



Professor Heikki Ruskoaho, Finland, is the BCPT Nordic Prize winner in Basic & Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology for 2020

Heikki Ruskoaho is a recently retired Professor of Pharmacology and Drug Development at the University of Helsinki. He was the Professor of Molecular Pharmacology in 1996-2012, the Dean of Faculty of Medicine in 2001-2005, the Vice-President for Science and Research during the years 2006-2009 at the University of Oulu and served as the chair of Board of the Academy of Finland **2014-2018**. Heikki Ruskoaho received his doctorate in 1983, after which he performed postdoctoral training as an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellow at the Department of Pharmacology and German Institute for High Blood Pressure in Heidelberg, Germany 1984-1985. His research group was a member of Finnish Center of Excellence for Cardiovascular and Type 2 Diabetes Research, funded by the Academy of Finland for 2008-2013. Heikki Ruskoaho was the coordinator of Business Finland funded Large Strategic Research Opening, 3iRegeneration - Innovative Induction Initiative. He has received numerous grants, awards and prizes for his outstanding contribution to cardiovascular research. His research interests include cardiovascular drugs, natriuretic peptides and the identification of signaling pathways and targets for the treatment of heart failure and myocardial infarction.

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