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## Commercialization of Biomaterials

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- Time span 2003-2007
- Total budget 26 M€
- Senior technology advisor: Mika Sievi-Korte, Tekes
- Programme manager: Heikki Laurila, Frux Advisors Oy



## **Purpose of the Tekes-project 40274/03:**

To develop, manufacture and study properties of porous, load bearing, biodegradable and bioactive materials for a variety of clinical applications ("Biowaffle")



# Participants



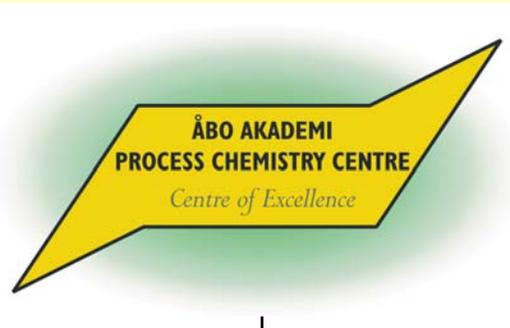
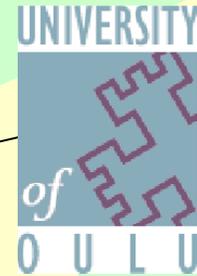
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UNIVERSITY OF TURKU



*Vivo*OXID Ltd

**Biological Bone  
Substitutes**

NOVEL BIOMATERIALS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH DOCTOR AND PATIENT



**Professor Mikko Hupa**, PI of the project



**Docent Heimo Ylänen**, project coordinator



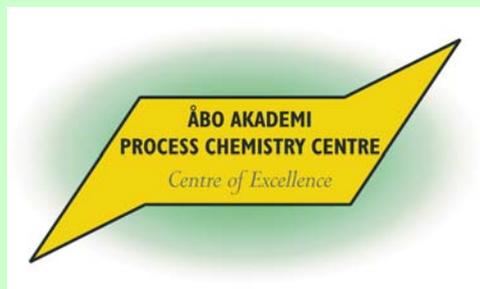
**Dr.Sc. (Chem.Eng) Leena Hupa**, glass technology expert



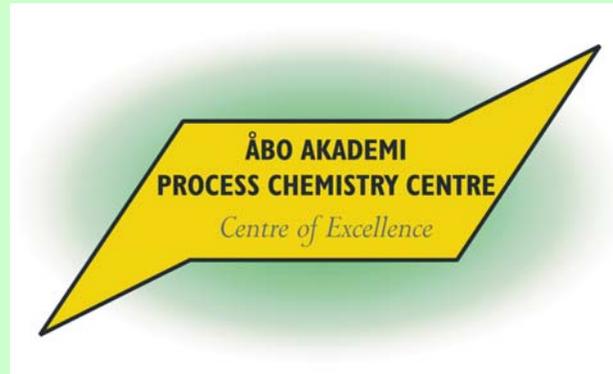
**Hanna Arstila**, PhD student



**Jaana Paananen**, technical assistant



Expertise in  
manufacturing and  
properties of bioactive  
glasses from a variety  
of clinical applications



## **Areas of responsibility:**

- Development of bioactive glass compositions optimal for fiber drawing
- Chemical and physical studies of the bioactive glass fibers
- In association with TUT, manufacturing of a fabric made of bioactive glass fibers



# Biowaffle



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The Institute of Biomaterials is one of the leading European research institutes in materials technology of bioabsorbable polymers, composites and implants for surgical and tissue engineering applications.



**Academy Professor Pertti Törmälä,**  
PI of the TUT group



**Professor Minna Kellomäki,** Polymeric Materials



**Professor Nuredin Assammakhi,**  
Surgery



**Mikko Tukiainen,** PhD student



**Sanna Kakkonen,** technical assistant



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## Areas of responsibility:

- Development of optimal resorbable polymers for fiber spinning
- Studies of the mechanical properties of polymer and bioactive glass fibers
- In association with ÅA, manufacturing of the porous polymer/bioactive glass fiber composite



# Biowaffle



**Professor Hannu Aro, PI of the UoT group**



**Jessica Yrjans, PhD student**



## Areas of responsibility:

- *In vitro* studies of the bioactive glass fabric using cell cultures
- Preclinical and clinical studies of the orthopaedic applications of the bioactive glass fabric
- Preclinical and clinical studies of the orthopaedic applications of the porous polymer/bioactive glass fiber composite



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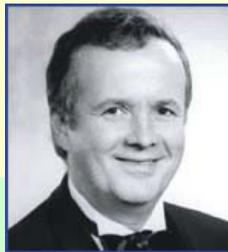
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**Department of Surgery**

**Division of Plastic Surgery**

**Docent Outi Kaarela, PI of the UoO group**



**Professor Timo Waris, Surgery**



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## Areas of responsibility:

- *In vitro* studies of the the porous polymer/bioactive glass fiber composite using stem cells
- *In vivo* studies of the porous polymer/bioactive glass fiber composite
- Preclinical and clinical studies of the cranio-facial applications of the porous polymer/bioactive glass fiber fabric



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## Companies:

- **Vivoxid Ltd, Turku** [www.vivoxid.fi](http://www.vivoxid.fi)
- **Linvatec Biomaterials Ltd., Tampere** [www.linvatec.com](http://www.linvatec.com)
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