

Program Guide

ICECON 2024

FURÐUSAGNAHÁTIÐ

May 24 – 26, 2024

Veröld, Hús Vigdísar

Reykjavík

<https://icecon-reykjavik.is/>

Welcome to IceCon '24 - Furðusagnahátíð!

Crew/Staff: wear a pink or purple t-shirt with the IceCon logo visible as well as a badge with the ISS IceCon shuttle. If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact one of us and we will help you to the best of our ability.

Program changes: will be announced on our website <https://icecon-reykjavik.is/> as well as on our social media sites (Instagram and Facebook) as well as on the notice board next to the auditorium.

Opening hours:

Please note that the convention starts at Stúdentakjallarinn for the opening ceremony and meet and greet.

Member badges will be handed out at the Meet and Greet (Friday, 18:00) or at Veröld, Hús Vigdísar, at any time during the convention.

	Veröld, Hús Vigdísar	Stúdentakjallarinn	Spilavinir game room	Dealer's row
Friday		11:00 – 01:00		
Saturday	10:30 – 18:15	11:00 – 01:00	12:00 - 17:00	12:00 - 17:00
Sunday	10:00 – 18:15	12:00 – 23:00	12:00 - 17:00	12:00 - 17:00

Café: Stúdentakjallarinn is our designated café. They offer a wide variety of sandwiches, burgers, salads and pizzas as well as coffees, teas, sodas and alcoholic beverages. IceCon '24 guests will receive a 10% discount on food from the menu during the convention.

Convention rules: All members are responsible for reading and being aware of the Code of Conduct, available at the IceCon website.

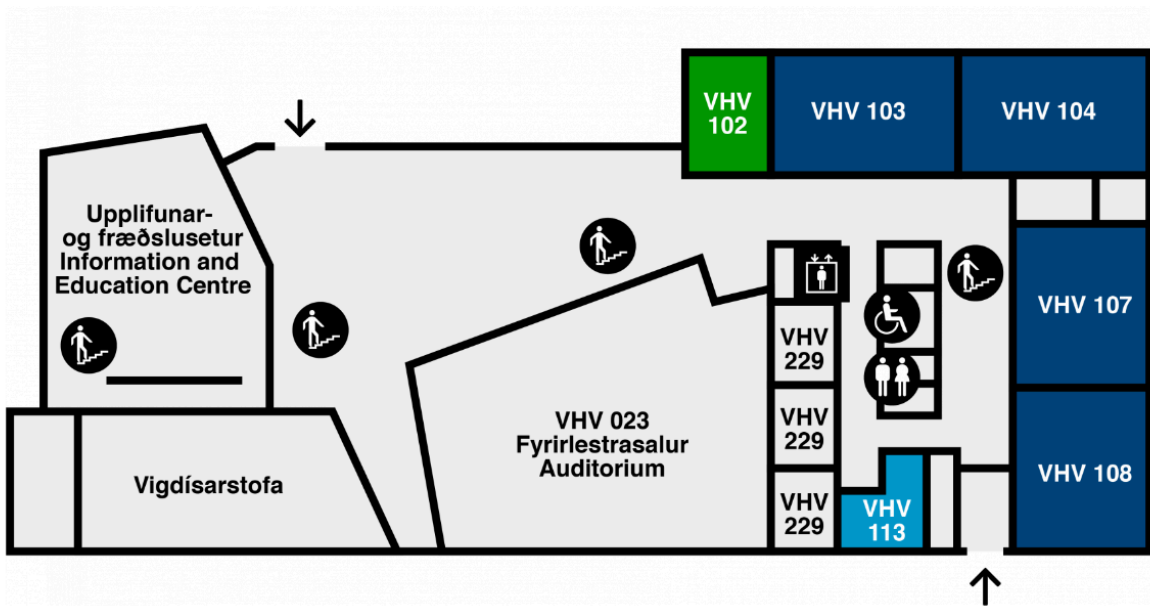
Your badge should always be visibly worn. It is proof of your membership and your right to attend panels and other program items.

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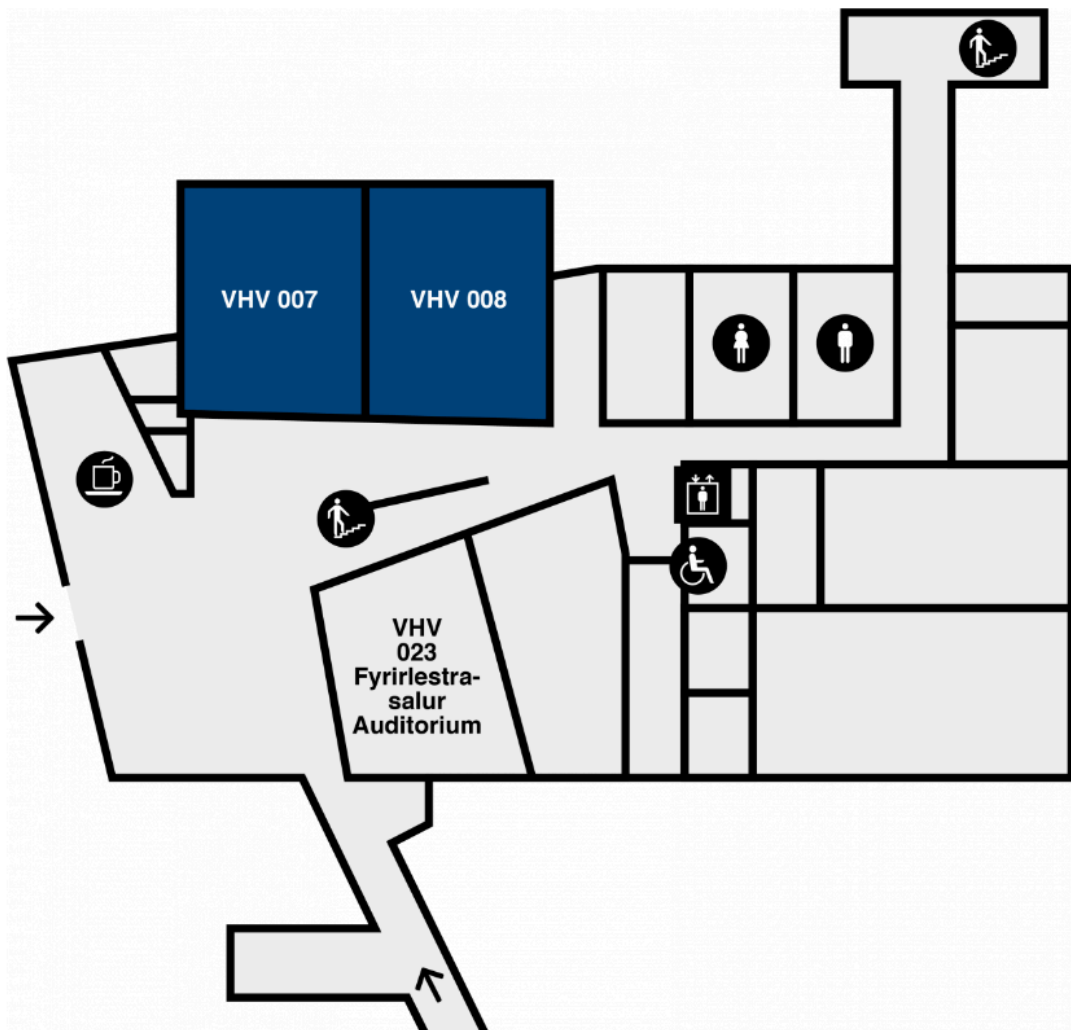
Access to Veröld's first floor is through the main entrance on the West side, in front of the parking lot. Access to the lower-ground floor is either from the first floor in Veröld or through the underground passage from Háskólatorg.

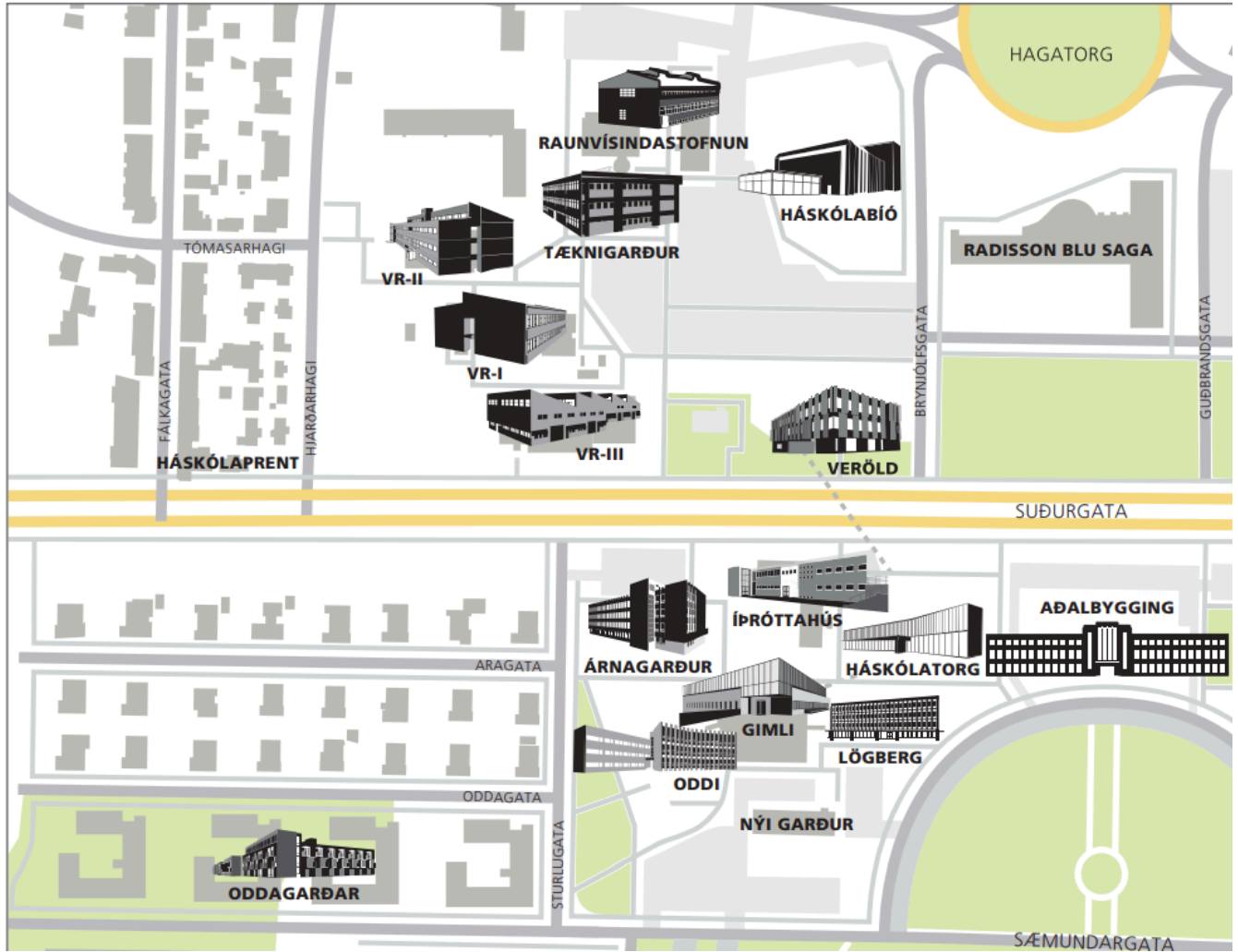
Most panels will take place in room VHV-023 the auditorium on the lower ground floor. Workshops and the gaming side track will take place in rooms VHV-007 and VHV-008, also on the lower ground floor.

First Floor



Lower ground floor





IceCon 2024: Programme

Program notes: Unless otherwise specified each program item is 45 minutes long. (m) designates moderator.

Friday 24th May

18:00: **Meet and greet.** Stúdentakjallarinn

Meet and greet to start the weekend. Guests can pick up their badges and say hello to each other, the con staff and our guests of honor. The guests of honor will read from their works.

Saturday, 25th May

10:10 - 11:00 **John Scalzi in conversation.** VHV-023. Elín Einarsdóttir (m)

Hugo and Locus award winner, John Scalzi talks to Elín Einarsdóttir.

11:00 - 12:00 **Trilogies: What are they good for?** VHV-023. Ingi Markússon, Hildur Knútsdóttir and Giti Chandra (m)

Ingi Markússon presents his trilogy in conversation with Hildur Knútsdóttir and Giti Chandra on genre, authorial practices, and isolation.

12:00 - 13:00: **Lunch**

We recommend going to Stúdentakjallarinn for some refreshments.

13:00 – 14:00 **Fantasy is History.** VHV-023. Ragnhildur Hólmgeirsdóttir (m), Kirsty Logan, Alexander Dan, Marianna Leikomaa and Guttormur Þorsteinsson

Fantasy as a genre has a special connection with our ideas, preoccupations, and prejudices about the past. It's like history - but you don't even have to pretend to have any sources! Or is it? are we always thinking about the

present when we write about the past? Can one be written in isolation, without the other?

14:00 – 15:00 Board games by Spilavinir. VHV-007 and VHV-008

In addition to demonstrations and board game sessions, Spilavinir, will host a special event with an emphasis on teaching board games. Join for the scheduled hour and drop by at any time during the convention to relax, move some meeples around and roll some dice.

14:00 – 15:00 Book signing. Café area in front of VHV-023

Our guests of honor welcome you to bring books to sign.

15:00 – 16:00 Emil Hjörvar in conversation. VHV-023. Einar Leif (m)

Icelandic fantasy author and one of IceCon's co-founder, Emil Hjörvar talks to Einar Leif.

16:00 – 17:00 We are the AI: Resistance is futile. VHV-023. Johan Jönsson (m), Carolina Gomez Lagerlöf, Ásta Gísladóttir, Fjalar Sigurðarson and Einar Leif.

We have questions! What is the main difference in AI in stories; past and present? AI in the present; how is it impacting us today and how might it impact the sci-fi of tomorrow? AI in the creative process: is it going to overtake us in creating content or can we perhaps utilize it? Can writers write in isolation now, without AI??

17:15 – 18:00 Coffee break and mystery event. Café area in front of VHV-023

Guests can enjoy a small break, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the mystery event.

19:30 – 23:00 Readings by Icelandic authors and pub quiz. Stúdentakjallarinn

After dinner Icelandic authors will read from their works before our famous pub-quiz. The pub-quiz starts at 20:00.

Sunday, 26th May

10:10 – 11:00 Writing horror fiction with Kirsty Logan. VHV-008

Join our guest of honor, Kirsty Logan, in exploring how to write supernatural and horror fiction. Participation in this event is limited to 35 people and requires signing up here: Registration via Google Forms on the IceCon website.

11:00 – 12:30 Icelandic writers walk.

Icelandic authors will take you for a stroll through downtown Reykjavík and tell you about how the city influenced their works and point out locations where their stories take place. Max 15 per walk, first come, first serve.

11:00 - 12:30 Stationary workshop hosted by Nakano. VHV-008

Do you enjoy stationary, fountain pens and everything handwritten? Our friends at Nakano will host a workshop where you will get to learn the ins and outs of journaling, fountain pens and stationary.

12:30 – 14:00 Sunday Lunch. Stúdentakjallarinn

Guests who purchased the Sunday lunch option can visit Stúdentakjallarinn for their lunch. Others guests are encouraged to join as well.

14:00 – 15:00 Kirsty Logan in conversation. VHV-023. Júlíus Á. Kaaber (m)

Scottish author and Lambda award winner, Kirsty Logan, talks to Júlíus Á. Kaaber.

15:00 – 16:00 Alien Shores - European Perspectives in Science Fiction, Fantasy and Fandom. VHV-023. Marianna Leikomaa (m), Véronique Favéro, Emil Hjörvar Petersen, Thomas Westeberg, Thomas Recktenwald and Hildur Knútsdóttir.

Embark on a voyage across the vast expanse of imagination as we explore the unique perspectives of European creators and fans in the realms of science fiction, fantasy, and fandom.

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Isolation: Roundtable discussion with Guests of Honor.** VHV-023.

Giti Chandra (m), Kirsty Logan, John Scalzi and Emil Hjørvar Petersen.

Are writers isolated geniuses in ivory towers or social animals scribbling in cafes? Do our gender, sexual, ethnic, social identities, not to speak of global pandemics isolate us? Here, not in isolation, are our Guests of Honour to tell you what they think of isolation in its many avatars.

18:00: **Closing remarks.** VHV-023

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And all of our guests, program participants, moderators and helpers who made this convention possible!