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Seminario

“The role of BDNF and its receptors in depression and the antidepressant response”.

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Eero Castrén

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Education:

Medical doctor (MD), University of Kuopio, Finland (1983),

PhD (Neuropharmacology), Department of Pharmacology, University of Kuopio, Finland (1989)

Present position:

Research Director, Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki (2022-)

Previous positions and Fellowships:

- Academy professor, Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki (2017-2021)
- Director, Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki (2013-2017)
- Sigrid Juselius Professor, Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki (2003-12).
- Schaefer Scholar, Department of Neuroscience, Columbia University, NY, USA (sabbatical, 2011)
- Professor of Molecular Pharmacology, A.I. Virtanen Institute, University of Kuopio, (95-02)
- Postdoctoral scientist, Max-Planck-Institute for Psychiatry, Martinsried, Germany, (1990-94)
- Visiting Fellow (Postdoc), National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA (1986-89)
- Lecturer in Pharmacology, University of Kuopio, Finland (1983-85)

Institutional responsibilities and Commissions of Trust:

- European Research Council, Advanced grant panel chair, 2021, 2023; Starter grant panel member 2014, 2016; Completed projects panel member, 2018, 2019.
- President, Cajal Advanced Neuroscience Programme, (2020-2022) (Past president 2023-24)
- Secretary General, Federation of European Neuroscience Associations, (2018-20, elect 2016-18)
- Member, Senate (University collegium) of University of Helsinki,
- President, Brain Research Society of Finland, FENS Council member, (2003-06)
- Director, Kuopio University Neuroscience Center, (2000-02)

Awards and Honours:

2022	Medix Prize, Minerva Foundation, Helsinki, Finland
2022	Segerfalk award lecture, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lund, Sweden
2021	Member, Academia Europaea
2017	Anna-Monika-Prize for research in neurobiology and treatment of depressive disorders.
2013	Advanced investigator award, European Research Council
2004	Member, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters

Supervised Graduate students and Postdocs:

- 30 postdocs supervised
- 27 graduated PhD students (4 currently under supervision)

Scientific publications:

Total number of publications: **268** (SCOPUS):

- **h-index: 73** (SCOPUS); **Number of citations: 19565** (SCOPUS).

Invited lectures or seminars, total **308** lectures (170 international)