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Academy Professor Markku Kulmala awarded the Fedor P. Litke Gold Medal of the Russian Geographical Society

The honour of receiving the medal is very special, since it has seldom been given to someone outside Russia. Kulmala receives the award for being the world's most cited researcher in geoscience.

The Fedor P. Litke Gold Medal of the Russian Geographical Society is awarded to Academy Professor Markku Kulmala from the University of Helsinki for his work in atmospheric sciences, meteorology and climatology on formation of atmospheric aerosol, nucleation and clouds, atmosphere-Earth interaction, climate change, air pollution, Arctic boreal environment, and global challenges.

The award was personally presented to Professor Kulmala by **Sergey Kuzhugetovich Shoygu**, the President of the Society in a solemn banquet in honor of the 170th Anniversary of Russian Geographical Society in Moscow on Wednesday 19.8.2015.

Professor Kulmala's central research areas include the effects of atmospheric aerosols on the climate and human health, the microphysics of clouds and the connections between the biosphere, aerosols, clouds and the climate. He is an expert in the climatic questions of the Arctic and the Boreal. His work is fundamental research.

At the moment his large international research group is planning to expand its networks of measuring stations as part of the international PEEEX (Pan Eurasian Experiment) -programme. For continuous measurements he has built four measuring stations in Finland, one in Estonia and one in Nanjing, China.

Since May 2011 Professor Markku Kulmala is the most cited geoscientist in the world. His dream is not only to explain thoroughly the atmospheric small particles but also to build a global network of measuring stations for studying atmospheric interactions globally.

During its' long history, the Fedor P. Litke Gold Medal is very special. It is rarely awarded and seldom have non-Russians been awarded: <http://www.rgo.ru/en/society/awards/count-litke-medal>.

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Image of Academy Professor Markku Kulmala, photographer Linda Tammisto

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