

# The Delegation of the Finnish Academies of Science and Letters

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The Delegation of the Finnish Academies of Science and Letters (later referred to as Delegation) is a cooperation body for the four scientific academies in Finland. The four Academies are:

- The Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters (Societas Scientiarum Fennica – Finska Vetenskaps-Societeten – Suomen Tiedeseura)
- The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (Academia Scientiarum Fennica – Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia)
- The Finnish Academy of Technology (Teknillisten Tieteiden Akatemia)
- The Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences in Finland (Svenska Tekniska Vetenskapsakademien).

The Delegation promotes international scientific cooperation, administers membership to several international scientific organisations and provides advice on issues related to scientific research.

## History

The successor of the Delegation worked as an unregistered cooperation body for the four academies 1975-2007. In the beginning of 2008, the functions of the successor of the Delegation were transferred under the division of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (Tieteellisten seurain valtuuskunta – Vetenskapliga samfundens delegation), where the Delegation continued its tasks. The Federation of Finnish Learned Societies, established in 1899, is a national umbrella organization for learned societies in Finland. In 2008 the membership consisted of 251 societies with a total of 250,000 individual members, among them both scholars and laymen with an interest in scientific research.

## Organization

The Delegation has eight members in total, from which the four academies nominate members as follows:

- two members nominated by the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters
- two members appointed by the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters
- one member appointed by the Finnish Academy of Technology
- one has been appointed by the Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences in Finland

Moreover, the Delegation has two members nominated by the government of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies. The Delegation is appointed for three years. The Delegation consists of the following members 2008-2010: Professor Olavi Nevanlinna (**President**)

Professor Ulla-Maija Kulonen (**Vice President**), and the members Professors Mauri Airila, Carl Gahmberg, René Gothóni, Mats Gyllenberg (starting from 8.2.2008), Professor Markku Leskelä, Professor Arto Mustajoki, as well as Docent Andrea Holmberg (until 8.2.2008).

## International Activities

The Delegation is the national scientific member for the International Council for Science (ICSU), and coordinates the work of the Finnish national committees of ICSU. Further, the Delegation allocates the Finnish national committees of ICSU state subsidy received from the Ministry of Education - a function, which was better enabled by the organizational transformation made in the beginning of 2008.

The Delegation represents Finland in 11 international organizations, from which the most important are e.g. All European Academies (ALLEA), The International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technical Sciences (CAETS), European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC), The European Council of Applied Science and Engineering (Euro-CASE), InterAcademy Panel (IAP), International Council for Science (ICSU) and Union Académique Internationale (UAI). The Delegation participates in the work of European Science Foundation (ESF) together with the Academy of Finland.