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Areas of expertise

environmental microbiology, antimicrobial resistance, ecotoxicology

Professional Background

Education: MSc 1997 University of Turku, Finland, Biochemistry

PhD 2001 University of Turku, Biotechnology

Main employment: University of Helsinki, Professor, Aquatic Ecotoxicology

University of Helsinki, Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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Selected recent projects:

- Optimizing Bio-based Fertilisers in Agriculture Knowledgebase for New Policies, H2020 Programme
- Occurrence, sources and prevention of antimicrobial resistance in West Africa, AoF, 2018
- Advanced biotechnology for intensive aquaculture wastewater reuse, WaterWorks2015 Call
- Stopping Antibiotic Resistance Evolution, 2014, Water Joint Program Initiative (JPI)
- Antibiotic resistance genes in aquaculture environment, 2012, AoF-JSPS bilateral grant

Selected recent activities:

- Co-chair of the Scientific Committee, SETAC Europe 29th Annual Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, 2019
- Keynote speaker in 8th Symposium on Antimicrobial Resistance in Animals and the Environment, 2019 Tours, France
- Keynote speaker in Nordic One Health Policy and Strategic group, 23.-24.11.2016, Helsinki

Selected publications:

- Pärnänen, K., Narciso-da-Rocha, C., Kneis, D., Berendonk, T.U.,, Virta, M.*, Manaia, C.M.*
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- Karkman, A., Thuy Do, T., Walsh F. and Virta, M. (2018) Antibiotic Resistance Genes in Waste Water. Trends in Microbiology 26: 49-57



- Karkman, A., Johnson, T.A., Lyra, C., Stedtfeld, R.D., Tamminen, M., Tiedje, J.M. and Virta, M. (2016) High-throughput quantification of antibiotic resistance genes from an urban wastewater treatment plant. FEMS Microbial Ecology 92 (3): fiw014
- Tamminen, M., Karkman, A., Lõhmus, A., Muziasari WI, Takasu, H., Wada, S., Suzuki, S., Virta, M. (2011) Tetracycline resistance genes persist at aquaculture farms in absence of selection pressure. Environmental Science and Technology 45:386-391