

The Modeling event in Finland : Nordic Challenge 14.-15.10.2017

Nordic Challenge 2017 (NC) is a two day event including competitions, presentations and workshops. It is for all kinds of models like airplanes, tanks, dioramas, cars, figures, boats, scifi just to mention a few. This years special themes are *Finland 100 years*, *Civil subjects* and *1970s*. **Simon Owen**, Lead Researcher, from **Airfix** will keep an interesting presentation: *Scaling Down Reality; a lecture on how the kits are developed, the history of Airfix and the lengths taken to try and ensure accuracy*. In addition to the Best of the Show prize we can already announce special prizes for **Best Airfix models**, **Best Finnish Civil Airplanes**, **Best Finnish Airforce BF 109G** and more to come. There will be also special prizes for the **Best non airplane Civil Models**.

NC will be arranged by two associations: **Suomen pienoismallirakentajat (SuPi)** and **IPMS Finland**. There will be two competitions: Nordic Challenge and IPMS Open. We are expecting more that 100 modelers from several countries and over 500 models. **NC** is part of **Suuri Snadi** -event (<http://suurinsnadi.fi/>), which brings together hobbyists and people interested in models, model railroads, dolls, dollhouses, miniature building and vintage toys. Last year there were over **3000 visitors**.

Competition classes are standard and will be released before the registration will be opened. There will be two junior classes: **Children** for 12 years and younger and **Junior** for 13-17 years old. As this year is the centenary of Finland's independence there will be special prizes for models representing Finnish subjects. In the **1970s** class models can be any scale, diorama or figure. The main judging criteria is how well they represents the 1970s spirit. In the **Area 51 class** there are no scale limitations and there is only two rules: you have made the model yourself and it is from the new category for you, something that you have never done before. There will be no judging in **Area 51**, but there will be a lottery with several prizes in this class. You can also bring your model to exhibition without participating in the competition. There is a specific **Display Only** class.

Advance registration facility for competition models, Area 51 and Display Only is now open here:

<https://www.ipms.fi/nordic-challenge-2017>

Last day to register in advance will be 8th of October.

Please register your models in advance to avoid the queues. Notice! Only modelers registered in advance will get the free entrance to the Suuri Snadi event.

When to bring your models to the event? You can bring them on **Friday 13.10. from 17:00 to 20:00** and **Saturday 14.10. from 9:00 to 12:00**.

When to pick up you models? You can pick them up on **Sunday 15.10. from 16:30 onwards**.

Registration fee is 5€/modeler and will be collected at the show.

Additional information can be found from the following links:

<http://www.pienoismallit.net/tapahtumat/2017/nordic-challenge/>;

<https://www.facebook.com/NordicChallenge/?fref=ts>;

<http://www.ipms.fi/>

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