

Esteemed media representative:

The enclosed news has to do with the decisions from the Institute of Migration's autumn meeting

With kind regards, Ismo Söderling
Director

Communiqué:

Rector Keijo Virtanen will continue as chairman for the Institute of Migration delegation

The Institute of Migration is a research and documentation institute that the Ministry of Education and Culture and the city of Turku maintain. The Institute was founded in 1974. At the Institute's autumn meeting, the rector of University of Turku, Keijo Virtanen, was chosen chairman of the delegation for a new two-year term. He has himself specialized in Finnish-American migration since the 1970s. The Regional Development Director of the Regional Council of Southwest Finland, Tarja Nuotio, has been chosen as the delegation's new vice chairperson. Professor of Social Policy Veli-Matti Ritakallio from Turku has been chosen as a new member of the Institute's executive board.

The Institute's activities were enriched this year by the *Finland in Our Hearts* festival. Next year, an extensive plan will be implemented for digitalizing the archive material. There are data of hundreds of thousands people who have moved to abroad in the Institute's Emigrant Register, and the intention is to offer this information in electronic form on the Internet. When it comes to its research and publication activities, the Institute's objective is to network in close cooperation with research institutes and universities with similar interests. The Institute houses an extensive exhibition on migration. In the coming year, we intend to comprehensively revise and update exhibition material.

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