



Kari Mäkelä: "Assesment of well-being technology at home"

Professor Kari Mäkelä was born in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1960. He has degrees in physics (Australian National Univeristy, BSc), medical physics (University of Helsinki, MSc), and biomedical engineering (Tampere University of Technology, PhD), as well as hospital physicist qualification in Clinical Neurophysiology.

Professor Mäkelä has held since 2002 the first Finnish University chair in Telemedicine and Medical Information Technology at Tampere University of Technology, Finland. He was appointed director of Tampere University of Technology regional Seinäjoki unit in 2005.

He is the founder and former director of telemedical company LifeIT Plc (2000-2002) and non-profit association South-Ostrobothnia Telemedicine Centre, Finland (1997-2000). He has held tenure at University and Central hospitals in Finland. He has over 100 publications and two patents. He serves in the board of directors of several companies.

He has lectured courses in Telemedicine, eHealth, Medical Informatics and MRI technology. His main research interests include electronic patient record and administration system development, technologies to improve web-based health care and technology as a part of elderly persons' home care.