



Kari Ojala

Curriculum Vitae

Kari Ojala is the Head of Asset and Risk Management at SSAB Europe Oy. He has M.Sc.(Eng.) degree on Machine Design and Automation from the University of Oulu. He started in the current position in 2017. Earlier he has been eight years the Works Manager at Raahe Steel Works focusing on maintenance productivity management, production and support functions. Maintenance in the steel industry was his main area during 2000 - 2008: five years Director Maintenance and Works Services at Rautaruukki, three years Service Account Manager at ABB Service for the Outokumpu Harjavalta and Pori Works, and two years the Managing Director of a machining and maintenance services company Millpartner. He started at Raahe Steel Works in 1989 as a Mechanical Maintenance Engineer continuing to the Maintenance Manager and the General Manager of Technical Services. After the graduation in 1987, he worked as a Project Engineer at Kalajokilaakso IT Center. During the years, the research and development topics have moved from the maintenance services towards the asset and risk management in industry.

Since 1996 Kari Ojala has been active in the Finnish Maintenance Society. He was a member of the Board already 1996 – 2004 and has continued this 2008 onwards. He was the Chairman of the Board 1998 - 2004. He has participated in different advisory boards of maintenance exhibitions, conferences and maintenance education of the University of Oulu. He has given presentations at many local and international conferences.

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| Since 2017 | Head of Asset and Risk Management, SSAB Europe Oy |
| 2014 - 2016 | SSAB Europe Oy, Raahe Steel Works: Works Manager, Head of production and support function, Head of maintenance productivity management, SSAB Europe |
| 2009 - 2014 | Ruukki Metals Oy, Raahe Steel Works, Works Manager, Head of production and support functions |
| 2004 - 2008 | Rautaruukki Oyj, Raahe Steel Works: Director Maintenance and Works Services, Head of works maintenance, Coordination of investments |
| 2001 - 2003 | ABB Oy, Service: Service Account Manager, Metals Area Manager, Full Service Maintenance, Outokumpu Harjavalta and Pori Works |
| 2000 - 2001 | Millpartner Oy: Managing Director, Head of machining and maintenance services company |

- 1996 - 2000 Rautaruukki Oy: General Manager, Technical Services, Head of centralized maintenance services, purchasing and subcontracting services and maintenance development at Raahe Steel Works
- 1993 - 1996 Rautaruukki Oy: Maintenance Manager, Head of maintenance of sinter and iron production at Raahe Steel Works, Project manager, Blast Furnace relining and equipment overhaul
- 1989 - 1993 Rautaruukki Oy: Mechanical Maintenance Engineer, sintering and ironmaking at Raahe Steel Works
- 1987 - 1988 Kalajokilaakso IT Center: Project Engineer
- 1987 M.Sc.(Eng.) Machine Design and Automation, Mechanical Engineering, University Oulu, Finland