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### **Vanhala runs for President of SAK**

Petri Vanhala has been asked by leaders of several industrial and transport unions to run for the presidency of SAK (the Central Organization of Finnish Trade Unions), and he has accepted their request. The current president, Mr. Lauri Ihalainen, will retire in May this year and the new president shall assume the post immediately thereafter. The Council of SAK will elect new president at its meeting on May 14.

All candidates will be interviewed by SAK Council members, e.g. on 25 March. Above leaders hope that there will be several candidates to ensure election of the most competent candidate capable of responding to future challenges.