

Short CV of Kai Savolainen

Kai Savolainen was born in 1950 in Copenhagen, Denmark. He is currently Professor at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health and Head of the New Technologies and Risks Team. He is also the Head of the Nanotechnology Safety Research at the Institute. Before joining the Institute in 1998, he was Professor of Toxicology and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology of the University of Kuopio. He obtained his MD and Dr.Sci degrees from the University of Helsinki in 1976 and 1981 respectively, and PhD degree in Toxicology from the University in Kansas, Kansas, USA in 1987.

He has published over 400 scientific papers, among them more than 170 peer reviewed papers. Kai Savolainen has been a member of several domestic and international scientific expert groups within EU and beyond, and he has given invited talks in international congresses around the world. Kai Savolainen coordinates and leads several large EU-funded research consortia with a focus on the safety of engineered nanoparticles and issues related to other aspects of occupational safety and health. Savolainen was the President of the Finnish Society of Toxicology 1992-93 and President of the International Neurotoxicology Association 1999-2000, He has been the President of the International Union of Toxicology (IUTOX) since 2007. He was also the President of the 10th International Congress of Toxicology in Tampere, in Finland in 2004.