



IUPHAR mourns the passing of Professor Pertti Jaakko Neuvonen, who died on 14 May 2020 in Helsinki at the age of 76.

Pertti Neuvonen graduated from the University of Helsinki as a licentiate in medicine in 1970, received his doctorate in 1971 and graduated as a specialist in clinical pharmacology in 1977. He became Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Turku in 1988 and Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Helsinki in 1992, from which he retired in 2011. His scientific achievements were exceptionally extensive and changed treatment practices. His major interest was on drug interactions, where he became one of the world-leading researchers in his field. His more than 500 international publications made him one of the most well-known researchers in Finnish medicine today. For his scientific merits, he received the Nordic Pharmacology Prize and the European Clinical Pharmacology Lifetime Achievement Award.

Pertti Neuvonen was an approachable and fair person. The joy and mischief of the youthful years receded as a long-term illness progressed, but the basic positivity remained until death.

IUPHAR will hold him in grateful remembrance.