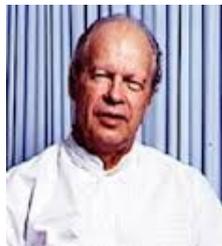


In memoriam:

**The great pioneer of Laser Acupuncture is no more!**

**Professor Pekka Pöntinen, MD, PhD, 1932 - 2015 will be widely missed!**

By Felix Kramer, Switzerland



Pekka Pöntinen lived in Tampere, Finland, was married and had 5 children and 5 grandchildren, he spoke and taught fluently in Finnish, German, Swedish and English and was widely appreciated for his many years of international experience in teaching and applying Laser in Acupuncture. His seminars were well liked and respected, he was an open minded, soft spoken capacity and an authority in his field of specialty.

In 2010 his health was jeopardized by several brain strokes and his communication deteriorated. Even with the issues he faced with his health, he always remained positive and well spirited. He showed amazing resilience in rehabilitating himself and until recently did frequent wheelchair strolls in his neighborhood enjoying and observing the nature that was always close to his heart.

He passed away on the 27th of June 2015 in a hospital in his home town of Tampere. Pekka will be greatly missed by friends and family and in the world of LLLT.

**Here is a brief CV:**

1932 born in Tampere, Finland

1957 Graduation from School of Medicine, University of Turku, Finland

1957 Specialty Examining Board Certification in Anaesthesiology

1965 Academic Dissertation for Ph.D., Kuopio University

1974-1975 Assistant Professor for Physiology, Kuopio University

1984 e.o. Professor for Anaesthesiology, Kuopio

1980 and also Tampere University since 1975 Manager of the Acupuncture-Research Project, Kuopio University

1989-1992 Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Center in Kankaanpää

Since 1975 Specialist in Neurological Department and Pain Clinic of the Tampere University and Consultant of the Finish Board of Health

Founding Member of the International Association for the Study of Pain

Expert Advisor for WHO Committee on Standardization of Acupuncture Nomenclature 1990-1994

Editor of the Acupuncture & Electrical-Therapeutic Research, International Journal, Editor-in-Chief and Member of the Scientific Boards of several international scientific journals.

Active member of numerous national and international societies for acupuncture, laser therapy and the treatment of pain.

*Published over 200 articles on cardiac arrhythmia, anaesthesiological and intensive care problems, gastrointestinal surgery, acute and chronic pain, acupuncture, algometry, laser therapy and rehabilitation.*

*Author of 5 books and co-author in five editions with special contribution in various textbooks and monographies,*

*Acupuncture and laser therapy courses world-wide since 1970.*

*Postgraduate courses in acupuncture, laser therapy and chronic pain in Kuopio University and Tampere University since 1976.*  
*Additional medical training: Surgery, hemodialysis, coronary care etc.*