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## **The Finnish AIJA Party - November 10<sup>th</sup> 2007**

The Finnish AIJA Party was organized in the beginning of last November in Helsinki. All Finnish members and also some former active members were invited to the party. Twenty-five people showed up to wine and dine and to enjoy the cozy atmosphere.

The party was thought to be in order, because there were several things to celebrate regarding the Finns and AIJA in 2007. Good excuses included *inter alia*: the first Finn ever (Deputy Treasurer Pauliina Tenhunen) had been appointed to the Bureau; two new Finns had been elected to the Executive Committee; new presidents and vice-presidents (Finns!) had been appointed to run several commissions; and there was also the change of the national representative of Finland (which actually took place already a year ago but we forgot to celebrate it then).

When I first started my AIJA activities a few years ago it was the AIJA spirit I had experienced in the seminars and conferences that got me hooked. It has been great to see that the exceptional AIJA spirit really continues on a national level as well, and it is continuously shown at occasions like the party in November.

After drinking toasts to the people who we had gathered to celebrate (being pretty much half of the people there) and the dinner in the candle light, it all ended with a discussion on the possibilities to organize a seminar in the Finnish Lapland, including saunas, sledge rides and ice swimming... I hope it will be realized one day, because then you all would get to experience the Finnish spirit combined with that of the AIJA!

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