

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS 1998, 1999 AND 2000
BETWEEN FINLAND AND FLANDERS
IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FINLAND AND THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

Helsinki, September 8-10, 1997

The president of the Finnish delegation welcomed the Flemish delegation and presented the members of her delegation.

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Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
President

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The president of the Flemish delegation expressed her gratitude for the kind hospitality and presented members of her delegation.

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Ms. Marleen Bosmans, Director of the Europe Division
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President

Members:

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In implementation of the Cultural Agreement concluded between Finland and the Kingdom of Belgium, representatives of the Finnish and Flemish parties, desirous of consolidating the results already achieved in the field of cooperation, and with the aim of ensuring its further development, had their sixth meeting in Helsinki on September 8 - 10, 1997 and agreed on the following programme for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000.

OPENING REMARKS

Both parties noted with satisfaction that since January 1995 Finland is a member of the European Union and discussed the possibilities of both parties to cooperate in the framework of different EU programmes. The parties noted also that they can cooperate multilaterally within the framework of UNESCO and the Council of Europe.

1. EDUCATION

1.1. Exchange of information and documentation

Both parties will exchange, on request, information on the development of their respective educational systems. They will also encourage direct contacts, especially between their authorities responsible for general and vocational education.

1.2. EU-programmes

Both parties will encourage cooperation in the field of education in the framework of EU programmes.

1.3. Secondary Education

Both parties may give support to quality initiatives of co-operation between educational institutions in their countries.

1.4. Higher Education

Both parties will encourage the direct cooperation between their universities, corresponding institutions of higher education and research establishments. They also noted with satisfaction the contacts between Finnish and Flemish researchers within the framework of the activities of European scientific cooperation and the scientific programmes of the European Union.

1.4.1.

The Finnish party stated that the Finnish Centre for Exchange of Scientific Literature maintains contacts with over 30 Flemish scientific organizations.

1.4.2.

The Finnish party informed the Flemish party about the new system of higher vocational education in Finland (*AMK - ammattikorkeakoulu*) and both parties expressed the wish to promote direct relations between their relevant institutions.

1.5. **Language teaching**

1.5.1.

Both parties noted with satisfaction that the Finnish language and culture have been taught since 1995 at the University of Antwerp and that the Dutch language is taught at the Universities of Helsinki and Tampere.

1.5.2.

The Flemish party stated that the promotion of the instruction of the Dutch language and literature on the university level is done by the *Nederlandse Taalunie (NTU)*.

1.5.3.

Both parties will encourage the cooperation in the framework of projects for the least widely used and taught languages in the LINGUA-programme of the European Union.

1.6. **Scholarships and exchange of experts**

1.6.1.

A description of the scholarships, which the Finnish party will offer to the Flemish Community of Belgium during the validity of this programme, is in Annex 1 of this programme.

For the Finnish party, the Centre for International Mobility CIMO is in charge of the administration of the scholarships and exchanges specified in Annex 1.

More detailed information about the quota as well as general and financial provisions of the scholarships will be forwarded annually by the Centre for International Mobility CIMO to the Flemish Community.

1.6.2. Exchange of professors/lecturers

Both parties propose to exchange annually two (2) experts from a university, an institute of higher education or a scientific institute for a study visit of seven (7) days maximum (2 x 7 days) to allow the visitors to attend congresses, conferences and colloquia or to give guest lectures. The Flemish party prefers exchanges in the areas of art and culture (i.a. music, design, literature) or environmental and ecological sciences.

1.6.3. Specialisation scholarships

The Flemish party offers to the Finnish party annually one (1) specialisation scholarship of ten (10) months. These scholarships are granted for the academic years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

1.6.4. Research scholarships

The Flemish party offers to the Finnish party for each of the academic years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 ten (10) months annually, divisible in scholarships of five (5) months at least. These scholarships are not intended for post-doctoral researchers.

1.6.5. Summer courses

1.6.5.1.

The Finnish party will offer to Flemish university students of Finnish language one (1) scholarship to participate in international summer courses of one month in Finnish language and culture, organized by the Council for Instruction of Finnish for Foreigners (UKAN) in Finland.

The statement of the teacher of the Finnish language should be taken into account when the candidate is nominated.

The Flemish Education department will nominate the Flemish candidate.

The Finnish party informed the Flemish party about the transfer of the Council for Instruction of Finnish for Foreigners (UKAN) from the Department for International Relations of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture to the Centre for International Mobility CIMO.

1.6.5.2.

The Flemish party offers Finland annually one (1) scholarship for the summer course “*Nederlandse Taal en Cultuur*” (Dutch language and culture) taught at the *Limburgs Universitair Centrum* in Hasselt-Diepenbeek. These summer courses are organised under the auspices of the “Nederlandse Taalunie”.

The candidate’s control of the Dutch language should at least be the elementary level of the Certificate of Dutch as a foreign language.

The Centre for International Mobility CIMO will nominate the Finnish candidate.

1.6.5.3.

Both parties underline that these exchanges of scholarships would be facilitated if the respective embassies are informed about the scholarships in due time.

2. CULTURE

2.1. General

2.1.1.

Both sides will, on request, exchange information and documentation on literature, translation policy, theatre, dance, film, photography, music, visual arts, museums, architecture, design and applied arts, festivals, international events on the international level, media, press, radio and television and cultural cooperation in general.

2.1.2.

For this programme, both parties wish to establish a quota of seventy (70) days for the exchange of experts in the fields mentioned in article 2.1.1.

2.1.3.

Both parties noted with satisfaction that Helsinki and Brussels will be the Cultural Cities of Europe in the year 2000. In the programme of the year Helsinki will represent the

theme of “Knowledge, Technology and Future”, and Brussels will be responsible for the theme “the City”.

2.1.4.

The Finnish party noted with satisfaction that the Finnish Cultural Centre in Benelux, het Fins Cultureel Centrum/le Centre Culturel Finlandais, which is situated in Antwerp, is actively promoting cultural and educational cooperation between Finland and Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg.

2.2. **Visual arts and museums**

2.2.1.

Both parties noted with satisfaction that a joint exhibition of contemporary Finnish and Flemish art, *Above/Below the Surface*, was organized in collaboration between the Museum van *Hedendaagse Kunst Antwerpen MUKHA*, 22.11.1996 - 12.1.1997 in Antwerp and the Museum-of Contemporary Art *Nykytaiteen Museo*, 22.3. - 4.5.1997 in Helsinki.

2.2.2.

During the validity of this programme the Finnish party wishes to organize in Flanders, for example, one of the following exhibitions:

Juha Leiviskä, architect;
Timber Construction in Finland;
5 x 5 chairs, Finnish furniture design.

During the validity of this programme the Flemish party wishes to organize in Finland, for example, one of the following exhibitions:

Architecture from Flanders;
Photography from Flanders;
James Ensor.

2.2.3.

During the validity of this programme the Flemish party is prepared to send to the Finnish party a number of publications of art.

2.2.4.

The Flemish party wishes to receive the following information with regard to museums: the existing museum legislation/regulation, museum definition and criteria for recognition, conditions for subsidies and funding, museum guides and repertories.

2.2.5.

During the validity of this programme both parties are prepared to exchange one (1) expert in the field of visual arts, architecture, applied arts or museums for a period of seven (7) days.

2.2.6.

During the validity of this programme both parties are prepared to exchange one (1) visual artist for a fifteen (15) days period.

In case the Finnish artist is a graphic artist, the Flemish party will receive him/her in "*het Frans Masereelcentrum*". The artist will receive free accommodation and a fixed daily allowance of BEF 1,000.

In this framework, the Flemish party wishes to receive information about i.a. the following artist centres: The Nordic Institute for Contemporary Art, Helsinki, The Jyväskylä Centre for Printmaking - *Jyväskylän Grafiikkakeskus*, *Jyväskylä* and Design Village, Fiskars.

The Finnish party will forward this information to the relevant organisations in Finland.

2.2.7.

The parties encourage the exchange of artists on a bilateral basis as well as e.g. in the framework of the programme Artists in Residence and the european programme PEJA, *Pépinieres européennes pour jeunes artistes*.

The Finnish party encourages the Artists' Association of Finland to cooperate with corresponding organisations of the Flemish Community.

2.3. Music

2.3.1.

The Finnish party informs the Flemish party about the activities of the Performing Music Promotion Centre in Finland (ESEK), which e.g. can subsidize young Finnish musicians' and singers' travels abroad to give concerts.

The Finnish party encourages the Society of Finnish Composers *Suomen säveltäjät*, the Finnish Music Information Centre *Musiikin tiedotuskeskus* and the Foundation for the Promotion of Finnish Music *Luovan säveltaiteen edistämissäätiö LUSES* to cooperate with the corresponding organisations of the Flemish Community.

2.3.2.

During the validity of this programme, the Flemish party is prepared to send either a small ensemble (duo or trio) or composers to Finland.

The participation in events in the other country should be based on direct agreements, specifying the financial and other terms between the organisations and artists concerned.

During the validity of this programme and within the day quota, both parties are prepared to exchange two (2) music experts and/or musicians for a study visit of seven (7) days maximum.

2.4. Performing Arts

2.4.1.

Both parties encourage the Kuopio Dance and Music Festival to be in cooperation with Flemish partners.

2.4.2.

The Finnish party encourages the Information Centre for Dance, *Tanssin tiedotuskeskus*, to cooperate with corresponding organisations of the Flemish Community.

2.4.3.

The Flemish party wishes to be informed about the evolution of contemporary dance in Finland. For this purpose and within the day quota, the Flemish party wishes to send one (1) expert for a study visit of seven (7) days maximum.

2.4.4.

During the validity of this programme and within the day quota, both parties are prepared to exchange one (1) theatre expert for a period of seven (7) days maximum.

2.4.5.

The Flemish party is prepared to send a contemporary dance production (5 persons maximum) for a maximum of seven (7) days to Finland for an international festival.

2.5. **Literature****2.5.1.**

The Finnish party informs the Flemish party about the grants for translators of Finnish literature into foreign languages which the Finnish Literature Information Centre Suomen kirjallisuuden tiedotuskeskus offers.

2.5.2.

The Flemish party encourages the translation and publication of valuable classical and modern literature.

The Flemish party is prepared to contribute towards the cost of translating Flemish literature into Finnish.

2.5.3.

The Flemish party wishes to contact Finnish publishers and persons in charge of the Dutch language and literature chairs at Finnish universities.

2.5.4.

During the validity of this programme the Flemish party is prepared to receive one (1) Finnish translator for a period of one (1) month in the 'Vertaalhuis' (i.e. house of translation) in Leuven. Contrary to the usual financial arrangement the translator will be offered free boarding and a BEF 50,000 allowance.

The Finnish party promised to forward the information to the Finnish Association of Translators and Interpreters, Suomen kääntäjien ja tulkkien liitto.

2.5.5.

Both parties noted with satisfaction the direct contacts between their writers as well as their cooperation in the framework of e.g. the European Writers' Congress.

2.5.6.

During the validity of this programme and within the day quota, both parties are prepared to exchange one (1) author or one (1) expert in literature for a period of maximum seven (7) days.

2.5.7.

The Flemish party wishes to send Flemish authors to international literary festivals which are organized in Finland.

On the other hand, the Flemish party is prepared to support the participation of a Finnish poet in the International Poetry Festival in Ghent.

The Finnish party promises to forward this information to the relevant body in Finland.

2.6. Cinema

Both parties expressed their interest in encouraging the showing of their films in their respective international film festivals.

2.7. Media: press, radio, television

Both parties will encourage direct cooperation in the field of mass media (press, radio and television).

3. ADULT EDUCATION**3.1.**

Both parties noted with satisfaction the direct cooperation between the Finnish Adult Education Association *Vapaan sivistystyön yhteisjärjestö VSY ry* and the *Vlaams Centrum voor Volksontwikkeling*.

The parties encouraged also the direct contacts between the Association of Adult Education Centres *Kansalais- ja Työväenopistojen Liitto KTOL*, the Association for Free Cultural Activities *Vapaan sivistystoiminnan Ziitto*, the Finnish Folkhighschool Association Suomen *Kansanopistoyhdistys*, the Workers' Educational Association *Työväen Sivistysliitto TSL*, and the corresponding organisations of the Flemish Community.

The Flemish party would like to visit one of the initiatives subsidized and organised by the aforementioned institutions in the field of extracurricular and non-diploma oriented adult education (i.e. civic centres and study centres).

3.2.

The Association of Finnish Adult Education Organisations organises yearly an international seminar "Meeting in Finland" and it would welcome the participation of a Flemish representative of adult education in the seminar.

3.3.

During the validity of this programme both parties will exchange three (3) experts in the field of non-formal adult education for a study visit of seven (7) days.

4. ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

4.1.

Both parties will encourage the direct cooperation in the field of archives within their respective fields of competence.

4.2.

Both Parties noted with satisfaction the direct contacts between their library organisations, the Finnish Library Association Suomen *kirjastoseura* and *VVBAD, Vlaamse Vereniging voor Bibliotheek-, Archief- en Documentatiewezen*, and that they could also cooperate in the framework of the International Federation of Library Associations, IFLA.

The Finnish party informed the Flemish Community about the plans of the Finnish Library Association to organise an international seminar on the theme “Networking for high quality service and effectiveness in public libraries” to be held in 1999. The Association would welcome one (1) representative from the Flemish party to take part in this seminar.

The Flemish party wishes to get information about central public libraries and their networks in Finland and would like to send specialist in this field to visit Finland. Points of special interest are: initiatives to encourage reading, cooperation with adult education and the application of new technologies (access to virtual space).

4.3.

During the validity of this programme both parties will exchange three (3) experts in the field of the organisation and structure of public libraries for a study visit of seven (7) days each.

5. CULTURAL CENTRES

5.1.

During the validity of this programme the Flemish party is willing to exchange three (3) experts in the field of cultural centres for a study visit of seven (7) days each.

5.2.

Both parties wish to encourage cooperation in the framework of the ‘European Network of Cultural Centres’.

6. YOUTH WORK

6.1.

Both parties noted with satisfaction that, since 1988, they have an excellent cooperation in the field of youth and that it will continue. In 1998 the Finnish party is ready to receive four (4) persons from the field of youth work from Flanders to Finland, in 1999 to send four (4) persons to Flanders and in 2000 to receive four (4) persons from Flanders to Finland.

The Flemish party wishes their visits to focus specifically on youth information policies and youth work infrastructure.

6.2.

Both parties will encourage the exchanges in the framework of EU Programmes, such as Youth for Europe and the future European Voluntary Service programme.

7. MONUMENTS AND LANDSCAPES_

7.1.

On request, both parties will exchange documentation on the protection of monuments and preservation of landscapes.

7.2.

Both parties took note of their contacts in the field of industrial heritage within the framework of the International Committee for Conservation of Industrial Heritage, TICCIH.

The Finnish party stated that the National Board of Antiquities of Finland would be interested in cooperation with the Flemish party in the field of industrial heritage.

7.3.

During the validity of this programme both parties wish to exchange one (1) expert for a study visit of seven (7) days focused on the protection, conservation and the restoration of cultural heritage.

8. SPORTS

8.1.

Both parties shall promote the direct cooperation between the sport organisations and other institutions concerned in both countries. The parties noted with satisfaction the contacts between the Sports Division of the Finnish Ministry of Education and BLOSO, the Physical Education, Sports and Outdoor Recreation Authority of the Flemish Community.

8.2.

During the validity of this programme, both parties wish to establish a fifteen (15) days quota yearly for the exchange of policy makers, other specialists or scientists to participate in scientific congresses, seminars and study trips in the field of sports.

9. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

9.1. General

Both parties will send their proposals for the new working programme six (6) weeks at the latest before the date scheduled for the meeting of the permanent joint commission.

The following general provisions and regulations were endorsed :

Cultural activities and exchanges shall be carried out within the limits of the financial resources at the disposal of the two parties.

The activities and exchanges envisaged in this programme shall not exclude other initiatives or visits which might be proposed and agreed in advance by both parties through diplomatic channels.

- The organization of music, dance and theatre performances and exhibitions, other than those mentioned in this programme, should a priori be based on a direct agreement covering financial and other terms between the organizations and artists involved in such events. State subsidies should be considered as supplementary.

9.2. **Scholarships offered by the Flemish party**

9.2.1. Specialisation scholarships:

Candidates should be under 35 years of age.

They must hold a university_ or long type higher education graduation degree or a certificate of equivalent studies and they must have excelled during their studies.

They can be accepted only on approval by both parties and on the basis of an application file that contains at least:

- a detailed curriculum vitae
- an extensive plan of activities
- possibly, a list of publications.

Candidates are selected by the Centre for *International Mobility CIMO*. Each application is subject to the approval of the receiving party.

The sending party will present its candidates every year before 1st March.

The receiving party will inform the sending party whether the application and/or, study programmes are approved or not before 1st July.

The sending party will provide detailed information on the arrival of the scholars at least three (3) weeks in advance.

9.2.1.1. To the account of the sending party:

international travel expenses to and from the place of study.

9.2.1.2. To the account of the *Flemish party*:

a monthly allowance of BEF 26,200 including local travel expenses and the expenses for study material,

- subscription fees paid to a Flemish Community institute or an institute subsidized by the Flemish Community,
- BEF 25,000 as a contribution to costs involved in printing a doctoral thesis or
- BEF 7,500 as a contribution to costs involved in printing a final dissertation,
- health insurances and third party insurance in accordance with Belgian legislation.

9.2.2. Research scholarships:

9.2.2.1. Candidates must hold a doctor's degree, a licentiate's degree or a higher education degree of the same level and hold an educational or scientific office.

They can be accepted only on approval by both parties and on the basis of an application file that contains at least:

- a detailed curriculum vitae,
- an extensive plan of activities,
- a list of publications.

9.2.2.2. Candidates are selected by the *Centre of International Mobility CIMO*. Each application is subject to the approval of the receiving party. The sending party will present its candidates at least four (4) months before the start of the scholarship period.

The receiving party will inform the sending party whether the applications are accepted or not at least two (2) months before the start of the scholarship period.

The sending party will provide detailed information on the arrival of the scholars at least three (3) weeks in advance.

9.2.2.3. To the account of the sending party:
international travel expenses to and from the place of study.

9.2.2.4. To the account of *the Flemish party*:
a monthly allowance of BEF 25,000,
an amount of BEF 5,000 for installation costs of students staying in Flanders for at least one month,
health insurance and third party insurance in accordance with Belgian legislation.

9.3. **Scholarships offered by the Finnish party**

The general and financial provisions are stipulated in Annex 1 of this programme.

9.4. **Summer course allowances**

9.4.1.

Candidates for a summer course allowance are selected by the sending party and recommended to the receiving party whose approval is required.

9.4.2.

To the account of the receiving party:

In Flanders:

- subscription fees
- accommodation and meals
- excursions organized in the framework of the summer course
- health insurance and third party insurance in accordance with Belgian legislation.

In Finland:

The Finnish party will grant to holders of a summer course allowance a sum of money to cover board and lodging.

9.5. Exchange of persons

The short-term exchange of persons (for 15 days at the most) as determined in the present programme will be implemented according to the following criteria:

9.5.1.

The sending party will provide the receiving party with the curriculum vitae, desiderata and the exact dates of the departure and arrival of the people concerned at least four (4) months in advance.

The receiving party will inform the sending party, at least two (2) months in advance whether the candidates have been accepted.

The sending party will provide the receiving party with the exact dates of departure and arrival at least three (3) weeks in advance.

9.5.2.

To the account of the sending party :
international travel expenses there and back to the place of study.

9.5.3.

To the account of the receiving party:

In Flanders:

accommodation and breakfast (for chapter 1, maximum BEF 3,500 per day)
a fixed allowance of BEF 1,500 per day (not including local travel expenses)
or BEF 2,000 per day (including local travel expenses)
health insurance and third party insurance in accordance with Belgian legislation.

In Finland:

accommodation costs and a daily allowance of FIM 148 (1997)
expenses for inland travelling necessitated by the working programme and approved by the receiving authorities.

9.6. Exchange of exhibitions

Arrangements will be discussed and agreed upon on a case by case basis and, in general, the following provisions will apply.

9.6.1. *Responsibilities of the sending party:*

design, preparation, production and packing of the exhibition;
international transport to its first location in the receiving country and return transport from its last location to the country of origin or to another country;

insurance from nail to nail;
 supply of the material for the production of the catalogue (texts, photos, transparencies, etc.);
 travel expenses (outward and return journey) of one expert accompanying the exhibition to supervise the mounting and_/or dismantling as well as packing and /or unpacking of the works.

9.6.2. *Responsibilities of the host party:*

- making available appropriate exhibition halls with the necessary security infrastructure (climatic conditions, guards, etc.);
- providing the necessary staff for loading and unloading, packing and unpacking, mounting and dismantling of the exhibition;
- printing of the catalogue, if necessary, and the posters and invitations;
- organizing general publicity as well as the opening ceremony for the exhibition;
- accomodation costs of one expert accompanying the exhibition and supervising the mounting and/or dismantling; the duration of any such visit will be agreed upon in advance;
- providing the sending party with 25 copies of all material published in connection with the exhibition (catalogue, poster, invitation, etc.).

In case of damage, the host party will not proceed with the restoration of the works without the prior approval of the sending party, and will supply all relevant documentation and assistance to enable the sending party to pursue any claim for compensation from the relevant insurance company.

All other conditions will be agreed on a case by case basis.

9.7. **Other conditions**

Other conditions - depending on the case - must be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

10. FINAL CLAUSES

Both parties agreed to hold the seventh meeting of the permanent joint commission in Brussels during the second half of 2000.

The date and place will be agreed upon through-diplomatic channels.

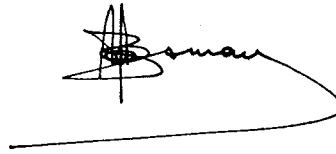
Done in Helsinki on September 10th, 1997 in two originals, in English and in Dutch, both texts being equally valid.

For the Finnish side,



Margaretha Mickwitz

For the Flemish Community,



Marleen Bosmans

Annex 1 : FINNISH SCHOLARSHIPS

The quota to be reserved by the Centre for International Mobility CIMO for Flemish postgraduate students and researchers in the framework of the bilateral exchange during the validity of this programme amounts to 20 months, which may be divided into several scholarships of varying length, but not less than three (3) months.

Out of this total, short visits (not exceeding 1 week each) to Finnish cultural and educational institutions may be reserved for Flemish specialists of different fields of cultural cooperation.

The Centre for International Mobility CIMO will annually inform the authorities of the Flemish Community about the quota, financial terms, application period etc.

Candidates for these scholarships are proposed by the Flemish authorities and the final approval of the recipients is made by the Centre for International Mobility CIMO.

Prior to grant application, the candidates should have established a contact with the Finnish host, since no scholarship can be granted without invitation / admission by the receiving institute. A study/research plan should be annexed to the application and the name of the host/supervisor in Finland should be mentioned. When granting the scholarships, special emphasis is laid on active participation and interaction with research and/or teaching at the host department.

Scholarships

The scholarship period is usually 3-9 months and the grant is intended to cover the living expenses in Finland for a single person. In 1997 the monthly scholarship is FIM 4,000. A lump sum of FIM 500 or FIM 1,000 for a study/research period of one term or a whole academic year, respectively, may be paid on arrival.

Short visits

A visitor scholarship (1 week) for visits to Finnish cultural or educational institutions by Flemish specialists in different fields of cultural cooperation, such as e.g. museums, libraries, conservation of cultural heritage, consists of free accommodation in a guest room or a hotel and a daily allowance, the amount of which is determined annually (FIM 148 in 1997).

Travel

Expenses of the Flemish scholarship recipient due to international travel to or from Finland are not covered by the Centre (CIMO). The scholarship recipient will pay his/her local transportation.

The Centre for International Mobility may grant travel allowances for Finns who receive a scholarship from the authorities of the Flemish Community on the basis of the bilateral exchange.

Insurance

Students paying the student union fee of a Finnish university are entitled to the benefit of the student health services and they have access to university canteen. Other recipients of scholarships are recommended to make own arrangements for insurance coverage for their stay in Finland.