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Jukka has a D.Sc. degree in forest planning and economics from University of Joensuu (UEF), where he has been also working from 2014. Before moving back to UEF he had 20 years experience in teaching, research and administration at Oulu University of Applied Sciences, and as a practical forest manager in a Forest Centre. His previous duties include positions of School director and manager of Silvicultural Measures and Quality. He has been a leader of several domestic and international RD-projects related to collaborative management of natural resources. In education, starting from mid 1990s, Jukka has initiated, planned and organized several courses for practical forest managers on co-management of natural resources. In research, he has focused on adaptive and collaborative forest management. Most of his research projects have been dealing with “soft methodologies” and collaborative learning in planning and management. Recently he has re-oriented his research towards governance of natural resources, especially on how different policy measures can enhance transition towards green economy: his ongoing research tasks include gross-boundary co-ordination of natural resource management, Payments of Ecosystem Services, and forest owners’s attitudes towards climate change. In connection with educational and research activities Jukka has chaired and been a member of several practical Co-management projects of forest resources in Finland, the latest being a co-operation group for preparing natural resource plan for the state owned lands of Finland.