

Title: Biography Marja Airaksinen

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Abstract:

Marja Airaksinen, PhD, MSc (Pharm) is a professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Helsinki, Finland. Her scientific work has mainly focused on medication management services and processes and competencies required in these processes. She leads a research group on medication safety at the University of Helsinki. In the area of patient and medication safety, Dr. Airaksinen chaired the Council of Europe Expert Group on Safe Medication Practices in 2003-2006. She represented FIP in the WHO Working Group which developed WHO Patient Safety Curriculum Guide, multiprofessional edition launched in 2011. Since 2006, she has been involved in national working groups on patient and medication safety under Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and National Institute for Welfare and Health. During 2010-2011, she was a member of a stakeholder group at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health responsible for processing Medicines Policy 2020. Since 2012, she has served Finnish Medicines Agency's Medicines Information Network to implement the National Medicines Information Strategy. Most recently, she chaired a working group at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health which developed a research strategy 2018-2022 to support National Rational Pharmacotherapy Program established as part of the current Government Program. In the University of Helsinki, Dr. Airaksinen has served numerous committees and working groups, e.g., on doctoral training development, international evaluation of research, partnership and societal interaction. At the faculty level, her long-term commitment has been to develop pharmacy education to create competences in patient-centered care and safe medication management. Dr. Airaksinen received her MSc(Pharm) and PhD from the University of Kuopio, Finland, and had her postdoctoral training at the United States Pharmacopoeia, USA (Scholar-in-Residence).