

FULL NAME Päivi Marjut Ojala (née Pekkala)

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 5 August 1964, Lahti

POSITION ON THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION

Chair in Viral Tumorigenesis (part-time 25%), Imperial College London, UK 1.10.2013-

K. Albin Johansson Research Professor for the Finnish Cancer Institute 1.9.2013-31.8.2018

Group Leader, Institute of Biotechnology, University of Helsinki 1.3.2011-

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Docent (Adjunct Professor) in Genetics, University of Helsinki 2000

PhD, Department of Genetics University of Helsinki, Virus structures 1993

MSc, Department of Genetics, University of Helsinki 1988

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Group Leader, Genome-Scale Biology Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland 2007-2011

Dean of the Helsinki Biomedical Graduate School, Univ. of Helsinki, Finland 2007-2011

Research professor for the Foundation for the Finnish Cancer Institute, Finland 2008-2013

Cancer researcher at the Foundation for the Finnish Cancer Institute, Finland 2007-2008

Academy Research Fellow (Academy of Finland); Principal Investigator; University of Helsinki, Finland 2002-2007

Postdoctoral research post (Academy of Finland), Haartman Institute, University of Helsinki, Finland 1997-2001

Postdoctoral research fellow, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA 1995-1997

CAREER BREAKS

12/90-08/91 Maternity leave

07/01-08/02 Maternity leave

RESEARCH AWARDS, HONOURS AND MAJOR GRANTS

Finnish Cancer Organization; 50000€/year	2013-2015
Sigrid Juselius Foundation; 65000€/year	2011-2017
Academy of Finland; 100000€/year (full cost)	2011-2014
Academy of Finland; Funding for a Postdoctoral researcher; about 86 000€	2012-2016
Academy of Finland; Centre of Excellence in Translational Cancer Biology; 186 000 €/year	2014-2016

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2014- Editorial board member for the Carcinogenesis Journal

OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MERITS AND ACTIVITIES

2012-2013	Member of the Board for the Helsinki Biomedical Graduate School
2009-2011	Co-director; Genome-Scale Biology Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland
2007-2011	Board member of the M.D., Ph.D. program (Faculty of Medicine, Univ. Helsinki)
2007-2011	Steering Committee member for the LERU (League of European Research Universities) PhD Program in Biomedicine
2007-2008	Chairman of the Board for the Helsinki Biomedical Graduate School

REVIEW AND COMMITTEE WORK

2014	Evaluation of University of Washington CFAR New Investigator Award
2014	Evaluation of research grants for the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Joint Research Committee
2009-12	Member of the basic research grant evaluation board for the Finnish Cancer Foundation
2010,2011	Member of the evaluation board for the University of Helsinki research grants
2008-10	Member of the clinical grant evaluation board for the Biomedicum Helsinki Foundation
2006, 2009	Evaluation of project grants; The Wellcome Trust, UK
2007-2013	Evaluation of project grants; The Italian Association for Cancer Research

- 2007 Evaluation of project grants; The Lithuanian Science Foundation
- 2010 Conferment of title of Professor University of Birmingham, UK
- 2010 Evaluation for a Fellowship, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL, USA

Ad hoc referee in peer reviewed journals

Cancer Cell, EMBO Journal, Oncogene, Expert Review of Anticancer Therapy, Journal of Virology, Archives of Virology, Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Blood, PLoS Pathogens, PLoS ONE, Cell Proliferation, Trends in Cell Biology

SUPERVISOR FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Annika Järviluoma. 27.11.2007, Thesis comprised of 3 original publications (2 in Blood and 1 in Mol. Cell. Biol.); Currently employed by medical industry in Finland.

Grzegorz Sarek. 14.05.2010, Thesis comprised of 3 original publications (1 in Blood, 1 in J. Clin. Invest., 1 in PLoS Pathogens, and 1 manuscript (now published in Oncogene); PhD thesis approved with distinction; Faculty of Medicine best thesis award 2010; Currently a postdoc and EMBO long-term fellow at Cancer Research UK since 2012

Fang Cheng. 16.3.2012, Thesis comprised of 3 original publications (1 in Cell, 1 in PLoS Pathogens, 1 in Cell Host & Microbe), PhD thesis approved with distinction; Since 2012 a postdoc at Univ of Turku, Finland

Supervisor for three ongoing doctoral thesis projects

OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2013 Opponent for a doctoral dissertation at the University of Turku, Finland (08.02.2013)
- 2011 Opponent for a doctoral dissertation at the University of Tampere, Finland (09.12.2011)
- since 2001- Examiner for doctoral dissertations (7 for Univ of Helsinki, 2 for Univ of Jyväskylä; 4 for Univ of Turku; 1 for Univ of Tampere, Finland)
- since 2002- Docentship (adjunct professorship) pre-examiner (3 for Univ of Helsinki, Finland)
- since 2002- Member of 14 Thesis Committees; 5 currently ongoing

INVITED TALKS (since 2005)

Keystone meeting on Viruses and Human Cancer, Big Sky, Montana, USA (invited speaker), March 2015

Society for General Microbiology, Spring Conference, Manchester, UK (invited speaker), March 2013

Karolinska Institutet, Advance seminar in cancer biology, including infection-associated tumors, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2012

Cancer and Control of Genomic Integrity (CANGENIN) Conference, Barcelona, Spain (invited speaker), April 2012

Imperial College London, London, UK, November 2011

Bacterial Infection as a Cause of Cancer, London (UK), October 2011
Symposium on Cytokine Receptors and Cytokine Signaling, Sept. 2011, Hannover, Germany
3rd Genome Instability Workshop November 2010; IFOM-IEO, Milan, Italy
Advances in Infection and Cancer, February 2010 DKFZ, Heidelberg, Germany
CRUK Institute for Cancer Studies, University of Birmingham June 2009, UK
EMBO Workshop: Lymphatic & Blood Vasculature - From Models to Human Disease June 2009, Biomedicum Helsinki, Univ of Helsinki
2nd Genome Instability Workshop May 2009; Athens, Greece
Nobel Prize 2008 Meeting; Viruses and Cancer April 2009; Danish Biotechnological Society & Danish Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Copenhagen, Denmark
Research seminar, Johns Hopkins University April 2008, Baltimore, MD, USA
Interviewed as a top candidate (of 30 applicants) for the tenure-track assistant/associate professorship, April 2008, HIV and AIDS Malignancy Branch, NCI, NIH, MD, USA
Institute of Virology, University of Erlangen October 2007, Germany
30th International Herpesvirus Workshop August 2005, Turku, Finland

ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

17th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, July 2014, Beijing, China (member of scientific program committee)
16th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, July 2013, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (member of scientific program committee)
15th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, August 2012, Philadelphia, PA, USA (member of scientific program committee)
14th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, August 2011, Hilton Kalastajatorppa, Helsinki, Finland (chair of the organization committee)
13th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, September 2010, Los Angeles, CA, USA (member of scientific program committee)
Molecular Insights in Cancer Progression and Invasion, June 2010, Biomedicum Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Finland (co-organizer)
Cellular and Molecular Immunology international minisymposium, May 2008, Biomedicum Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Finland (chair of the organization committee)
Translating the Cancer Genome, September 2007, Biomedicum Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Finland (co-organizer)
10th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, August 2007, Portland, OR, USA (member of scientific program committee)
8th International Workshop on KSHV and Related Agents, August 2005, Wildbad Kreuth, Germany (co-organizer)
“BioFinland 2005: Genomic Drug Discovery”, April 2005, Helsinki Fair Center (member of organizing committee)
Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer, August 2004 Biomedicum Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Finland (co-organizer)