

UNIVERSITY OF VAASA

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Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of The University of Vaasa, I am delighted to extend a hearty greeting to all of you attending the ISO Technical Committee 37 Meeting here in Vaasa this week. This is already the second week we have international guests in our university. Last week we had about 200 participants in the 6th European Symposium on LSP. As far as I know this was a conference having a lot common with that work you have done during the last four days.

I am glad that you have chosen Vaasa and our university as the place for organizing your meeting. You have already become, at least to some extent, familiar with our university. Maybe it is still worth with a couple of words to describe what our university is like and what we are doing here.

Among the 17 universities in Finland, The University of Vaasa is one of the youngest and smallest. The university was founded 19 years ago as a private business school. Its name was Vaasa School of Economics and Business Administration. In 1977 the school was taken over by the state. In 1980 the scope on instruction and research of the institution was expanded when The School of Modern Languages was founded. At the same time, the name of the school was changed to University of Vaasa. In 1983 the university got its third school, The School of Social Sciences, when a M.A. programme in administrative sciences started. We hope that in one or two years we can start also technical education in our unviersity.

Besides the scientific institutes the university has 4 separate institutes: The Library, The Computer Centre, The Western Finland Centre for Economic Research and The Centre for Continuing Education. The total number of our students is about 1800, the annual intake being about 350. The number of fulltime staff is about 200, of which about 120 belong to the teaching personnel.

Dear participants in the ISO TC 37 meeting. You have had a week full of work here in Vaasa. Today it is time for conclusions, terminological rules and suggestions. I hope that you have enjoyed your stay in Vaasa and our university. I also wish you a nice travel back to your homes. Thank you for visiting University of Vaasa.