

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Majjala, Riitta Liisa**



Education and degrees awarded

- 04.10.1989 Lic.Vet.Med. (DVM), College of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki
- 17.06.1991 Meat inspection certificate, College of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki
- 17.10.1994 Ph.D., College of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki
- 08.09.1999 Postgraduate degree in food hygiene, College of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki
- 06.06.2001 Adjunct professor (docent), food hygiene, University of Helsinki, Veterinary Faculty
- 17.05.2002 Specialist in Veterinary Medicine, Infectious Diseases, University of Helsinki, Veterinary Faculty
- 06.09.2002 Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Public Health (Dipl. ECVPH) (food science), European College of Veterinary Public Health

Current position

- Ministry of Education and Culture, Department of Higher Education and Science, Helsinki
 - 03.01.2013 - Director, Science Policy Division

Previous work experience

- Finnish Food Safety Authority, Department of Food and Veterinary Control, Helsinki
 - 01.10.2011-02.01.2013 Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit
- European Food Safety Authority, Parma, Italy
 - 01.05.2011-30.09.2011 Director, Scientific Evaluation of Regulated Products Directorate
 - 07.01.2008-30.04.2011 Director, Risk Assessment Directorate
 - 01.10.2007-06.01.2008 Head of Risk Assessment Department
- Finnish Food Safety Authority, Department of Food and Veterinary Control, Helsinki
 - 01.05.2006-30.09.2007 Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Food and Health, Helsinki
 - 01.03.2006-30.04.2006 Head of Executive Unit
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Helsinki
 - 01.04.2005-28.02.2006 University lecturer (Environmental health control)
- National Veterinary and Food Research Institute / Veterinary Research Institute, Helsinki
 - 01.03.2001-31.03.2005 Professor, Head of Risk Assessment Unit
 - 01.01.1998-28.02.2001 Development director (Risk analysis)
 - 01.03.1996-31.12.1997 Professor, Head of Field Investigation Unit
 - 12.09.1993-29.02.1996 Poultry veterinarian, Field Investigation Unit
 - 02.05.1988-11.09.1993 Temporary researcher, Food Department

MAJOR OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Membership in evaluation committees of funding applications
 - 2013- 2014 Reviewer of Grant Applications in Clinical and Biomedical Research, Italian Ministry of Health, Italy
 - 2009-2013 Member of the Technical and Scientific Committee of IZSLER, Italy
- Membership in international groups and committees
 - 2013- Member of the European Research Area Committee
 - 2014 Member of the Peer Review Group of the European Research Area Committee for Science, research and innovation policies of Iceland
 - 2006-2013 Member of Advisory Group for "Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology" for the 7th Framework Programme for research and technological development, EC, DG Research
 - 2011-2012 Member of the working group for Risk Assessment Terminology Harmonisation, European Food Safety Authority, Parma, Italy
 - 2005-2006 Member of the WHO WG on the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on The Development of Practical Risk Management Strategies Based on Microbiological Risk Assessment Outputs
 - 2004-2007 Member of the Management Committee of COST Action 920 Foodborne Zoonosis: a Co-ordinated Food Chain Approach, EU
 - 2004-2007 Member of the Scientific Advisory Group of MED-VET-NET, EU Network of Excellence
 - 2003-2006 Vice-chair of the Scientific Panel of Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ), including TSEs, European Food Safety Authority, Parma, Italy
 - 2000-2003 Member of the Scientific Committee on Veterinary Measures Related to Public Health, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
- Membership in national groups and committees
 - 2014- Chair of the Strategic Steering Group of Open Science and Research, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2014- Chair of the Steering Group for Closer Collaboration between Higher Education Institutions and State Research Institutes, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2014- Chair of the Working Group for Increased Cooperation on Researcher Mobility between Higher Education Institutions and State Research Institutes, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2014- Vice Chair of the National Infrastructure Committee, Academy of Finland
 - 2013- Member of the Science and Education Subcommittee of the Innovation and Research Council of Finland
 - 2013- Vice Chair of the EU Sub-committee 20 (Research and Innovation) of the Committee for EU Affairs, Ministry of Employment and Economy
 - 2013- Member of the Steering Group for the State of Science in Finland, Academy of Finland
 - 2013- Member of the ICT-2015 group, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2013-2014 Chair of the Steering Group for Open Scientific Data, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2013-2014 Chair of the Science Education Working Group, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2013-2014 Vice Chair of the Expert Group for Research Infrastructure, Academy of Finland
 - 2013-2014 Member of the Steering group of establishing a new strategic research council in Finland, Ministry of Education and Culture
 - 2000-2007 Chair of the National Committee on zoonoses, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- European College of Veterinary Public Health
 - 2007-2009 Senior Vice President, 2005-2007 President and 2003-2005 Junior Vice President
- Published over 330 publications in the area of risk assessment and risk management, food safety and zoonoses, out of which 13% are original scientific articles, 43% other scientific publications, 12% reports and articles in books and 31% publications in professional journals