



## Registered Toxicologist of the Finnish Society of Toxicology

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Finnish register



## History

- Set up by the Finnish Society of Toxicology, FST.
- FST is responsible for the register
- Register was set in force on February 28, 1995
- The rules were harmonized with those of the Netherlands, Germany, UK and USA except that renewal was 7 years but it changed to be 5 years
- Requirement for both theoretical knowledge (at least M.Sc. or equivalent plus additional extended education in toxicology) and practical experience (5 years after M.Sc. or equivalent or 3 years after Ph.D. or equivalent)
- Applicants do not need to be members of FST
- Applicants do not need to be Finnish citizens
- Rules published both in Finnish and English
- Application form and certificate in Finnish and in English
- Registration fee is 75 eur for FST members and 100 eur for non-FST members. Registration fee must be paid before evaluation of the application or evaluation of renewal application



## Board

- 6 members including chair and secretary
- Qualification: professor or adj. prof (docent)
- Board members represent different toxicology disciplines (industry, academia, regulatory, drugs, environment)
- Meets at least two times per year



## Board members

- Doc. Tuula Heinonen (secretary); deputy member: Prof. Hannu Raunio
- Doc. Hannu Komulainen; dep. memb. Prof. Jyrki Liesivuori
- New election ongoing; dep. memb. Prof. Mikko Nikinmaa
- Doc. Arja Rautio; dep. memb. Doc. Kirsi Husgafvel-Pursiainen
- Prof. Kai Savolainen; dep. memb. Prof. Markku Pasanen
- Prof. Kirsi Vähäkangas (chairman); dep. member. Prof. Hanna Tähti



## Registered toxicologist

- Active list includes 42 toxicologists
- Mostly Finnish but also from abroad
- Active list and historical file include approximately 50 toxicologists
- Expertise of registered toxicologists cover broadly different toxicological areas



## Experience

- Positive in many ways
- Highly valued when seeking jobs
- Raises self confidence and satisfaction (professional title)
- Not so big job to take care of register
- Members of the register board not paid for their work