

The Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK) says goodbye to a scientist, who valued ethics and morals more highly than his scientific career

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The Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK) closed down Professor Dariusz Leszczynski's research division in 2012. The obvious reason of this decision is to make clear to the public that mobile phone radiation does not harm human health and that, therefore, the further investigation of its biological effects can be stopped. This opinion stands not only in contrast to the decision of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) that classified radiofrequency radiation in 2011 as 'possibly carcinogenic' – while 'probably carcinogenic' would have been more appropriate – but also to the judgment of the highest Italian court that awarded a long-term mobile phone user a lifetime compensation because of a benign brain tumor caused by mobile phone radiation. The STUK decision, which most probably has been enforced by intervention from the outside, is obviously intended 1) to deny the fact – just like the tobacco industry did in the last century – that the telecommunication technology bears a health risk, and 2) to prevent further progress in radiation research that would confirm the need of precautionary measures. In a comment to Leszczynski's scientific blog "Mobile Phone Radiation and Health" Franz Adlkofer criticizes the STUK decision as being absolutely irresponsible (<http://betweenrockandhardplace.wordpress.com/2012/12/21/recently-in-finnish-newsmedia/#comments>).

„Dariusz, it took more years than I expected until STUK lost patience and closed your research division. They gave you the time to adjust your research projects to the interests of the telecommunication industry and of politics, but you refused to do so. Either you were blind to or you ignored the obstacles on the way to a scientific career in the area of research on electromagnetic fields. You continuously published results that challenged the biological safety of mobile phone radiation, and worst of all, you carried out your studies within a governmental research institution in Finland. Your results never matched the expectations of the telecommunication industry, and therefore, you were fired. Be proud of it.

The telecommunication industry intensively exerts its influence on the decisions of governmental institutions, whenever the radiation protection of the public is concerned. For this purpose they created the necessary prerequisites by taking care that as many as possible compliant 'experts' are appointed to advisory boards of national governments and international organizations. It is the task of these 'experts' to lobby from up there for what the telecommunication industry is asking for, such as 1) not to lower the present safety limits, although they have been outdated for half a century, 2) not to introduce scientifically founded precautionary measures requested by independent scientists over the same time period, and 3) to prevent the funding of research projects submitted by independent researchers by all means – if necessary by defamation of their findings as being fabricated.

In return for betraying science, these 'experts' are the only ones who still receive funds to continue their distorted research. This is the major reason why the scientific progress has been so poor within the last decades. However, if industry and politics draw the conclusion that mobile phone radiation is harmless to the health of people and that, consequently, further research is nothing but a waste of money this is cynicism of its worst. Dariusz, it is institutional corruption that prevents progress in the area of radiation protection (http://www.pandora-foundation.eu/downloads/pandora_docu_harvard-lecture-extended-2012.pdf). You are the victim of this institutional corruption, since you refused to become one of those 'experts' who do not shy from perverting science in the interest of the telecommunication industry and, of course, in their own

interest as well

I am confident, Dariusz, that the better time is still in front of you. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and your family!"

In this connection it is justified to point at Professor Lennart Hardell's research project funding of which has been refused by industry and politics (<http://www.pandora-foundation.eu/research-projects/hardell-project/index.html>). The most recent results of this study that is supported by the Pandora Foundation clearly show that the malicious attempt of telecommunication industry and politics to play for time through starving independent research in order to unhinderedly realize profit as long as possible is sooner or later doomed to failure. By donating for Lennart Hardell's research project you can help that the time until this will happen will be considerably shortened. This is in the interest of all the people who already suffer from the effects of the high frequency radiation, as well as of the many others who will join them suffering in the future.