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Dr. Meurman is professor emeritus of oral infectious diseases at the University of Helsinki and head physician at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Diseases, Helsinki University Hospital, Finland. He was born in Helsinki, Finland, in 1947, is married to Elisabet Meurman; has two children and three grandchildren. He is the author or co-author of numerous peer-reviewed original research publications mainly focusing on the various aspects of oral health and systemic health and in oral microbiology. Current PubMed hits are 298 publications, Web of Science 343 entries with Hirsch index 39 and 5760 citations. Dr. Meurman has also had special interests in probiotics, a new research area he pioneered in the early 1990s, and in oral *Candida* infections. He has supervised 24 doctoral theses and lectured extensively in various international forums. Dr. Meurman's research group has currently 10 registered doctoral students.

Dr. Meurman has been assessor of research and education in several universities: Dresden, Geneva, Karolinska Institute (Stockholm), Oslo (currently), Amsterdam (currently), Turku, and Basel (currently). He has had and presently has a number of eternal expert commitments, e.g. in the European Food Safety Authority and Initiative for Science in Europe.

He has received several honours including the "Echelon Argent" of Ville de Paris, France, in 1991, from President Chirac. In 2004, Dr. Meurman received the title of "Docteur honoris causa" from the Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France. In 2005 he received the "Geriatric Oral Research Award" of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). In 2007 Dr. Meurman was promoted "Doctor honoris causa" in the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, where he also took the position as an Adjunct Professor. In 2009 he received his third "doctor honoris causa" from the Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. He is an invited member of the German Leopoldina National Academy of Sciences and Vice-Chair of the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters. Dr. Meurman is member ad hominis of the Royal Society of Surgeons, Edinburgh. Dr. Meurman is President of the IADR 2016-17.

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