



INSTRUCTIONS

Conferral Ceremony May 20th 2022

Arriving at the Concert Hall - Entrance procession

All doctoral conferees will take part in the entrance procession May 20th at 12 o'clock when the festivities commence.

Please note, arrival at the concert hall, **no later than 11.15**, via the **side entrance** on Aninkaistenkatu 9, on the left side of the main entrance. Coats, handbags and outer garments will be left on numbered hangers in the Concert Hall Office corridor, behind the cafeteria.

All other guests will arrive at the Concert Hall via **the main entrance**. The spouses or partners of the honorary doctors will be sitting **to the right in the hall**, where seats will be reserved for them.

Guests attending the ceremony are kindly requested to be in their places by 11.45.

The doctoral conferees, together with the rectors of foreign and Finnish universities, as well as Åbo Akademi staff intending to take part in the procession, will take their places in the corridor **at 11.30** and will proceed into the hall **at 12.00** sharp.

Doctoral conferees will enter the hall led by their **conferrers** and take their places **in front of the audience**. Please follow your conferrers and his directions. A chart of the seating allocations in the Concert Hall will be sent out in May.

Programme in the Concert Hall

In the Concert Hall there will be a programme consisting of rector's speech, song and music before the conferral ceremony starts. Please note that there will be no break between the music programme and the conferral ceremony. The entire programme will take approx. 2.5 hours.

After the Conferral Ceremony – Procession to the Turku Cathedral

The doctoral conferees will leave the hall in procession. After the ceremony the rectors, as well as **all doctoral conferees** and members of the Åbo Akademi staff will gather in the lower hall, (entrance hall) for the procession to the Cathedral. Here will be a short break with refreshments.

All coats and outer garments will be transported from the Concert Hall to Åbo Akademi's main building, Domkyrkotorget 3, next to the Cathedral, where all doctoral conferees can retrieve them along with their hat cases after the service.

In case of rain, there will be no procession and the trip to the Cathedral will be undertaken by bus. **Church service in the Cathedral**

At the Cathedral the swords will be left in the **weapons room** on tables especially reserved for this purpose.

The ecumenical service will last for approx. 50 minutes.

After the service, please remember your sword. The procession will end in front of the Cathedral. From the Cathedral the doctoral conferees will proceed to the main building to collect their coats and hat cases.

Attire and insignia

In the Concert Hall

Male doctoral conferees: tail suit with black waistcoat, white bow tie, no patent leather shoes, no white handkerchief, no gloves. For ladies, long black dress or, alternatively, long black skirt and white blouse and black jacket or alternatively, black trouser suit, black shoes, no gloves, no handbag.

Attire for other guests: for men, a dark suit, for ladies a short, and not necessarily black dress, or alternatively a suit. No hat. Original order decorations.

At the Banquet

For men: tail suit with white waistcoat, white handkerchief for those not wearing order decorations.

For ladies: festive attire, long dress, (preferably not black). Original order decorations.

Swords will not be taken to the banquet. Hats are not worn in the banquet hall.

All ordered swords have been delivered directly to Åbo Akademi University. Those who have bought a sword through ÅA will receive a sword attachment (via Mail) with a buttonhole for attaching the sword to their outfit.

All male doctoral candidates wearing a sword should remember to sew an appropriate button on to the inside of their trouser linings on the left side (a few centimetres backwards from the middle). **For ladies**, a belt is **recommended** (2–3 cm wide, black). If you have borrowed a sword, you should make sure that you also have a sword strap. If not, it can be obtained through the office of conferral by sending an e-mail to promotion@abo.fi

Velvet collar and brooch (this applies only to Doctors of Technology)

Doctors of Technology can wear a special velvet collar sewn on their tail suit. Female doctors can wear a special brooch. You can order these at <https://shop.abo.fi/c/1-promotion/>

All those taking part in the banquet on May 20th need to be at Logomo **no later than 7.15** p.m. (You need to register in order to take part in the banquet and inform us of special diets etc.)

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