



Professor Sven Erik Ekdahl

Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences since 2005

Sven Erik Ekdahl, Swedish historian, Professor of Medieval History.

Born in 1935 in the province of Småland in southern Sweden.

Academic studies at the universities of Göteborg/Gothenburg (Sweden) and Göttingen (Federal Republic of Germany). MA in 1961, approved for civil service. Licentiate examina in history at the University of Gothenburg in 1967. Employment as librarian at the university library of Gothenburg (1965-1968) and as archivist at the regional archives of Gothenburg (1968-1973).

Scholarships from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Max Planck Society for research in the archives of the Teutonic Order in “Staatliches Archivlager” in Göttingen, where the former State Archives of Königsberg (East Prussia) were then kept.

Promotion for a doctorate in history at the Åbo Academy (Swedish University) in Finland 1977 and habilitation at the University of Gothenburg 1978. In the same year, appointed assistant professor at the University of Gothenburg.

1979-1999 scientific researcher at the Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, where the archives of the Teutonic Order had been taken from Göttingen, in 1978/1979.

From 1996 to 1999, chairman of the Nordostdeutsches Kulturwerk, Lüneburg.

In 2002 appointed professor of medieval history (research professor) at the PolishScandinavian Research Institute, also a member of the board of that institute.

In 2004 appointed honorary Doctor at the University of Vilnius and in 2005 foreign member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

Awarded the Stanislaw Sawicki Award by the Polish-Scandinavian Research Institute (Instytut PolskoSkandynawski) in Copenhagen in 1998

The Order of Grand Duke Gediminas (State Order of the Republic of Lithuania) by President Valdas Adamkus in 1999.

Awarded the medal Pro Meritis and appointed secretary-general of the Polish-Scandinavian Research Institute in 2013

Awarded the Grunwald medal by the municipality of Grunwald (Poland) in 2014.

Co-editor and/or member of the board of scientific reviews in Sweden, Germany, Poland, and Lithuania and editor of the jubilee book of the Swedish Parish (Victoria Parish) in Berlin, 2003.

Author of scientific publications, most of which deal with the history of Prussia, Poland, Lithuania, Livonia, and Scandinavia in the late Middle Ages. Also a member of historical commissions and societies in different countries. Special field of research: the Battle of Tannenberg (Grunwald, Žalgiris, Hrunval'd, Grjunval'd/Grünwald etc.) in 1410.

His publications include *Banderia Prutenorum* (1976), *Schlacht bei Tannenberg* (1982), *Soldbuch des Deutschen Ordens* (1988, 2010). Full bibliography at www.ekdahl.de

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