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Who are the members of learned societies? 
Survey for scholars and society members

Welcome to take part on this survey!

In Finland, there are more than 300 learned societies with approximately 260 000 members. The question is who are the members and why they want to hold their membership? With this study, we aim to find an answer to this question. The survey is conducted by the Federation of Finnish learned Societies which is a co-operative body for learned societies in Finland. Learned societies can use the results from this survey to develop their activities and the Federation can develop its services for the societies.

The questionnaire is open to all members of learned societies and those working as researchers in Finland. The questionnaire is available in Finnish and English and it is possible to leave comments on open questions with any language. The questionnaire is available in Swedish here. By taking part on this survey, you will give us valuable information about the membership of your society. Every answer is important. Participants have a chance to win #minätutkin t-shirts and books from Tiedekirja.

It takes about 15 minutes to fill the survey. The survey is open until 31st of March 2022.

The survey data will be analysed and published in an away that one respondent cannot be identified. Results will be published in a research report that will be published in a publication series of the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies. In addition, other publications may be written. Anonymized data will be archived to the Finnish social science data archive for further research use.

Please ask more information about the study from researcher Elina Late [Contact information removed]

Background questions

1. What is your age in full years?
2. Your gender is:
   - Male
   - Female
   - Other
   - Don’t like to say

3. Do you have the Finnish citizenship?

Please choose one of the following:

- Yes I am
- No I have not

4. Do you live in Finland for the moment?
Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes I do
- No I don’t

5. In which region in Finland are you located?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was ‘Yes I do’ at question 4.

Please choose only one of the following:

- Uusimaa
- Southwest Finland
- Satakunta
- Kanta-Häme
- Pirkanmaa
- Päijät-Häme
- Kymenlaakso
- South Karelia
- South Savo
- North Savo
- North Karelia
- Central Finland
- South Ostrobothnia
- Ostrobothnia
- Central Ostrobothnia
- North Ostrobothnia
- Kainuu
- Lapland
- Åland

6. Are you fluent in Finnish or Swedish?

Please choose only one of the following:

- Yes I am
- No I am not

7. What is your highest degree earned?

Please choose one of the following:

- Comprehensive school
- Vocational education
- Bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- Master’s degree or equivalent
- Doctoral education
- Other

8. Which field of education describes your expertise the best?
Please choose one of the following:

- Generic programmes and qualifications
- Education
- Arts and humanities
- Social sciences, journalism and information
- Business, administration and law
- Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Engineering, manufacturing and construction
- Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary
- Health and welfare
- Services
- Other

9. Please select your work status/primary place of work?

Please choose one of the following:

- University
- University of applied sciences
- Other education institution
- Research institution
- Learned society
- Hospital/health care
- In publishing
- Non-profit organization
- Other government organization
- Other municipality organization
- Other private sector
- I work with a grant
- I am an entrepreneur
- I am a student
- I am retired
- I am an emerita/emeritus of university
- I am not employed
- Other

10. Which of the following options describes your current position the best?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'University' at question 9.

Please choose one of the following:

- Student
- Doctoral student
- Researcher
- Post doctoral researcher
- University teacher
- University lecturer
- Associate professor
• Professor
• Director
• I work at the university administration
• Other

11. Where do you study?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'I am a student' at question 9.

Please choose one of the following:

• University
• University of applied sciences
• High school
• Vocational school
• Comprehensive school
• Other education institution

12. Are you a regular producer, consumer or supporter of scientific research?

Please choose all that apply:

• I consume research (e.g., read scholarly publications, participate on scholarly events)
• I produce research (i.e., conduct research, publish results, etc.)
• I support research (i.e., fund research, have researchers working for me, work at a society/administration/research services etc.)
• I utilize research to make decisions (i.e., to allocate funds, set protocols, etc.)
• I do not consume, produce or support scientific research
• Other:

Membership of Finnish learned society

13. Are you currently a member of Finnish learned society?

Please choose one of the following:

• Yes
• No, but I have been a member in the past
• No, nor I have ever been
• Not sure

14. How many different Finnish learned societies are you currently a member of?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question 13.

15. Of which Finnish learned societies do you hold a membership?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question 13.
16. What motivates you for holding a membership for Finnish learned society?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question 13.

Please choose all that apply:

- Advancing research
- Advancing studies or education in the field
- Professional development
- Networking/being a part of community
- Hobbies
- Desire to learn new about the field
- Societal influencing
- Subscription for society publication(s)
- Opportunity to participate on society events
- Other membership benefits
- Other:

17. Please select all activities supported by your Finnish societies or associations in which you have participated in the last 12 months.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes' at question 13.

Please choose all that apply:

- Attended on a scholarly event organized by the society
- Attended an educational event organized by the society
- Attended other event organized by the society
- Read society’s publications (e.g. journal)
- Read society’s webpages, blogs etc.
- Read society’s public social media network(s) (e.g., Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)
- Published in society’s scholarly publication(s)
- Published in society’s other publication(s)
- Served a referee for the society’s publication(s)
- Applied research or traveling grants from the society
- Utilized research data offered by the society
- Utilized premises or equipment offered by the society (e.g. working spaces, library etc.)
- Participated on research coordinated by the society
- Participated on a meeting of the society
- Participated on society’s administration/planning
- Represented society as a expert
- Got professional advocacy from the learned society
- Other:

18. Why did you let your membership lapse?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No, but I have been a member in the past' at question 13.

Please choose all that apply:
19. Indicate which, if any, of the following are reasons why you are not a member of a Finnish society.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No, nor I have ever been' at question 13.

Please choose all that apply:

- I didn't benefit from the membership
- Society's publications are openly available (reading does not require membership)
- I didn't want to pay for the membership
- I changed jobs or retired
- Other:

20. Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, I don't know

It is important for Finnish society....

- To publish research/scholarly journals
- To make publications openly available (free of charge)
- Popularize research
- Fund societally important research projects
- Fund/support the work of young researchers
- Create research communities/networks
- Maintain presence in social media
- Provide education
- Create open materials for education
- Arrange events
- Foster citizen science
- Foster responsible research assessment

21. Rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:
Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Strongly agree, Agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Disagree, Strongly disagree, I don't know)

Finnish learned societies should...

- Recognize and award members for good work
- Support researchers facing hate speech
- Influence on science policy
- Speak about societal influence of science
- Participate on research evaluation
- Foster research ethics
• Influence on societal discussion

22. What other important tasks do you see for Finnish societies now and in the future?

Membership of international societies

23. Are you currently a member of an international learned society?

Please choose only one of the following:

• Yes I am
• No, but I have been a member in the past
• No, nor I have ever been
• Not sure

24. How many different international learned societies are you currently a member of?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'Yes I am' at question 23.

25. Why did you let your membership lapse?

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:
Answer was 'No, but I have been a member in the past' at question 23.

Please choose all that apply:

• I did not benefit for the membership
• Society's publications are openly available (reading does not require membership)
• I did not want to pay for the membership
• I changed jobs or retired
• Other:

26. Please indicate which, if any, of the following are reasons why you are not a member of international learned society in your field.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met: Answer was 'No, nor I have ever been' at question 23.

Please choose all that apply:

• I don't think there is any value in joining
• I don't know any societies in my field
• I've never been invited to join
• The cost is too high
• Other:

Reading of scholarly journals

27. To what extent are national and international peer reviewed journals valued in your field as publishing forums?
Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Very important, important, somewhat important, slightly important, not at all important, I don’t know

28. How often do you read articles from national and international peer reviewed journals?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Daily, At least once a week, At least once a month, Less frequently, Not at all, I don’t know

- Articles from national peer reviewed journals
- Articles from international peer reviewed journals

29. In which format/device do you most often read articles from national and international peer reviewed journals?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

- Print journal
- Printed on paper
- Computer screen
- Tablet computer
- Mobile phone
- Other, please specify?
- I don’t know

30. For what purpose do you read articles from national peer reviewed journals?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Daily, At least once a week, At least once a month, Less frequently, Not at all, I don’t know

- Research and writing
- Studying
- Teaching/preparing teaching
- For making decisions
- Journalism/science journalism
- Current awareness/keeping up
- Common interest/pleasure
- For other purpose

31. For what purpose do you read articles from international peer reviewed journals?

Please choose the appropriate response for each item: Daily, At least once a week, At least once a month, Less frequently, Not at all, I don’t know

- Research and writing
- Studying
- Teaching/preparing teaching
- For making decisions
- Journalism/science journalism
- Current awareness/keeping up
• Common interest/pleasure
• For other purpose

32. What features/changes do you wish for national and international scholarly journals in the future?

Feedback and contact information

33. Here you can tell more or give feedback for the survey
34. If you want to take part in the draw of #minätutkin t-shirts ja books from Tiedekirja please leave your email address we can use for contacting the winners.

Thank you for your contribution!

Please ask more information about the study from researcher Elina Late [Contact information removed]