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Education:

- MSc Bioorganic chemistry (1983) University of Tartu, Estonia
- PhD Biochemistry (1987) Institute of Chemistry, Tallinn, Estonia
- PhD Medicinal and physiological chemistry (1996) University of Uppsala, Sweden

Societies:

- **ESN:** Council member (2009 -), treasurer (2013-2017), president (2017-2019)
- **FENS:** Member of Governing Council (2017 - , representative of ESN)
- **Other:** Member of the Boards of Estonian Society for Biochemistry, Estonian Society for Chemistry, Estonian Society for Pharmacology

Meeting organization:

- **Chairman:**
 - European Society for Neurochemistry 21st Biennial Conference: Molecular Mechanisms of Regulation in the Nervous System, June 14-17 2015, Tartu, Estonia.
 - 32nd Estonian Chemistry Days, November 12-15, 2011, Tartu, Estonia
- **Member:**
 - Programme Committee (PC): 23rd Biennial ESN Conference on Molecular Mechanisms of Regulation of Nervous System, September 1-4, 2019, Milan, Italy
 - PC: 2nd International Conference in Pharmacology "From cellular processes to drug targets" October 19-20, 2017, Riga, Latvia
 - PC: ISN-ESN Meeting, August 20-24, 2017, Paris, France
 - PC: International Conference in Neuroscience "Neurodegenerative Diseases and New Trends in Pharmacotherapeutic Strategies" April 23-24, 2015, Riga Latvia

Research interest

Biochemistry of neural signal transduction mechanisms. G protein coupled receptors, G proteins, signal transduction mechanisms, kinetics. Development of novel fluorescent methods for characterization signal transduction. Biosensing systems and visualization of different cell systems.

My research activity is documented in 105 papers, more than 150 communications at scientific meetings and 14 supervised PhD theses.

My vision for ISN:

Widening ISN as a global scientific organization focusing on younger generation, smaller countries and extending representation of the chemical side of neuroscience.