

Report to FELA/IDEC January 2018

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<p>FinRA, Finnish Reading Association, registered association, 50 years 2018 FinRA, previously Klinikkaopetus r.y. and Suomen puhe-luki-yhdistys, has developed with and for the needs of the society without losing its focus. FinRA is a membership organisation for teachers, researchers and all interested in working for literacy. All activities have been and are still run on voluntary bases. The association is bilingual (Fin/Swe), in practice most of the activities are in Finnish. The journal Kielikukko is published 4 times per year.</p>	
<p>Recent activities: A Pedagogical café “Engaging ALL readers in meaningful learning” was arranged in collaboration with Turku school authority at Ilpois Elementary School in the end of August. The speakers Dr Victoria Risko, former ILA President, Vanderbilt Univ. Tennessee and Professor Pekka Niemi, Turku University and FinRA member, boosted an excellent start of the school year. Presentations on our website. Furthermore the Puropelto Upper Secondary and Cygnaeus Elementary school enjoyed school visits.</p> <p>On International Literacy Day 8 September FinRA awarded the Teacher, Reading Ambassador and Author Ms. Katarina von Numers-Ekman the ABC Rooster Award. The ceremony was held as the awardee gave a lecture for 7-8 grade students in her school Mattliden. The title was: “A good reader a hundred years ago would be close to an alphabet today!”</p> <p>For more on these events scroll down on http://finnishreadingassociationenglish.blogspot.fi/</p> <p>FinRA has updated its archives dating 50 years back in time in the National Archives of Finland in the Jyväskylä branch, where they are preserved and can be obtained for research.</p> <p>Over the past years, as part of FinRA’s commitment to our European network and International outreach, a good amount of voluntary work has been put in to the process of renewing FELA.</p>	
<p>Upcoming events: FinRA will send three new leaders to the ILA, IDEC, FELA Leadership seminar in Riga in January.</p> <p>On 9th March there will be a gala dinner for members and friends in Tampere. We hope to keep the price very reasonable, so that we can each pay our own way. DEd Sirpa Eskelä-Haapanen is invited dinner speaker. We will celebrate FinRA’s 50 years. Everyone reading these lines is invited.</p> <p>In addition professional events in celebration of 50 years of literacy leadership is planned.</p> <p>Under the leadership of new Board member Miina Orell and vice-chairperson Heli Ketovuori FinRA’s well received Publication with teachers’ screening material for elementary and secondary schools is under renewal.</p>	
<p>Submitted by Ann-Sofie Selin, FinRA chairperson</p>	