

In memory of Professor Vytautas Milašius

1934-2019

Professor Vytautas Milašius, a longtime member of the Scientific Board of FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe, passed away on March 5th, 2019. He was a dear friend of ours and an avid promoter of our journal, always willing to offer us his help and support. This is not only a great loss for our journal but also for the whole textile community.

Professor Vytautas Milašius was born in 1934 in Kaunas, Lithuania. In 1952 he started Mechanical Textile Engineering studies at Kaunas University of Technology (KTU). From 1957 till 1959 he worked at the “Kaunas Silk Factory” and in 1959 started PhD studies at KTU. He was a Doctor from 1963, habil. Dr. from 1974, full Professor from 1978, and in the years 1988-1993 he was Head of Department of Textile Technology in KTU.

He was twice, in 1966 and 2001, presented with the Lithuanian National Science Award. In 1993-1994 he was Chairman of the Lithuanian National Committee of Scientific Degrees Nostrification. In 1999, for all his life's works and achievements in the Lithuanian textile industry and education, he was awarded by the Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus with the “Order of Grand Duke of Lithuania Gediminas” for “Merits for Lithuania”. In 2012 he was nominated a Doctor of Honour of Riga Technical University, Latvia.

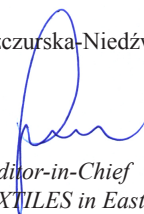
He was also a member of numerous various scientific degree committees in Lithuania and Latvia, the author of many research papers and handbooks for students, and a supervisor of PhD students.

His main scientific activities were in the fields of investigation in digital weave evaluation of woven fabrics and analysis of national Lithuanian woven ornamentation. The weave parameter P developed by him and its various modifications, which are now called the “Milašius factor”, are very widely used by various researchers for investigations of the weave influence on fabric properties and maximum settings.

Prof. Vytautas Milašius died on the 5th of March, 2019 after a long and deep illness but had a clear mind until the last hours of his life and never forgot textiles and all the colleagues all over the world which he had met during the long years of his life. A truly inspiring and outstanding scientist and man has passed away. He will be greatly missed.



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