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## Role-playing game convention Ropecon to be held from 24th to 26th of July 2020

The role-playing game convention Ropecon will be held at the Helsinki Messukeskus Expo and Convention Centre from the 24th to the 26th of July 2020. Organised annually for the 27th time, Ropecon is the largest non-commercial role-playing game convention in Europe that is organised entirely by volunteers. Ropecon welcomes everyone interested in role-playing games, from beginners to seasoned gamers. More than 5000 people are expected to attend the convention.

The three-day convention begins with the 3rd annual Academic Seminar of Ropecon held on Friday. Ropecon 2020 Academic Seminar will be held with the support of The Finnish Cultural Foundation. The convention weekend features diverse programme ranging from games and game tournaments to presentations, panel discussions, workshops and other programme in a wide variety of role-playing game related topics. Multiple games and publications in the field of gaming are also launched at Ropecon each year.

Two major awards are given out at Ropecon annually for the development and promotion of role-playing games as a hobby in Finland. The Golden Dragon Award is given out to an influential figure in the field of role-playing games for lifelong contributions towards the hobby. The Deed of the Year Award is given out for a laudable project, action or publication in the field of role-playing games.

# Ropecon 2020 prepares for the end of the world and vampires

The theme of Ropecon 2020 is the end of the world. The theme and its many aspects, such as waiting for, how to survive and how to prevent the end of the world, will be explored both in the programme as well as in the overall style of the convention.

"The end of the world is a major element in many TV series, movies, books and role-playing games, something that the heroes often try to prevent from happening. This theme can be explored in many ways at Ropecon, whether it be the journey of a group of heroes trying to prevent the end of the world, or continuing life in a post-apocalyptic world. For example, from the dinosaurs' point of view, we are currently living in a post-apocalyptic world."

- Merli Juustila, one of the main organisers of Ropecon 2020

### Ropecon to host Vampire: The Eternal Struggle European Championship 2020

Ropecon has the honour of hosting the 2020 European Championship for the card game Vampire: the Eternal Struggle at this year's convention. News of Ropecon hosting the tournament was announced at the European Championship for the 2018–2019 season in Paris. At the same EC tournament, two members of the Finnish team made their way to the finals and Otso Saariluoma (FIN) became the European Champion 2019. Players and fans of Vampire: the Eternal Struggle from all over Europe are expected to attend the last European Grand Prix tournament of the 2019–2020 season as well as the European Championship 2020 tournament held at Ropecon 2020.

## Ropecon 2020

Ropecon, the largest non-commercial role-playing game convention in Europe organised entirely by volunteers, will be held for the 27th time at the Helsinki Messukeskus Expo and Convention Centre from the 24th to the 26th of July 2020. The three-day convention offers a wide variety of programme and brings together both enthusiasts as well as professionals in the field of role-playing games. The convention is organised by Ropecon ry, a non-profit association which aims to develop and promote the role-playing game, card game, board game and miniature wargame hobbies in Finland. The theme of Ropecon 2020 is the end of the world.

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