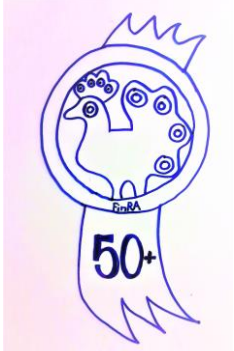



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<p>FinRA ry % Selin, Västerlånggatan 26 C 74, FI-20100 Turku/Åbo, Finland finrainfo/at/gmail.com http://finnishreadingassociationenglish.blogspot.fi/ Finnish Reading Association is on Facebook</p> <p>Chairperson: Ann-Sofie Selin Vice-chairperson: Heli Ketovuori FinRA is in its 51st year as a professional organisation.</p>	
<p>Date: July 2019</p>	
<p>FinRA, Finnish Reading Association, reg. assn., 51 years 2019 FinRA, previously Klinikkaopetus 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 basis. The association is bilingual (Fin/Swe), in practice most of the activities are in Finnish. The journal <i>Kielikukko</i> is published 4 times per year. On regular basis <i>Kielikukko</i> is uploaded on the FinRA website with a delay of two issues. In most issues there are also articles in Swedish or English besides Finnish. The websites are published in Finnish, Swedish and English.</p>	
<p>Recent activities: Bookmarks and posters are back! In the midst of the digital and paperfree communication potential new colleagues and members-to-be appreciate the lively FinRA rooster and basic information on a FinRA bookmark. The artwork is by Susan Johnsson.</p> <p>Professor Pekka Niemi was inducted Reading Hall of Fame member in 2018 as the second person from a Nordic country among a good dozens of other Europeans. The Reading Hall of Fame has about 140 living members. He has also received the International Reading Association's International Citation of Merit in 2004. FinRA congratulates its longtime member and supporter.</p>	
<p>Upcoming events: FinRA will participate in the project Searching for a Common Language initiated by EstRA. We are looking at how to respond properly and adequately to the needs of diverse student and learner populations. The challenge is wider than the language learning and access to quality education. It involves communication and social inclusion. As a preparatory work for the sharing the situation and options in education for students with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds will be mapped, experience exchanged and best practice from different sectors gathered in the participating countries. We will report at the 4th Baltic Sea Conference on Literacy "Searching for a Common Language" taking place 16-21 January, 2020 in Tallinn, Estonia. FinRA promotes the Conference on Facebook, in <i>Kielikukko</i> journal and on http://finnishreadingassociationenglish.blogspot.fi/</p> <p>The process to present the ABC-Rooster Award on International Literacy Day 8 September is nearly there! The first Award was presented in 1981.</p>	
<p>Submitted by Chairperson Ann-Sofie Selin on behalf of the FinRA Board</p>	