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Q: Why did you join IVAPM?

A: I joined IVAPM because I have a strong interest in pain management in vet medicine both for clinical cases as well as pain medicine development projects within the pharma industry.

Q: What is the importance of pain management in veterinary medicine?

A: No animal should suffer and feel pain. Pain is a multidisciplinary issue and all vets, no matter their level of expertise, should acknowledge pain and be able to treat it appropriately.

Q: What vet medicine pain management related initiatives are you involved with and/or most proud of accomplishing?

A: I have been involved with many pain related pharma projects and I am proud to be one of the inventors of a product launched worldwide, Sileo, a dexmedetomidine gel.

Q: What passion veterinary projects are you currently involved?

A: I am working with IVAPM's international committee which is committed to translating pain management materials into different languages to aid in spreading the word about animal pain management. Additionally, I have been organizing pain management educational courses throughout Finland both for vets and public (animal owners).

Dr. Kokkonen is a graduate of Helsinki University.