

## Anna-Stiina Jääskeläinen In Memoriam 1972–2023

Our beloved colleague Anna-Stiina Jääskeläinen passed away peacefully on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023, following a period of illness.

Anna-Stiina was a wonderful and radiant colleague. Her cheerfulness and positive energy were magnetic and inspired everyone. Her wisdom, passion and go-do attitude were absolutely impressive; she was a true star performer. Anna-Stiina operated elegantly and fearlessly in all forums and won people over with her smile and her intellect.

Anna-Stiina loved her work and was the epitome of dedication. This was always evident but became even more striking in her last years, which were shadowed by severe health problems. Yet, she marched on, bravely. Work gave her strength and purpose. She wanted to make the best use of her talent and make an impact, and she surely did.

Anna-Stiina joined Kemira in 2018 to lead the Fiber and Bioeconomy R&D group in Espoo. She also worked as a Sr Manager in the Global Processes & Projects team in R&D. Most recently, Anna-Stiina joined the new Kemira Growth Accelerator team as Sr Manager, Global Business Creation, Textile fibers.

Anna-Stiina had a strong strategic mind and great leadership skills. We will remember Anna-Stiina for her energy and enthusiasm – *nobody* could light up a room by talking about cellulosic textile fibers like Anna-Stiina! She was immensely knowledgeable and innovative person. Her understanding of wood chemistry, pulp and biomaterials in general was World-class. As a great networker, she initiated and coordinated several collaborations and partnerships with research and industry partners.

In addition to her successful career in the industry, Anna-Stiina had a distinguished international academic career. Before Kemira Anna-Stiina worked in different research institutes and academia, including VTT, KCL, Aalto University and Helsinki University (Finland), KTH and Stockholm University (Sweden), McGill University (Canada) and CNR (Italy). She was an author in more than 50 scientific journal articles and nearly 100 conference proceedings. Anna-Stiina held a PhD in Wood Chemistry and was an Adjunct Professor at the Aalto University.

We extend our deepest condolences to Anna-Stiina's family and loved-ones. Anna-Stiina will be greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her, and her legacy will inspire us moving forward. Thank you Anna-Stiina, for everything.

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