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Brief CV: Jukka H. Meurman was born in 1947 in Helsinki, Finland. He is married to his wife Elisabet, and he has two now grown up children, Anna and Kristian. Meurman started his scientific career as a dental student at the University of Helsinki in the late 1960s studying dental caries and dental hard tissue ultrastructure in a group lead by Professor Heikki Luoma. After graduating (DDS) in 1972 he spent some time in Rochester, NY, in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Buonocore. Meurman's first PhD thesis (1977) was on fissure sealants. He then also took his medical degree (MD), in 1980, and focused his research on oral microbiology, oral pathology and oral medicine. His second PhD thesis (1992) was on oral streptococci. In 1989-1990 Meurman spent a sabbatical year in the laboratory of Professor Robert Frank in Strasbourg, France, focusing on studies on dental erosion and laser-affected changes in tooth tissue ultrastructure. Dr. Meurman's main publications, however, are on various aspects of oral health and systemic health with particular emphasis on medically compromised patients. He is the author or co-

author of 170 peer-reviewed original research papers, 140 review articles, 15 chapters in textbooks, and one textbook. He has lectured extensively in various international forums. Since 1996 Meurman has held the posts of Professor and Chair of Department of Oral Infectious Diseases in the University of Helsinki, and, since 2000, he is Head Physician in the Helsinki University Central Hospital, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Diseases. He is former Dean of the Institute of Dentistry (1998-2003). In 2002 he was elected Vice-Dean to the Faculty of Medicine which position he now holds. Dr. Meurman is Councillor of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) since 1992. He has held several offices in the Scandinavian Division of IADR (President 1989 –1992) and is currently Secretary-General of the Division. Meurman is one of the founders of the Pan European Federation (PEF) and was a member of its first executive committee. Dr. Meurman has received several honours, both at home and abroad. He is Knight, First Class, of the Order of the White Rose of Finland, an honour conferred by the President of Finland. He has received the “Echelon Argent” of Ville de Paris, France, in 1991, from President Chirac. In June 2004, Meurman received the title of “Docteur Honoris Causa” from the Louis Pasteur University, Strasbourg, France, thus joining the faculty of this great university of 16 Nobel-laureates.