



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY  
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

## Curriculum Vitae

Personal information **Minna Leppänen**

Work experience

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[ 16/03/2020 – Current ]

**Veterinary officer, Member of the Committee for Veterinary Medicinal Products (CVMP)**

*Finnish Medicines Agency - FIMEA*

City: Helsinki

[ 01/06/2018 – 15/02/2020 ]

**Scientific administrator**

*European Medicines Agency*

City: London/ Amsterdam | Country: Netherlands

[ 02/01/2017 – 31/05/2018 ]

**Head of Service**

*European Medicines Agency*

City: London | Country: United Kingdom

Head of Veterinary Development and Evaluation (ad interim, 01/2017-08/2017)

Head of Veterinary Biologicals and Emerging Therapies (09/2017-05/2018)

[ 01/10/2015 – 31/12/2016 ]

**Scientific administrator**

*European Medicines Agency*

City: London | Country: United Kingdom

[ 02/01/2011 – 30/09/2015 ]

**Head of Unit/ Senior researcher (part time)**

*University of Tampere*

City: Tampere | Country: Finland

[ 01/08/2003 – 30/09/2015 ]

**Consultant (part time)**

*ML Consulting*

City: Vantaa | Country: Finland

[ 01/03/2009 – 30/04/2015 ]

**Quality and Clinical director / Clinical specialist (part time)**

*Scaffdex Ltd*

City: Tampere | Country: Finland

[ 01/03/2006 – 31/03/2009 ]

**Chief Executive Officer**

***EvoStem Finland Oy***

City: Tampere | Country: Finland

[ 01/08/2003 – 31/01/2006 ]

**Clinical research manager**

*Conmed Linvatec Biomaterials Oy*

City: Tampere | Country: Finland

[ 01/02/2000 – 31/07/2003 ]

**Head of research**

*Orion Corporation Plc*

City: Espoo | Country: Finland

[ 01/04/1990 – 31/01/2000 ]

**Chief executive officer, founder and owner**

*Keski-Uudenmaan Eläinlääkäriasema Oy*

City: Kerava | Country: Finland

[ 01/10/1989 – 31/03/1990 ]

**Veterinary practitioner**

*Päijät-Hämeen Eläinlääkäriasema Ky,*

City: Lahti | Country: Finland

[ 01/09/1988 – 30/09/1989 ]

**Head of environmental health (ad interim)**

*Itä-Uudenmaan kansanterveystyön kuntainliitto*

[ 01/04/1987 – 31/08/1988 ]

**Veterinary practitioner**

*Various*

City: several | Country: Finland

## Education and training

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[ 01/02/2006 – 17/12/2007 ] Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
HANKEN, Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, <https://www.hanken.fi/en>  
City: Helsinki | Country: Finland | | Level in EQF: EQF level 7

[ 01/03/1996 – 01/04/2000 ] PhD  
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine <https://www.helsinki.fi/fi/elainlaaketieteellinen-tiedekunta>  
City: Helsinki | Country: Finland | | Level in EQF: EQF level 8

[ 01/11/1995 – 01/06/1999 ] Specialist competence in companion animal medicine and surgery  
University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-veterinary-medicine>  
City: Helsinki | Country: Finland | | Level in EQF: EQF level 7

[ 01/09/1989 – 30/08/1990 ] Environmental health and administration qualification  
Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry of Finland <https://mmm.fi/en/frontpage>  
City: Helsinki | Country: Finland | | Level in EQF: EQF level 7

[ 01/09/1982 – 15/04/1988 ] Licentiate of Veterinary Medicine  
College of Veterinary Medicine (current University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine) <https://www.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-veterinary-medicine>  
City: Helsinki | Country: Finland | | Level in EQF: EQF level 7

[ 01/08/1979 – 31/05/1982 ] Matriculation examination  
Tampereen Lyseon Lukio <https://www.tampere.fi/tampereen-lyseon->

## Additional information

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## Publications

- [ 2000 ] Utilizing health programmes for controlling canine genetic diseases in Finland.  
PhD Thesis  
Authors: Minna Leppänen | Publisher: University of Helsinki, Finland  
Link: <http://hdl.handle.net/10138/19024>
- [ 2007 ]  
How to build the brand from the beginning to the success – Case EvoStem Finland Ltd.  
MBA Thesis  
Authors: Minna Leppänen | Publisher: Swedish School for Economics and Business Administration, Helsinki, Finland,  
Link: <http://hdl.handle.net/10138/19024>
- [ 1998 ]  
Screening and controlling canine inherited ocular diseases in Finland: epidemiological, economical and health promotional aspect.  
Reference: Veterinary Ophthalmology 1998, 1: 203\_210  
Authors: Leppänen M, Saloniemi H:  
Attitudes of Finnish veterinarians about programs to control canine genetic diseases  
Reference: Prev Vet Med. 1999 Feb 15;38 (4):239\_57.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Paloheimo A, Saloniemi H
- [ 1999 ] Controlling canine hip dysplasia in Finland  
Reference: Prev Vet Med. 1999 Oct 31;42(2):121\_31.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Saloniemi H:
- [ 2000 ]  
Attitudes of Finnish dog breeders about programs to control canine genetic diseases  
Reference: Prev Vet Med. 2000 Feb 1;43 (3):159\_75.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Paloheimo A, Saloniemi H:
- [ 2000 ] Estimation of heritability for hip dysplasia in German Shepherd dogs in Finland  
Reference: Journal of Animal Breeding and Genetics. 2000;117:97\_103  
Authors: Leppänen M, Mäki K, Juga J, Saloniemi H
- [ 2000 ] Attitudes of Finnish dog owners about programs to control canine genetic diseases  
Reference: Prev Vet Med. 2000 Feb 1;43 (3):145\_58.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Paloheimo A, Saloniemi H:
- [ 2000 ]  
Factors affecting hip dysplasia in German shepherd dogs in Finland: efficacy of the current improvement programme.  
Reference: J Small Anim Pract. 2000 Jan;41(1):19\_23.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Mäki K, Juga J, Saloniemi H
- [ 2000 ]  
Results of ophthalmologic screening examinations of German Pinschers in Finlanda retrospective study  
Reference: Vet Ophthalmol. 2001 Sep;4(3):165\_9.  
Authors: Leppänen M, Mårtenson J, Mäki K
- [ 2006 ]  
Clinical efficacy and safety of dexmedetomidine and buprenorphine, butorphanol or diazepam for canine hip radiography  
Reference: J Small Anim Pract. 2006 Nov;47(11):663\_9  
Authors: Leppänen MK, McKusick BC, Granholm MM, Westerholm FC, Tulamo R, Short CE
- [ 2009 ]  
Kantasolut hevosen jänne- ja ligamenttivottojen hoidossa : kirjallisuuskatsaus – Stem cell in treatment of tendon and ligament injuries in horse: a literature review.  
Reference: Suomen Eläinlääkärilehti 115(2009):10  
Authors: Vettenranta M, Leppänen M
- [ 2023 ]  
Eläinlääkkeet vaikuttavat myös ympäristöön ( Effects of veterinary medicines in environment)  
Reference: Suomen Eläinlääkärilehti 2023,131,3  
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Authors: Leppänen M, Attia S
- [ 2024 ]  
Lemmikkien puutiaslääkkeiden ympäristövaikutukset (Environmental effects of veterinary medicines intended to treat tick infestations of companion animals)  
Reference: Suomen Eläinlääkärilehti 2024, 137, 2  
Authors: Leppänen M, Attia S
- Others  
Several congress abstracts and posters, confidential study protocols and reports, expert evaluations and reports as well as lay articles in relevant publications.

## Projects

- Supervisor and lecturer;
- Supervisor of seven Master's thesis in epidemiology, biotechnology and business management in four different universities.
  - Temporary lecturer in University of Tampere, Institute of Biomedical Technology, in Tampere Technical University Institute of Biomaterials and in University of Helsinki (open university courses).
  - Member of external supervisory board of two PhD projects (University of Helsinki and University of Tampere).

## Memberships

- [ 01/01/2011 – 30/09/2015 ] EMA European Expert  
Member in the European Expert network nominated by the Finnish Medicines Agency.
- [ 01/05/2011 – 30/09/2015 ] Alternate in the national committee for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (Directive 2010/63/EU)  
Appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland
- [ 01/06/2021 – Current ] Member, vice-chair of the Ethical board of Finnish Veterinary Association
- [ 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022 ] Replacement Advisor for FIN3R Board  
Fin3R Centre is nominated and supervised by the Council on the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific or Educational Purposes (TOKES). TOKES promotes the three R principles (3Rs): Replace, Reduce, and Refine.

Other Relevant Information