
CALL FOR PAPERS AND PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

ICAME48 – The Times They Are A-Changin'
University of Helsinki

Dates and Location: 18–22 May 2027 | University of Helsinki, Finland

Website: <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/icame48>

Conference description: The ICAME48 conference will be held at the University of Helsinki (Finland) on **18–22 May 2027**. ICAME (International Computer Archive of Modern and Medieval English) is an annual international conference and one of the longest-standing organisations of linguists and data scientists working with English language corpora.

The conference theme is *The Times They Are A-Changin'*, honouring the University of Helsinki English Unit's longstanding tradition of studying language change with corpus-based methods. We invite all submissions on corpus-based approaches to English, and especially abstracts addressing the theme of the conference, such as submissions engaging with language change, shifting methods, new corpus materials or interdisciplinary approaches.

The following plenary speakers have confirmed their participation:

- **Axel Bohmann**, University of Cologne
- **Tuomo Hiippala**, University of Helsinki
- **Susan Hunston**, University of Birmingham
- **Merja Stenroos**, University of Stavanger

The social programme will include a welcome evening reception, a boat trip, and the conference dinner and disco.

Contact: For all communication, please contact the organisers at icame48@helsinki.fi.

Pre-Conference Workshops:

We invite proposals for **pre-conference workshops** on Tuesday, 18 May 2027. If you would like to convene a workshop (full or half day), please send your proposal as a Word document (.docx) by **31 October 2026** directly to the organisers at **icame48@helsinki.fi**. The proposal should contain the title of the workshop, name and contact details of the organisers and of the proposed participants as well as a short description of the topics to be discussed (between 400 and 700 words, excluding references). Please use APA style of referencing. Notifications of workshop acceptance will be sent out in mid-November 2026. If the workshop is accepted, workshop conveners will be responsible for putting the individual abstracts together, including peer reviewing. This should be completed and reported to the conference organisers by 20 December 2026.

Abstracts:

The call for abstracts closes on **1 December 2026**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the end of January 2027. Abstracts should be anonymous and between 400 and 500 words (excluding references). They should clearly state research question(s), approach, data, method and (expected) results. Please use APA style of referencing. Authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts if at least one paper is co-authored. We invite abstracts for the following presentation formats:

- Full paper: 20 + 10 mins discussion
- Short paper/Work-in-progress report: 10 + 5 mins discussion
- Software demonstration: 20 + 10 mins discussion
- Poster: on display and presented in special poster sessions

Please register and submit your abstract via
<https://www.conftool.org/icame48>.

John Sinclair Bursary: 300 EUR to the best paper by an early-career ICAMer. Eligible candidates should indicate their bursary application in the abstract submission procedure. Eligible applicants are doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers who defended their PhD no earlier than three years before the year of the conference.

Stig Johansson Bursary: 150 EUR to the best poster presentation.

We look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to Helsinki in May 2027!

The ICAME48 Conference Organising Committee