

Biography / Jyrki Kangas

Jyrki Kangas, born in 1962, made his doctoral thesis in 1992 on supporting forestry decision-making of private non-industrial forest owners, at the University of Joensuu, Finland. Before 1994, he worked as a scientist at the Finnish Forest Research Institute (FFRI) and at the University of Joensuu, as an Associate Professor (acting) of Forest Economics at the University of Joensuu and as a coordinator of a research program on multiple use of forests at FFRI. At FFRI, he was 1995-2001 Director of Kannus Research Station and 2001-2003 Professor of Forest Planning. 2003-2006 Kangas worked for a leading global forest-industry company UPM-Kymmene Ltd as Director of Forestry and as the CEO of UPM's real estate daughter company Bonvesta Ltd. From the beginning of 2007 until 2014 Kangas was the CEO and Director General of the State forest enterprise Metsähallitus, governing and using State-owned lands and waters in Finland (about 1/3 of the whole country). He quite recently made a comeback to science, as Professor of Forest Bioeconomy at the University of Eastern Finland. Kangas is a docent of Forest Planning at the University of Helsinki. He has published more than 300 writings, of which more than 80 are peer-reviewed publications. Together with his colleagues he has written a textbook "Decision Support for Forest Management", and edited a textbook "The Analytic Hierarchy Process in Natural Resource and Environmental Decision Making". Kangas has been awarded the Scientific Achievement Award by the International Union of Forest Research Organisations, and, e.g., the OR Person of the Year by the Finnish Operations Research Society, Golden Medal of the Forest Management Club of the Finnish Society of Forest Science, and Golden Medal of Land Survey. His earlier positions of responsibility have included, among others, Vice-President of EUSTAFOR (European State Forest Association), Member of the European High Level Group of the Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for European Forest Research, Member of the Board of the University of Eastern Finland, Member of the Finnish National Forest Council, Member of the Environment Committee of the Confederation of Finnish Industries, Chairman of the Board of the Finnish Forest Fair, Member of the Land Policy Committee of the Finnish Forest Industries. His scientific activities have included also membership of the Managing board of Journal of Environmental Management, *Silva Fennica*, *Acta Forestalia Fennica*, and *Metsätieteen Aikakauskirja*, as well as being a referee for plenty of journals (e.g., *Omega*, *Decision Support Systems*, *Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis*, *Forest Policy and Economics*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Forest Science*).