



Dr. Toivo RÄIM

Toivo Räm, born 1949, studied physics at the University of Tartu, Estonia (1967-1972), post-graduate studies in Biophysics at the Institute of Experimental Biology, Estonian Academy of Sciences, Harku, Estonia (1975-1978), received PhD in Molecular Biology from the University of Tartu, Estonia, in 1990. Internship at the National Science Foundation, Washington, USA, in 1994.

Dr. Räm was appointed to his current position of Adviser, Department of Research Policy, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, in 2008. Prior to this, he was the Counsellor for Scientific Affairs at the Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels, Belgium (2002-2008), a position he moved to from the Estonian Ministry of Education where he was Head of Science Policy Division (2001-2002) and Adviser in the Department of Research and Higher Education (1999-2001).

Dr. Räm's earlier career was with the Estonian Academy of Sciences which he joined in 1972 as a Junior Research Associate at the Institute of Experimental Biology in Harku, Estonia. Dr. Räm moved through the posts of Research Associate and Senior Research Associate until his appointment as Scientific Secretary in 1991, a position he held until 1996. From 1994 to 1998, Dr. Räm was Chief Expert at the Estonian Science Foundation in Tallinn, Estonia. He was Co-chairman of the Executive Board from 1998 to 1999.

During his career, Dr. Räm has had visiting appointments in the Institute for Biophysics, Brno, Czech Republic (1978) and in the Central Institute for Microbiology and Experimental Therapy, Jena, Germany (1981 and 1985). He was a Seconded National Expert at the European Commission (DG Research) in 1999.

Dr. Räm is the Estonian delegate on numerous committees, amongst which the INTAS GA (since 2000), CREST (since 2001), Council Research WP (2004-2008), ESFRI (since 2004), and CREST SFIC (since 2009). He has been the Estonian representative to the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission since 2004.