

# ALUMNIKIRJE

TAMPEREEN TUOTANTOTALOUDEN ALUMNI



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# Greetings from the Alumni Board

Hello Alumni,

The Alumni Board has been elected again at the beginning of the year and this time we are a group of eight people. Our new Board is very young on average and alumni activities may experience a little bit of a new wind this year. The aim for the coming year is to bring together old and young and to serve every member of the alumni register. For this reason, we would like you to submit your own wishes for the future!

We have decided to spread the budget for events more evenly this year and thus make alumni activities more varied! The planning of the Wappubool is well underway and we will be able to organise it again this year. More on that later in this letter. The alumni tent will also be on display at the teekkari dipping on Wappu. After that, plans are underway to implement an alumni cottage on a smaller budget and a new unique event will be created in the autumn. In addition, small events such as after-parties will be held. For each event, we will inform the alumni well in advance with a targeted approach.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful start to 2024 and hope to see you at as many alumni events as possible during the year!

Riikka Alatakkari & Annika Hiipakka  
Chairpersons, Alumni Board 2024



Photo: Juho Nuottimäki, Nuutti Nissinen

## Word from the Alumni officer

Hi everyone!

I'm the new Alumni officer for the guild, and as usual, I'm collaborating with the Alumni Board to organize events and, among other things, create these Alumni Letters. Our goal for the year is to engage our alumni, for example through guest lectures. I hope you feel comfortable giving us tips and feedback on our activities ([indecs-alumnihallitus@lists.tuni.fi](mailto:indecs-alumnihallitus@lists.tuni.fi) or the Feedback form). Looking forward to seeing you at future events!

Juho Puoliväli, Alumni officer 2024





# News from the Guild

Greetings to everyone!

It is a new year and It's time for a breath of fresh air as the board is filled with new and enthusiastic contributors. The board transitions have been completed, MegaSki slopes skied, and the Tutanic cruise organized, launching the 2024 board term with plenty of events to enjoy. However, the momentum won't stop here, as there are extremely interesting and fun projects ahead for the guild which also require effort of all the members.

After wrapping up the big events of January, it's time to move on to the next projects, which this year means establishing committees. The Indecs-2024 plan, orchestrated by my distant predecessor, is in its last year of term, and it's time to see where the winds are blowing in the future for our guild with the creation of Indecs-2028 committee and plan. However, old plans, events, mishaps, and achievements won't be forgotten, and to ensure this, and due to the lack of previous history of Indecs, we are starting the creation of the Indecs 40th-anniversary history. Now is a good time to recall the stories of the past, as the committee established for the history will be in touch! Finally, we continue the development of preservation of Indecs' assets in the hands of the investment committee, as an investment plan is created for better usage of the guild's funds.

The biggest news from last year, the premises project, continues to progress steadily as the rental operations have been stabilized. Next, we will explore sponsorship opportunities for the premises and the community's own rules for usage. To manage the space on a permanent basis, a premises responsible Aava was appointed to the board with a premises officer as her right hand.

The year of 2024 appears to come with many changes as the unit if IEM is moving to Tietotalo from Konetalo later this spring and two new IEM guilds are expected to be created in Lahti and Turku during the year. Also, the renovation of Sähkötalo is coming closer.

Oh, almost forgot that the Konehuone's Sääsbar was also relaunched at the start of the year as Street food so unfortunately no more "Keittopäivä". Luckily the change was otherwise an improvement, at least from my perspective.

Sincerely,

Chair of the Board  
Otto Tikkala





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# Greetings from the IEM unit

Greetings and a happy new year 2024 from the unit!

My name is Tuomas Ahola, and I have now started as the new head of unit. My background is very much IEM-focused. I began my M.Sc studies in 1997 in Helsinki University of Technology in Otaniemi. After graduating in 2003 in continued onwards with doctoral studies which I completed in 2009. Then, after being a postdoctoral researcher for a few years at Aalto University and a part time adjunct professor in Norwegian University of Science and Technology, I started as an assistant professor at Tampere University of Technology in 2016.

I have now worked at the Tampere IEM unit for a bit more than eight years, being involved in many things such as researching and teaching project business related topics, and instructing M.Sc. theses. For several years I was also responsible for the Finnish part of our M.Sc programme.

I have started this year in positive spirit as my view is that the IEM unit of Tampere University is in very good shape. We have a very strong portfolio of courses that are generally highly rated by our students. Furthermore, these courses are very heterogeneous regarding the teaching and learning methods, which I strongly believe to be critically important for learning. Starting in fall 2024 we are also introducing a new major focusing on the management of risks and safety. And yes, we are the only IEM unit in Finland to offer specialization in this important area.

In addition to the courses we offer, we also have a dedicated, motivated, and capable team of IEM professionals organized in five research groups. Our team is also expected to soon grow with a one more tenure track professor (assistant or associate level) very soon. So I am happy to conclude that my predecessor prof. Jussi Heikkilä ended his watch as the unit head with the unit in a very good shape! Jussi is now enjoying a well-deserved cruise somewhere in the Caribbean seas, away from the distractions of work-related emails.

While the faculty is facing a somewhat difficult situation in terms of its finances, I am confident that we will be able to overcome any bumps on the road that we encounter.

Year 2024 and beyond are looking great for Tampere IEM!

Tuomas Ahola, professor & head of IEM Unit  
Tampere University



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# The next event for Alumni: Wappubooli 26.4.2024

Welcome to the 17th Alumni Wappubooli!

This year's event will take place in Helsinki, on Friday 26.4. at 17.30.

This time, the Wappubooli will be hosted by EY - and they welcome all Tampere's IEM Alumni to enjoy in good company and meet other alumni!

Schedule for the evening:

- 17.30 Doors open
- 18.00 The event starts
- ~21.30 After Party

Agenda:

- Cocktail event
- Speeches
- Dinner
- Free mingling

Registration for the Wappubooli is now open and closes on Friday 7 April at 23:59.  
There are limited amount of spots for participants to this event so act fast!

We will continue the evening in Helsinki city center, more details will be informed later!

Welcome!

**What:** Alumni Wappubooli 2024

**When:** 26.4. from 17.30.

**Where:** EY - Korkeavuorenkatu 32-34, 00130 Helsinki

**Host company:** ey.com

**Registration link:** [https://www.lyyti.in/alumni\\_wappubooli\\_2024](https://www.lyyti.in/alumni_wappubooli_2024)



# Alumni Board 2024



Riikka Alatakkari  
Chair of the Board



Anniina Morelius



Annika Hiipakka  
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# The Alumni of Tampere Industrial Engineering and Management

## History of Indecs Alumni

In the fabric of Tampere University of Technology, the Industrial Engineering and Management guild, Indecs, stands out as the community created 1996 for the students of Industrial Engineering and Management. This essay charts the journey of what was originally called Indecs Alumni, today The Alumni of Tampere Industrial Engineering and Management, from its conceptualization in early 2000s detailing the motivations, challenges, and triumphs that have shaped its narrative.

### **Identifying the Need for Indecs Network (Early 2000s)**

At the dawn of the new millennium, a pressing need emerged within the young guild's board: how to bolster the guild's not-so-strong financial foundation and secure a sustainable future. In 2001 Mikko Koho (chair of the board) and Anssi Rusi (in a board role called "old guru") visited annual galas held at Helsinki University of Technology and Turku School of Economics. Inspired by what they experienced and witnessed, a solution crystallised in the form of Indecs Network, a corporate partnership platform envisioned to foster robust ties between the guild and the industry.

But how to reach out to the companies and what would be their motivation to support the guild? The answer? The guild's ex-students, who, having once graduated and then navigated the corridors of corporate leadership, were in pivotal positions to advocate for and sponsor the guild. However, a significant hurdle loomed – these ex-students, once members of the guild's vibrant life, were disconnected with their alma mater after graduation.

### **Bridging the Gap with Indecs Alumni (2002)**

In response to the burgeoning need to reconnect graduates students with the guild and with the university, the idea of Indecs Alumni was conceived. The community was envisioned not merely as a conduit for nostalgia but as a platform for ongoing engagement, professional development, and mutual support. Anssi Rusi became the guild's first Alumni Officer pushing forward the first initiatives of founding the alumni and advocating for a structure that would ensure the continuity and vibrancy of alumni activities. The aim was straightforward yet ambitious: 1) draw the alumni closer to their roots at the university and the guild, 2) create a platform for people to meet their study time friends in the spirit of old days, and in doing so, 3) cultivate a richer and supportive network for the corporate partnership platform Indecs Network.



## The Mechanism of Reconnection (2002)

With the conceptual foundation laid, the focus shifted to the operational challenges – how to populate Indecs Alumni and create a system which would encourage and incentivize graduated students to join the alumni.

The faculty of Industrial Management and Engineering had a need to execute a post-graduation survey for the graduated students. Anssi Rusi was a student representative in the faculty's council and saw this as an opportunity for mutual collaboration.

The university had a database of recent graduates. With the support from the faculty, this database's contact information was updated (image 1) and it served as the initial touchpoint.

Image 1. Permission to get updated contact information of all people who had studied either Industrial Management (pre-1996) or Industrial Engineering and Management (1996 forward)

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### HAKEMUS TUOTANTOTALOUDEN ENTISTEN OPISKELIJOIDEN YHTEYSTIETOJEN PÄIVITYSTÄ VARTEN

#### 1. Tausta

Tuotantotalouden osasto perustaa entisistä opiskelijoistaan koostuvan alumnin ja tarvitsee perustamista varten päivitetty yhteystiedot.

#### 2. Tietolupahakemus

Hakemuksen tarkoituksena on myös anoa väestötietolain (507/1993) mukaista tietolupaa yhteystietojen päivitystä varten.

Esko Kirjalaisen ja Anssi Rusin välisen sähköpostikeskustelun perusteella tietolupahakemus voi olla vapaamuotoinen ja siitä tulee selvittää käyttötarkoitus, poimintaperusteet ja toivotto toimitustapa.

Tuotantotalouden osasto haluaa päivitetty osoitetiedot, jotta voi lähettää entisille opiskelijoilleen postin välityksellä tietoa alumnista. Tuotantotalouden osasto toimittaa sähköisessä muodossa (Microsoft Excel-taulukko) vanhat henkilötiedot (etunimet, sukunimi, syntymäaika) Väestötietokeskuksen ilmoittamaan sähköpostiin ja toivoo saavansa päivitetty tiedot samassa formaatissa osoitteeseen [anssi.rusi@tut.fi](mailto:anssi.rusi@tut.fi).

#### 3. Laskutus

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Tampereella 15.5.2002

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Professori Markku Pirjetä  
Tuotantotalouden osastonjohtaja

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Anssi Rusi  
Tuotantotalouden kilta Indecsin alumnivastaava

With the collaboration of the faculty, a post-graduation survey was sent for the graduated students with an invitation to join the alumni (image 2).

The alumni's name was changed from Indecs Alumni to The Alumni of Tampere Industrial Engineering and Management as it was seen that graduated students had a stronger connection to what they had studied instead of the name of the guild.

Also for those on the cusp of graduation, alumni information became an integral part of the department's materials given for every student, encouraging them to join right away upon graduation.

This approach laid the groundwork for the Alumni Registry version 1.0, an up-to-date database of alumni contacts (image 3) consisting of previously graduated students and continuous flow of new ones. Also Indecs Network had at this point developed forward and had its own space in the guild's home page.

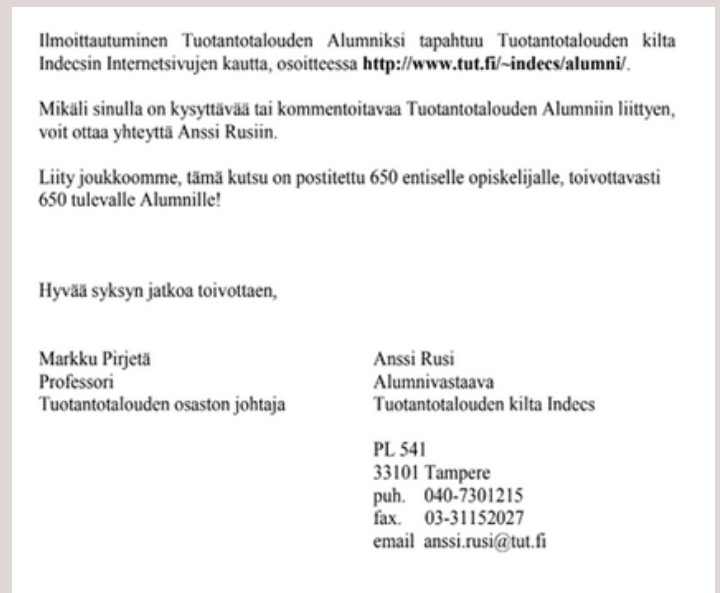
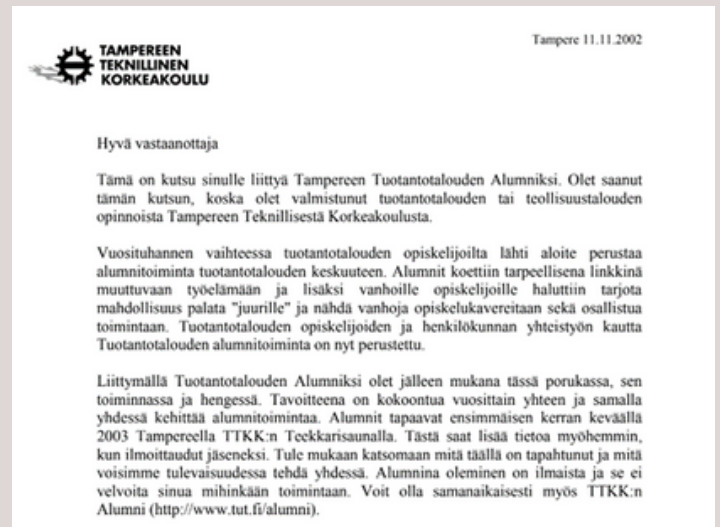


Image 2. Letter of invitation to join the Alumni



Image 3. Alumni Registry 1.0

## **Governance and Continuity (Mid-2000s Onwards)**

After the first steps of the alumni had taken place, Anssi Rusi, now having led the alumni three years in a row and getting closer to graduate himself, felt too much was dependent on one person and a more structured approach to improved governance and continuity was needed. The Alumni Board emerged as an idea of balanced representation, comprising members from Indecs, the faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management, and the alumni itself. This cross-sectional composition ensured a diversity of perspectives, guiding the association's activities and strategic direction. The board's mandate was clear: orchestrate events, drive continuous development, and maintain the integrity of information and systems.

## **Fostering Engagement Through Events (Mid-2000s Onwards)**

The heart of the alumni's activities has always been its events, designed to rekindle the spirit of student days and facilitate professional networking. From the inaugural autumn event at TeekkariSauna in 2003 to the iconic Wappubooli in Helsinki in 2006, the association curated experiences that resonated deeply with the alumni. These gatherings weren't mere reunions; they were a celebration of shared memories, a platform for forging new connections, and an opportunity to stay attuned to the pulse of the guild and what is going on at the university. While cherishing these traditions that have stood the test of time, the alumni board has remained committed to exploring innovative ways to engage, connect, and evolve. Throughout the years we have experienced this with the launch of alumni newsletter, increased amount of new events and activities, and increased presence in different social media channels.

## **The Path Forward (Present and Beyond)**

Today, the alumni stands at a pivotal juncture, celebrating two decades of success, the journey is far from over. The alumni embrace the future, striving not just to maintain but to enrich the legacy it has inherited. The vision is clear – to grow an active, inclusive community that transcends graduation years and harnesses the power of collective experience and wisdom.

**Text and pictures by:**

### **Anssi Rusi**

The picture (on the right) was taken at Alumni's 20th Annual Gala, where Anssi presented the history of Alumni.



Photo: Aleksi Vähäpassi



# Alumni Wapputent 1.5.

It's time to see when new teekkaris say goodbye to their fuksi titles. You can join other alumni to follow the event. Welcome to enjoy the beautiful weather and good company. You can find us in Koskipuisto on 1.5. from about 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., exact location will be announced later in the Telegram group. The Alumni Wapputent is organized by the Alumni Board.

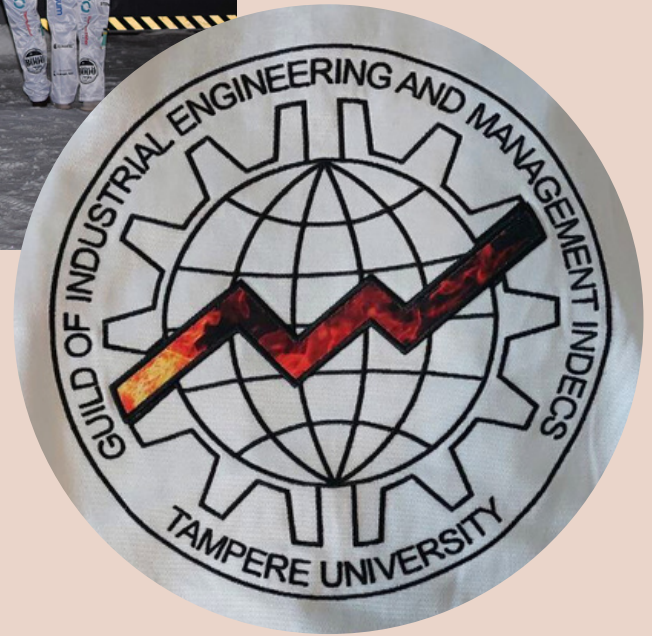


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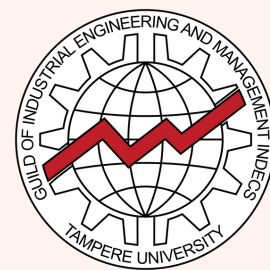


FUKSIS GOT THEIR OVERALLS, THE 2024 FUKSIS' OVERALLS HAVE FLAME ON THEIR CURVE.



THE AUTUMN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTED A NEW BOARD 2024

# Indecs Board 2024



Chair of the Board	Otto Tikkala
Secretary	Josefiina Saukko
Treasurer	Katja Keitaanranta
Responsible for Premises	Aava Mattila
Corporate Relations Responsible	Jere Kaikkonen
Teekkari Responsible	Tuomas Tyynelä
Event Responsible	Nea Airaksinen
Fuksi Captain	Elena Mäki
Kolmio Party Responsible	Petrus Seppälä
International Affairs Responsible	Tomi Suomi
Academic Affairs Responsible	Lauri Kohvakka

## Year 2024 for Alumni

The annual Alumni Calendar will continue to be a permanent feature of the Alumni newsletter and we have already received more specific dates for some events. Any changes to the calendar will always be announced separately.

<b>February</b>	1st Alumni Letter
<b>April</b>	Alumni Wappubooli 26.4.
<b>May</b>	Alumni Wapputent 1.5.
<b>June</b>	2nd Alumni Letter
<b>September</b>	Alumni's Cottage
<b>October</b>	3rd Alumni Letter
<b>November</b>	Alumni Event

In addition to these, every year we try to organise smaller alumni events at shorter notice, which are communicated in the alumni Facebook, Telegram and LinkedIn groups.