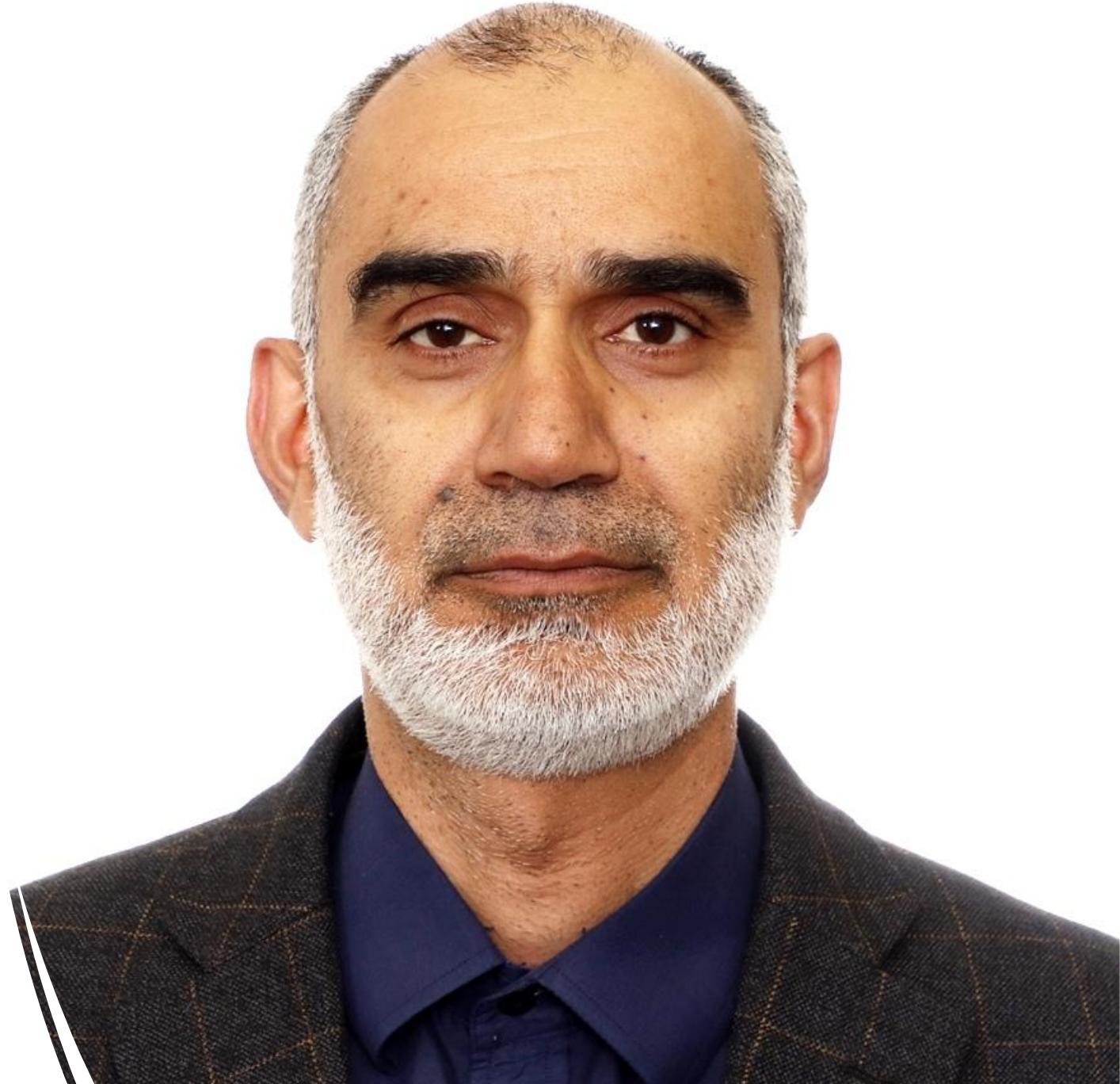# Iftikhar Ahmad (Ph.D.)

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Introduction

- **Iftikhar Ahmad**

- Head of R&D Central Function, Innovation partnerships, Tietoevry Finland Oy

- Research Fellow, Tampere University

- Chief Engineer, Nokia Mobile Phone

- Design Engineer, Teamware

Transition

- Academic Deep Dive – PhD

- Research Fellow – Bridging Academia and Industry

- Machine learning
  - MS Bing challenge

- Deepcvision (Co-Founder)

- Head of R&D Central Function

- Leading VETURI Ecosystem

- Trustworthy AI & Multimedia LLMs

Academia and Industry

- Define goals and objects
- Curiosity
- Challenges
- Learning & innovation
- Networking
  - Events, seminars, job fairs etc.
- Good recommendation from academia
- Working in national and EU ecosystems
  - National (Business Finland)
  - EU projects
- Cross-border collaboration

Way forward

- Technology evolves, but the principles of **curiosity**, **focus**, **confidence** and **collaboration** remain constant

- Embrace change, mentoring, and build bridges between disciplines

- Looking ahead
  - Trustworthy AI
  - 5G/6G technology-based services
  - Foster deeper partnerships across Europe.

- Human-centric AI and resilient digital infrastructure

Thanks