

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Anni Virolainen-Julkunen**JOB APPLIED FOR **Chair for the ECDC Management Board**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 01/2011–Present **Ministerial Counsellor for Health and Medical Affairs**  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Helsinki (Finland)  
Expertise and responsibility for national coordination of all issues relating to communicable diseases
- 2003–2011 **Chief Physician**  
National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL, former KTL), Helsinki (Finland)  
Team leader tasks and research directed to bacterial molecular epidemiology, surveillance of infectious diseases and immune responses to bacterial diseases
- 1996–2002 **Physician/Scientist/Teacher**  
Helsinki University Hospital/University of Helsinki, Helsinki (Finland)  
Specialization in clinical microbiology, research work and teaching of medical students
- 1995–1996 **Post-doctoral Research Fellow**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Microbiology, Birmingham (Alabama, USA)  
Research on pneumococcal protein vaccine development (supervised by professor David Briles)
- 1990–1994 **Researcher**  
National Public Health Institute (KTL), Helsinki (Finland)  
PhD work on pneumococcal infections
- 1985–2017 **Physician**  
Various health care facilities in Finland  
Clinical work in psychiatry, internal medicine, infectious diseases, pediatrics and general practise

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- 2005 **Adjunct Professorship in Clinical Microbiology**  
University of Helsinki, Helsinki (Finland)
- 2005 **EPIET Introductory Course**  
EU, Menorca (Spain)
- 2001 **Specialist in Clinical Microbiology**  
University of Helsinki, Helsinki (Finland)

- 1996 **PhD**  
University of Helsinki, Helsinki (Finland)  
Thesis defended in December, 1995:  
"Pneumococcal etiology and immune responses to pneumococcal antigens in children with acute otitis media"
- 1988 **Medical Doctor, MD**  
University of Turku, Turku (Finland)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Finnish

Foreign language(s)

|         | UNDERSTANDING |         | SPEAKING           |                   | WRITING |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
|         | Listening     | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production |         |
| English | C2            | C2      | C2                 | C2                | C2      |
| Swedish | B2            | C1      | B1                 | B1                | B2      |
| French  | A2            | B1      | A2                 | A2                | A2      |
| Spanish | A1            | A2      | A1                 | A1                | A1      |

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills Very good communication skills.

Organisational / managerial skills *Past:* 8-year-work-experience as a team/unit leader in a national research institute (KTL/THL) with productive results while maintaining and developing good working atmosphere

*Current:* leadership in national professional committees/networks/working groups and associations relating to communicable diseases

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications 61 original articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals (please search PubMed with [virolainen a or virolainen-julkunen a])

Presentations Numerous scientific and professional presentations in national and international professional meetings since 1991

Projects **SCIENTIFIC:**  
Supervisor of four doctoral dissertations (one ongoing)  
Reviewer of four doctoral dissertations in Finland  
Opponent for one doctoral dissertation in the University of Oslo, Norway  
**PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE:**  
Chair for the National Advisory Committee on Communicable Diseases in Finland since 2011  
Member of the National Advisory Board for the Zoonosis Centre since 2011  
Member of the Management Board for ECDC since 2011, Deputy Chair since November 2016  
Alternate Member for Finland of the Health Security Committee/EU since 2011  
(previously: alternate NFP for microbiology and various other national DSN nominations for ECDC)

during the years 2006-2014)

**Memberships** Chair for the Specialist Society in Clinical Microbiology (subdivision of the Finnish Medical Association) in Finland since 2010

**ANNEXES** On request:  
- copies of degrees and qualifications  
- testimonial of employment or work placement  
- publications or description of research activities

**Honours and awards** Order of the Lion of Finland: Knight First Class (FL K I)