

# vikingPLOP 2013

**Ikaalinen, Finland 21.3. - 24.3.**

## Call for Papers

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A Nordic PLoP conference, VikingPLOP 2013, will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2013 in Horse Inn of Luomajärvi, Ikaalinen, Tampere region, Finland. The location offers a luxurious experience for anyone who appreciates rustic romance, good food, horses, quality time, the nature, and wilderness tracks.

The conference helps you to learn more about patterns, to receive feedback on your own work, and to discuss with fellow pattern enthusiasts. It is an 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 after the conference.

## 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 organizational issues. The submitted papers should contain one or more patterns maximum number of pages being 10. However, we are not particularly strict on this limit and longer pattern languages or sequences and work-in-progress papers will also be considered for inclusion. Papers should follow LNCS format guidelines. Papers that have been workshopped in VikingPLOP also qualify for a submission to the Springer journal LNCS Transactions on Pattern Languages of Programming (TPLoP).

## Important Dates

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- January 20th: paper submission deadline **EXTENDED DEADLINE**
- January 23rd: Start of shepherding
- February 22nd: Deadline for second draft
- February 28th: Paper acceptance notification
- March 21-24, 2013: Conference

## More Information

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If you have any questions, please contact the conference chairs Veli-Pekka Eloranta ([velipekka.eloranta@tut.fi](mailto:velipekka.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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