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Kai Savolainen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. He graduated from the Medical School of the University of Helsinki, and completed his Dr.Sci. degree in medicine in 1981, in the University of Helsinki. He also obtained a PhD in Toxicology from the University of Kansas while working there as a Fogarty postdoctoral fellow during 1985-87.

He served in several positions at the National Public Health Institute of Finland during 1982-1995, and was Head of the Department of Toxicology during 1992-95. He was Professor of Chemical Environmental Hygiene at the University of Kuopio in 1995, and then Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology of the University of Kuopio 1996-98 when he joined the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health and served as the Director of the Department of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology during 1998-2005. Currently he is Research Professor and Director of the Nanosafety Research Centre at the Institute.

He has published more than 300 peer reviewed papers and book chapters. He has mentored several PhD and MSc students and acted several times in different academic expert activities including PhD thesis examiner. He has served in numerous national and international scientific expert groups within European Union and beyond, and he has been invited to give more than 200 invited talks in international congresses. He has also lead several research consortia with a focus on the safety of engineered nanoparticles. He served as the President of the Finnish Society of Toxicology 1992-93 and 2014-2015, President of the International Neurotoxicology Association 1999-2000, and President of the International Union of Toxicology 2007-10 which he also served as the Secretary General 1992-98. He was the President of the 10th International Congress of Toxicology in 2004 in Finland, and will be the President of the EUROTOX -2019 Congress to be organized in Helsinki, in Finland.