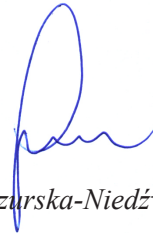


**Dear Reader,**

*Hereby I would like to welcome a new member of the Scientific Board, Professor Rimvydas Milašius. We are proud to have the opportunity to co-operate with such distinguished, outstanding scientist and researcher who, we hope, will help us not only to maintain the present scientific and editorial level of our journal but also to raise it and broaden the scientific spectrum of the articles presented.*



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Prof. Rimvydas Milašius is a full professor of Kaunas University of Technology (KTU), Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Design. He was born in 1962 in Kaunas, Lithuania. In 1985 he graduated from the KTU study programme in weaving technology, and in 1988 he defended his PhD thesis in extern form on the topic of textile based composites. In 2004 he achieved habilitation in materials science on the topic of technical textiles. Since 2005 he has worked as a professor and since 2007 as a full professor of KTU. Since 2019 he has been a visiting professor of Riga Technical University, Latvia. In the period of 2001-2006, he was a Chairman of the Council of the Lithuanian Textile Institute. In the period 2007-2013, he was Head of Department of Textile Technology of KTU. In the period of 2013-2015, he was a member of the Presidium of the Lithuanian Apparel and Textile Industry Association. Since 2015 he has been a member of the Board of Delegates of the European Materials Research Society (E-MRS). Since 2008 he has been a Member of the Editorial Board of the journal “FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe”. He is also a member of editorial or scientific boards of several international journals published in Switzerland, Poland etc. He has participated in more than 20 various national projects with industrial companies and in more than 10 various international projects such as FP7, COST actions, ERASMUS+ etc. He has published more than 60 papers in the journals of the Clarivate Analytics Web of Science and is cited more than 300 times, with an index of the citations h-index of 11. He has been the supervisor of 9 PhD students who successfully graduated from PhD studies, and is the current supervisor of 4 PhD students. In 2014 he was awarded with the ‘Gold Spindle’ award of the Lithuanian Apparel and Textile Industry Association and in 2016 with an award from the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science.