

## Mr. J. Laaksonen



Jukka (Tapani) Laaksonen graduated from Helsinki Technical University in 1972 with a Masters of Science in Engineering

From 1972 to 1974, he worked on nuclear safety related research in the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT). He has been employed in various positions at STUK (Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority) since 1974, and has served as Director General since 1997.

Mr. Laaksonen worked as a visiting expert at US NRC, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Reactor Systems Branch, from April 1981 to June 1982. From March 1987 to March 1989, he participated as a Senior Officer in the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety's OSART missions.

Currently, Mr. Laaksonen holds several Chairmanships and Memberships in International Groups, including:

- Chairman of
  - OECD/NEA Committee for Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA)
  - AVN Scientific and Technical Committee (AVN is nuclear regulatory body in Belgium)
- Vice Chairman of
  - INSAG (International Safety Advisory Group to IAEA Director General)
- Member of
  - WENRA, Western European Nuclear Regulator's Association
  - WWER Regulators Forum
  - NERS, Network of Regulators of Countries with Small Nuclear Programs
  - Nuclear Safety Advisory Committee of Lithuania
  - EBRD's Nuclear Safety Account's Safety Review Group

He has been an active participant in international activities in the area of nuclear safety and safeguards since 1970s, including (among others):

- Chairman of Country Group in the Review Meeting of Nuclear Safety Convention, 2005 and 1999
- Member of IAEA Expert Group on Multinational Nuclear Approaches, 2004-2005
- Chairman of Panel for Evaluation of IAEA's Implementation of Strengthened Safeguards Measures, 2003
- Chairman of CEC Regulatory Assistance Management Group (group coordinating technical support of EU countries to the nuclear regulators of the Eastern Europe), 2001-2003
- Steering Committee of the International RBMK Safety Review Consortium, 1992-96
- Several Expert Service missions by the IAEA and by the World Bank
- Several chairmanships and memberships in IAEA, NEA, and CEC committees and task groups
- Several chairmanships in international conferences