

APIS-COCK, WHY?

Why have I chosen an Apis-cock as my symbol? Well, it's a very old Finnish institute, from the time much before the Christian era, you can still see it on the roofs of old churches, as wind-cocks. (We had churches too before Christian era) Actually it is a Peacock (riikin-kukko in Finnish), in which the "rik" means the state, it's people, and the Finnish moon-god Ilmarinen is the king and the great teacher, that riikinkukko is his emblem.

We have always had this Apis-cock on the front cover of our first learning-book when we entered the school in the first place, *and it's still there!* We call our vocabulary as *aapiset*. *Apis* is actually a bee that collects the honey, but the "root"-language word "biskop" means the **cup of a bee**, in which he collects it. (English **bi's hop** means the same!)

But you know what cock also means, yes, that's it, the real thing, from where you get the "honey". The saying "homo **sapiens**" means, *to taste*, in a first place, then one can get wise when tasting the "honey"! (Guess what honeymoon means?)

Actually *Apis* means still more, **A** as acer, **PI** as the round, **S** as sun. There can be no life without the warmth and light of sun.

The cuckoo also wakes you up early in the morning, by crowing, to study, to learn, or to work, it's his duty.

Actually the cross on the roof of the church symbols the sword which in turn is the "cock" of the God of fertility, Lemminkäinen in Finnish. The sharp edges of it are the "eggs"! (Testicles) There the bishop deliv-

ers to the congregation the "honey" that had been collected for him.

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