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TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY FINLAND

Supporting Humane Technology

- Supports scientific research and innovation which are based on humane values and have a positive impact on quality of life
- Promotes Finland as a high-tech country by strengthening and bringing together domestic and international networks and thus pursues to improve Finland's competitiveness
- Awards the Millennium Technology Prize and grants other rewards and scholarships
- Demystifies technology and actively participates in public discussion about its significance
- With youth activities, encourages children and teenagers to study natural sciences, mathematics and technology and helps young people start a career in these fields
- TAF's actions reflect the principles of social corporate responsibility

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INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Forum for Finland's Leading Companies

- The Industry Council (IC) is Technology Academy Finland's (TAF) prestigious and essential cooperation forum
- Our shared mission is to improve Finland's competitiveness by means of innovativeness, to broaden the understanding and acceptance of technology and to encourage young people to study natural sciences, mathematics and technology
- Consists of TAF's corporate members
- Promotes life-enhancing development of technology, scientific research and corporate activity by bringing companies, governmental organisations and the academic world together
- Organises events and discussion forums where the focus is on current issues

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PRODUCTIVITY FORUM

- Focus on different perspectives of productivity and production efficiency in post-industrial societies
 - Manufacturing and production in high-cost countries
 - Sustainable production
 - Ageing workforce
- Questions:
 - What are the future opportunities for the Finnish industry?
 - How to optimally manage resources from production to services?
 - Where and what are the opportunities of global sourcing and subcontracting?
 - How can innovation improve productivity?
 - What can be done to solve unemployment in welfare states?
 - How do factories of the future work?
 - What is a Manufacturing Hotel and how does it work?