

Kannan Bio

Dr. Kurunthachalam Kannan is the **Deputy Director** of the Division of Environmental Health Sciences at Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health in Albany, New York. He is a **Professor** at the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health, State University of New York at Albany. He is highly renowned internationally for his pioneering research work on contaminants in the environment. He has published over 550 research articles in peer-reviewed journals, 25 book chapters and edited a book. Dr. Kannan is the top 2 most highly cited researchers (ISI) in Ecology/Environment globally with an H-index of more than 100 (google scholar). He is known for his work on the discovery of perfluorochemicals in the global environment, among several other discoveries. Currently his research is focused on biomonitoring of human exposure to organic pollutants. He is one of the top leaders in the field of human biomonitoring in the world and his laboratory is one of the well funded by the U.S. federal government agencies such as National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Kannan is a recipient of several international awards and honors throughout his career and to name a few, he has won Governor's gold medal in 1986 and SETAC's Weston F Roy Environmental Chemistry award in 1999. Recently he has been awarded by New York State Department of Health's Sturman Award for Excellence in Research. He has mentored more than 15 Master's and doctoral level students and advised more than 30 postdoctoral research associates in his laboratory and secured more than 25 million dollars in research grants in the past 10 years.