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## Instructions for academic staff 2026

### Events:

#### 1. Academic dances rehearsals

If you wish to take part in the dancing (traditionally the Polonaise, Cicapo, Mignon, and Grande Valse), please attend at least one of the rehearsals in Dipoli's Kaleva Hall. Don't forget to bring a water bottle!

- Sunday 7 June at 17:00–19:00
- Wednesday 10 June at 18:00–20:00

#### 2. Honorary Doctors' Talks 11 June at 13:15–16:30

As part of the Ceremony Week programme, the Honorary Doctors' Talks will take place on 11 June at 13.15-16.30. The newly appointed Honorary Doctors in the field of technology give brief talks on the theme "Beyond Borders". The talks are held in English. There will be a short time for Q&A after each speaker. The event is free.

More information and registration (to avoid food waste) [here](#).

You can find the list of Honorary Doctors [here](#).

Venue: Marsio, Stage, Otakaari 2 A

#### 3. Moment of reflection 12 June at 12:00–12:30

Welcome to start the day with reflection themes of wisdom, human growth, and love. The moment consists of acoustic music and inspiring texts from various cultures and thinkers, and it is organised by Aalto University and the University Chaplains.

Venue: Dipoli, Lumituuli, Otakaari 24

### Important practicalities:

#### 1. Seats and procession:

A certain number of seats are reserved for professors in Kaleva Hall. Therefore, if your plans change and you are unable to attend, please send an email to [conferment@aalto.fi](mailto:conferment@aalto.fi) so that we know exactly how many seats to reserve. This will also help us organise the procession more smoothly.

Please note that emeriti professors and lecturers do not participate in the procession and should sit in the area reserved for guests. If you are unsure about the professors' seniority order, please find your correct place in the procession with the help of the ushers.

## **2. Live streaming**

The Act of Conferment will be streamed live starting from 13.00 on 12 June.

We will publish the link on the [Conferment webpage](#) on 11 June after the rehearsals.

Please, feel free to share the webpage link to your family, friends and colleagues who cannot participate in the live event.

## **3. Promovendi book**

The digital Promovendi book will be downloadable to everyone on the [Conferment webpage](#) after 12 June.

## **4. Photography**

- **Professional photography during the ceremony:** During the act of conferment, our photographers will take pictures. During the week after the conferment, you will receive a link to the photo platform where you can download pictures for free.
- **Taking your own photos:** academic staff can take pictures and selfies before the Act of conferment starts and when the Act is over. Professors, please, don't take pictures during the procession or during the Act itself. Other academic staff can take pictures, but they should remember not to use the flash inside Kaleva hall.
- **Sharing on social media:** Feel free to share your pictures on social media. Please use the hashtag **#AaltoUniversity** – this way you can also find photos taken by other participants.