



# Nordic News

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## Wednesday, March 11: Retaining and Promoting Heritage Languages in an English-Dominant Environment

This event will be in the form of a panel discussion, with Dr. Ian MacKay of the University of Ottawa serving as moderator.



*Dr. Ian MacKay*

Constantine Ioannou (below) of the Ottawa-Carleton Education Network will give an overview on the importance of maintaining heritage languages while learning additional ones and promoting these ideas within schools and communities. He will reflect on his experience with language learning from both personal and professional perspectives, drawing upon his thirty years of involvement in the International Languages Program of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.



CNS Council member Dr. Kristin Udjus Teitelbaum will speak about her personal experience in promoting Norwegian in her family context.



*Dr. Kristin Udjus Teitelbaum*

Ingela Strömberg is a devoted Swede in spite of her 45 years in Canada. Her perspective comes from her taking the initiative in 2008 to found the Swedish Language School in Ottawa, where her two grandsons attended the program every Saturday morning during the school year until reaching age 13.



*Ingela Strömberg*

This event will take place at 7:30 PM at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West. Free for CNS members, \$5 for non-members.

## Kone Elevator Company Talk by Laura Kehusmaa

Laura Kehusmaa is a Branch Co-ordinator of Kone, and her talk was called “Kone - a leading company in people flow.” In her talk on February 19, she covered a lot of material about the company, impressing us with the history of the company, its global reach, the intricacies of developing their devices (elevators, escalators, autowalks, and others) to move people around safely, conveniently, and reliably, and the company’s constant innovations.

Kone, which is Finnish for “machine,” was founded in Finland in 1910 as a general mechanics company and has grown to become one of the top four elevator companies in the world. It built its first escalator for Helsinki’s Stockmann Department Store in 1928, which was such an innovation at the time that the company adopted a logo that represents a graphic of an escalator. Finland’s parliament building has an elevator in the “pater noster” design (see example below), installed by Kone in 1931. It features a series of doorless elevator cars that move constantly in the same direction so people “hop in and hop out” as a car comes along. The design is called “pater noster” due to its movement resembling the use of prayer beads.



Kone now has operations in more than 60 countries worldwide and its equipment moves over 1 billion people every day. A large portion of its recent installations have been in China, while the maintenance side of the business remains greater in Europe, where existing installations are ageing.

Megatrends affecting the industry include the rapid urbanization of populations (200,000 people move to a city daily), disruptions due to new technologies, the shortening of building life cycles, and the increasing trend to convert buildings from one purpose to another.

When planning an installation, Kone thoroughly researches where people are going, how they are getting there, and what they do when they arrive. Kone need to know these paths to improve flow, avoid bottlenecks and make things easier and safer. Safety is paramount and this also applies for their elevator mechanics, whose job can be very dangerous.

Recent innovations in their business include their partnership with IBM on artificial intelligence. Another is the disappearance of the separate machine room, whose functions have been replaced by an attachment to the elevator car itself. With the advent of the construction of buildings in phases, floor by floor as units are sold, has come the invention of “jump-lift” elevators, which can be extended as needed. “Double decker” elevators, in which two cars are placed on top of each other, are another recent innovation.

Laura also gave us an overview of the elevator business in Canada, which faces the challenges of dealing with long distances and severe weather conditions. New challenges include the need for flexible solutions in the increasing amount of housing for seniors.

A surprising number (to me anyway) of questions people had for Laura focused on elevator entrapment. Laura advised relying on the elevator telephone to get help and using it to get as much information as you need to avoid panicking.

Laura Kehusmaa came to us highly recommended as an excellent speaker by CNS member Tuula Bigras. Those of us who attended her talk are in complete agreement with Tuula. Laura is extremely knowledgeable on this subject and delivered a very enjoyable presentation. In the photo below, she holds the “coveted” CNS mug from CNS Secretary Astrid Ahlgren.



## Other Events of Interest

- Carleton University's "Learning in Retirement" series this spring includes a lecture series called "**A Brief History of Scandinavia**" by Dr. Marcel Jesenský, from **March 10 to April 14**. Note that it is described as "a broad overview, ... intended for participants who have little prior knowledge of Scandinavia and none of its languages." It is likely not of interest to most CNS members themselves, but may be of interest to their friends or relatives who are curious about Scandinavia's "history, traditions, politics, society, and culture." For more information, please go to: <https://carleton.ca/linr/early-spring-2020-session/#scandinavia>
- The play "Copenhagen" will be performed at the National Arts Centre from **March 25 to April 5**. "The Tony Award-winning Copenhagen is an explosive re-imagining of the mysterious wartime meeting between two scientists to discuss the atomic bomb. It is 1941. Nations race to perfect The Bomb, and two Nobel Laureates meet in occupied Denmark for a conversation that will change the course of history. German physicist Werner Heisenberg and his Danish counterpart, Niels Bohr, had revolutionized atomic science in the 1920s, but now they were on opposite sides of a world war. Critically-acclaimed since its premiere, Michael Frayn's riveting drama puts you in the heart of one of the greatest moral dilemmas of the 20th century." For more information and to order tickets, please go to: <https://nac-cna.ca/en/event/21574>

### **"Accomplished Finnish-Canadians / Ansioituneita kanadansuomalaisia" by Veli Niinimaa**

CNS members may be interested in this book by Finnish Canadian Veli Niinimaa. According to its marketing brochure:

This book celebrates Finland's 100 years of Independence and Canada's 150 years of Confederation by highlighting the achievements of Finnish-Canadians during the last century. It profiles over 900 outstanding persons, artists, musicians, organizations, businesses, community projects, sacrifices and unique achievements. It covers first the various communication methods used by Finnish-Canadians, followed by sports and music. Next, art is divided into performing, 2D and 3D visual arts. It is followed by chapters on national and local organizations. The exceptional Finns are recognized in chapters on "movers and shakers", outstanding careers and entrepreneurs. The last chapters recount community projects, unique accomplishments, and finally, the sacrifices made by Finnish-Canadians for Canada. The appendixes contain a chronology of major events, academics, award recipients, summer festival locations, champion athletes, census 1901-2016, newspapers and magazines, and reference books."

CNS member Martti Lahtinen has copies available to sell on behalf of the author and will bring them to our Distinguished Speaker Events, or you may order it from the author using the order form on page 7.

## Hurtigruten's New Green Technology

CNS member Kari Rogstad was visiting British Columbia last summer when she had a chance to check out Hurtigruten's new ship, the *MS Roald Amundsen*. It is the world's first hybrid-powered expedition ship. She was very impressed by what she saw.



*MS Roald Amundsen*

Hurtigruten is Norway's "Express Route," transporting passengers and some cargo along its coast, with 34 ports of call on its northward journey and 33 on its way back. If you want to experience Norway's world-famous fjords, a trip by Hurtigruten is an excellent way to do it. Hurtigruten came into existence in 1893 by government contract as a way to improve communications along Norway's long, rugged coastline. Most ports north of Trondheim could not be reached by road at that time (and this was the case up until 1940), so the sea was the only means of access. Mail could take weeks to arrive in summer and months in winter before the advent of Hurtigruten.

According to the website about the new ship's technology (<https://www.hurtigruten.com/our-ships/green-pioneer/#/portside>):

The cutting-edge hybrid system consists of large battery packs that compensate for spinning reserve and aid in peak shaving. The extra electric power allows the engines to function at optimal levels, which in turn lowers fuel usage and CO2 emissions substantially. The ship also has the option to run just on battery power for limited periods of time. That means no fuel spent and zero emissions.

As an expedition ship, the *MS Roald Amundsen* travels up north and also down to Antarctica. Additional ships with the same green technology are now under construction for Hurtigruten.

Thank you Kari for suggesting this topic for *Nordic News*!



## Accomplished Finnish-Canadians

Ansioituneita Kanadan suomalaisia



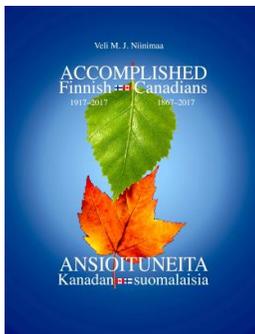
This book celebrates Finland's 100 years of Independence and Canada's 150 years of Confederation by highlighting the achievements of Finnish-Canadians during the last century. It profiles over 900 outstanding persons, artists, musicians, organizations, businesses, community projects, sacrifices and unique achievements. The soft cover book with 192 letter-size pages is full of Finnish-Canadian success stories. There are about 70 B/W photos and logos in the book. The majority of photos in this hybrid book are accessible in colour and full size on **Google Drive**, with the link available to the readers on page iii of the book. Photographs will be updated occasionally as more of them become available.

So, what does this book contain? It covers first the various communication methods used by Finnish-Canadians, followed by sports and music. Next, art is divided into performing, 2D and 3D visual arts. It is followed by chapters on national and local organizations. The exceptional Finns are recognized in chapters on "movers and shakers", outstanding careers and entrepreneurs. The last chapters recount community projects, unique accomplishments, and finally, the sacrifices made by Finnish-Canadians for Canada. The appendixes contain a chronology of major events, academics, award recipients, summer festival locations, champion athletes, census 1901-2016, newspapers and magazines, and reference books.

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And the CNS has its own, very active, [Facebook](#) page.

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