

# SILK – Elsemay Björn Symposium

**August 14th 2023, FinnMedi 5 Auditorium, Biokatu 12, Tampere**

- 12:30      Opening of the Symposium  
**Hannu Uusitalo**, Research Director, Tampere University, Finland
- 12:40      **Elsemay Björn Lecture**  
**Rupert Bourne**, Professor, Cambridge University Hospitals, UK  
*Global burden of visual impairment*
- 13:20      **Petri Purola**, MSc, Tampere University, Finland  
*Visual impairment and health-related quality of life in Finland*
- 13:40      **Hannu Lauronen**, Country Manager, Théa Nordic, filial I Finland
- 13:55      Coffee break
- 14:25      **Arto Urtti**, Professor, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland  
*Retinal drug treatment: pharmacological and drug delivery developments*
- 14:55      **Barbara Cvenkel**, Professor, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia  
*Pharmacogenetic markers of treatment response to SLT and latanoprost in patients with primary open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension*
- 15:15      **Petri Ala-Laurila**, Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland  
*The Dark Side of Vision: Connecting Visual Perception to Retinal Codes*
- 15:35      **Taina Viheriälä**, MSc, Tampere University, Finland  
*In vitro maturation and functionality of hPSC-RPE*
- 15:55      Closing Remarks  
**Hannu Uusitalo**, Research Director, Tampere University, Finland

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