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## CURRICULUM VITAE (short)

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Current position Coordinator (Disaster Victim Identification)  
Forensic Odontologist (since 1991)  
Department of Forensic Medicine  
University of Helsinki

Positions held Research Assistant, Academy of Finland  
Department of Medical Biochemistry  
National Public Health Laboratory, Helsinki  
1974-6

Visiting Scientist  
Meat Research Institute  
Langford, Bristol, UK  
1976-7

Clinical Instructor  
Institute of Dentistry  
University of Helsinki, Finland  
1977-8

Senior Lecturer (endodontics)  
Institute of Dentistry  
University of Helsinki, Finland  
1978-1989

Chief Dental Officer  
Prison Administration  
Ministry of Justice, Finland  
1989 – 2001

Member of the Executive Committee of the Finnish  
Disaster Victim Identification Team, National Bureau  
of Investigation  
1991-

Visiting Scientist  
Nordisk Institut för Odontologisk Materialforskning  
Oslo, Norway  
1993-4

Forensic Odontologist, Member of the Identification  
Commission of the m/s Estonia ferry disaster 1994

Project Manager  
Finnish Forensic Expert Team (Tuzla, BiH)  
under the mandate of the United Nations  
1996-7

Forensic Odontologist  
Repatriation of Finnish Soldiers killed in action during  
WW2, Ministry of Education  
1997-

Team Leader  
European Union Forensic Expert Team (Kosovo)  
1998-2000  
Head of forensic investigations in Klecka, Racak and  
Volujak

Forensic Odontologist  
ICTY, Orahovac, Kosovo  
2000

Forensic Expert  
FIDH, Cameroon  
2002

Senior Advisor (forensic sciences)  
Jenin Fact-Finding Team (United Nations Secretary  
General)  
2002

Team Leader  
Finnish Forensic Expert Team  
Peru, Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
2002

DDS Doctor of Dental Science  
University of Helsinki  
1972

PhD Age-related changes in collagen crosslinking  
University of Helsinki  
1978

Other Studies on Physical Anthropology, Armed Forces  
Institute of Pathology, USA  
  
Studies on International Law, Faculty of Law,  
University of Helsinki

Supervision Supervision of five doctoral thesis in medical  
genetics, public health and oral microbiology

Scientific publications Articles on inherited connective tissue diseases,  
molecular biology, microbiology and electron  
microscopy, forensic medicine, forensic odontology,  
international humanitarian law

Human rights affiliations Board Member, Finnish League for Human Rights  
  
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Hobbies Poetry, classical music  
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