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Markku Äärimaa

Markku Äärimaa is a Medical Doctor (University of Turku 1968) and specialist of gastrointestinal surgery. He obtained his PhD at the University of Turku 1978, where he served as surgeon and assistant professor of surgery 1972-1981. 1982-2005 he worked as the executive director of the Finnish Medical association.



Matti Haltia

Matti Haltia is a Medical Doctor (University of Helsinki, 1964) and obtained his PhD at the University of Gothenburg (1970). He was a visiting assistant professor of neurology at Harvard University in 1986-1987, a visiting assistant professor of pathology at New York University in 1989, and professor of neuropathology at the University of Helsinki in 1990-2002. He is a Member of the Finnish Academies of Science and Letters and the Academia Europaea.



Jean-Marc Cavillon

Jean-Marc Cavillon is honorary professor of Institut Pasteur where he has been head of a research Unit and director of the Department «Infection and Epidemiology». He has been president of the “International Endotoxin and Innate Immunity Society” and president of the “European Shock Society”. He is currently scientific manager at the French National Research agency (ANR). He has published 170 scientific articles, 115 reviews, 59 chapters in books, and few books including one published this year.



Merit Melin

Merit Melin is a docent (adjunct professor) of microbiological immunology and works as the leader of the Immunology team in the Expert Microbiology Unit of the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare. The research topics of Melin’s team focus on evaluating the immunity induced by vaccinations and surveillance of population immunity against vaccine preventable diseases.



Heikki Peltola

Heikki Peltola, MD, DTM& H (London) is a Board-Certified pediatric infectious disease specialist, general surgeon, and former Professor and Head of Infectious Diseases at the University of Helsinki and its Children's Hospital.



Helene Laurent

Helen Laurent is a medical doctor (University of Helsinki, 1978), specialist in ENT diseases. She did her Master's thesis on fight against typhus fever in Finland during WWII and her doctoral thesis on development of preventive child health care in Finland.



Alexandre Hobeika

Alexandre Hobeika is a researcher in political science at Cirad, based in France and Mozambique. He studies the coordination of actors for the governance of health risks, using the One Health approach. His recent work focused on Covid-19, antimicrobial resistance, and African swine fever.



Liina Voutilainen

Liina Voutilainen is a Senior Researcher at THL, and the Finnish project manager of EU2020 Horizon project "Pandemic Preparedness and Response", PANDEM-2 (pandem-2.eu). With an academic background in zoonotic diseases, she currently works in international projects for strengthening preparedness against health emergencies.



Programme

13:00 - Opening session

- Welcoming words. Ass. Prof. **Markku Äärimaa** presenting the organizers
- Addresses of guests
 - The Ambassador of France, H.E Mrs **Agnès Cukierman**
 - Member of parliament, Former Minister of Family Affairs and Social Services, Dr. **Aki Lindén**
 - THL, Department of Public Health and Welfare, Prof. **Mika Salminen**
- *Pasteur and Edelfelt, exceptional encounter of science and art*, Prof. **Matti Haltia**

13:30 - Scientific session 1, Chairman from THL, Dr. **Timothee Dub**

- *Louis Pasteur: Between Myth and Reality*, Prof. **Jean-Marc Cavailon**, Institut Pasteur
- *The evolution of vaccines*, Dr. **Merit Melin**, THL
- *The long history of infectious diseases plaguing mankind*, Prof. **Heikki Peltola**

15:00 - Coffee break

15:30 - Scientific session 2, Chairman from FMA, Dr. **Sami Heistaro**

- *A successful tool to tackle vaccine hesitancy: the Finnish childhood immunization programme*, Dr. **Helene Laurent**
- *How science has guided Covid response*, Dr. **Alexandre Hobeika**, CIRAD & MOOD H2020 project
- *Preparing for future threats?* Dr. **Liina Voutilainen**, THL & PANDEM2 H2020 project

17:00 – Gourmand session

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