLOP a great opportunity to get familiar with patterns and PLoP culture.

The core of VikingPLOP is a series of writers' workshops where authors work together to improve their papers. Before patterns or other papers are accepted for a writers' workshop, they are shepherded. This means that an experienced author will discuss your submission with you, so that you can refine your paper prior to the conference. After shepherding, all submissions will be peer-reviewed in the conference and the patterns will be published later on.

## Submissions

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VikingPLOP accepts papers containing patterns or pattern languages as well as experience reports and papers related to the theory and use of patterns. Papers submitted to VikingPLOP cover a wide range of subjects, from technical issues, like distributed machine control, C++ programming, to social and organization issues.

## Important Dates

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- **January 16th: EXTENDED paper submission deadline**
- January 23rd: Start of shepherding
- February 9th: Paper acceptance notification
- March 17-20, 2012: Conference

## More Information

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If you have any questions, please contact the conference chairs Veli-Pekka Eloranta ([veli-pekka.eloranta@tut.fi](mailto:veli-pekka.eloranta@tut.fi)) and Marko Leppänen ([marko.leppanen@tut.fi](mailto:marko.leppanen@tut.fi)), or visit [www.vikingplop.org](http://www.vikingplop.org).

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