

Pirkko Kouri, PhD, PHN, RN. In 2006 she got her PhD in Nursing Science from University of Eastern Finland. The title of her PhD work is 'Development of Maternity Clinic on the Net service – views of pregnant families and professionals'. She has written numerous both scientific and practice-based articles and been a co-author in many books. She is the secretary of the Finnish Society for Telemedicine and eHealth (FSTeH). Since its foundation in 1995, FSTeH is the second oldest society in the world and oldest in Europe, FSTeH is nationally very active in developing all the areas related to telemedicine and eHealth. Recently, they also offer support to academic education, with physicians being able to obtain specialisation in eHealth. Pirkko has a long history of utilising ICT in her work. She has managed several eHealth projects, especially in the field of mother-child health care. As an educator her interests were in developing education in eHealth among health professions, and always considering end-user learning issues. She worked as Principal Lecturer in Healthcare Technology at Savonia University of Applied Sciences (Savonia), retired Aug 2021. She has developed international digital health master level study program(s) in collaboration with a multidisciplinary teachers' group. She was a project manager in projects which develop use of mobile technology in the field of mother-child health care like e.g. Africa, FinMoz2 which took place both in Mozambique and in Finland; Health Informatics studies in collaboration with partner universities in Nigeria, Mozambique and South-Africa. Furthermore, she was (for 15 years) Savonia's China-coordinator in the development work to China, especially with Shanghai University of Medical and Health Sciences. She has been four times as an exchange teacher in the Fudan University School of Nursing, Shanghai. Three University Hospitals affiliated to Fudan University (Ob/Gyn and Children, and Zhongshan) are now in close collaboration with Savonia. In 2011-2013 she was invited as a member of the eHealth Strategic Advisory Group at the International Council of Nurses (ICN). She was also member of IMIA-NI education working group during many years. The group discusses and defines e.g. the nursing informatics competences related to nurse education and practice. The Finnish Nurse Association launched on January 25th, 2016, the first 'National eHealth Strategy for Nurses'. She was vice-chair of the expertise group who created the Strategy. The strategy were revised process and published April 2021 (available in English).

She has done voluntary work all her life: and was three terms the Chair of Regional Cancer Association (possible maximum nine years 2011-2019). She was awarded, in 2019, with national Cancer bronze medal from her meritorious work in cancer-work. Awards, prizes and honours • Knight of the Order of the Lion of Finland, The President of the Republic of Finland, Sauli Niinistö, as the Grand Master of the Orders of the White Rose of Finland and of the Lion of Finland, has awarded the order of the Knight of the Lion of Finland to Pirkko Kouri on the 6th December 2016. • Silver medal of Kuopio City, Kuopio City awarded November 18th 2016, strong development of international collaboration and building multidisciplinary networks • Regional development Reward, 2001, awarded by Province of Eastern Finland. The Project Beginning life created pioneering services for the community. • Project of the Year. 18.11.2000, awarded by Project Management Association Finland, the award gave public recognition and media exposure of project achievements e.g., project built novel Internet-based Service for the information society needs. She is a local Rotary member in since Jan 2022.

She is married and has three children and eight grandchildren. Her hobbies are reading, Nordic walking, women gymnastics, choir singing, movies, and garden work. Pirkko's video presentation done for the ISfTeH board member's election campaign Autumn 2022:

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