



### **Professor Voldemars Strikis**

**Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences since 2008**

Professor emeritus Voldemars Strikis, is the Latvian agricultural economist, teacher and politician. He was born in 24 02 1936 in Mažeikiai, Lithuania.

#### **Education:**

1952–1956 – agricultural colleges of Klaipėda and Kazdanga, agronomy; agronomist

In 1961 he graduated from the Faculty of Agronomy of the Latvian Academy of Agriculture. In

1986, he graduated from the Moscow Agricultural Academy.

#### **Academic qualifications:**

1967 – agricultural economics, candidate of economic sciences (PhD)

1991 – Department of Agricultural Economics, a professor's diploma

1992 – agriculture, PhD in agricultural sciences

1992 – member of the Latvian Agricultural and Forestry Academy

1996 – Honorary Doctor of the Latvian Academy of Sciences

1996 – foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry

1997 – foreign member of the Russian Agricultural Academy

2003 – Honorary Doctor of the Lithuanian Agricultural University

2008 – foreign member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

In 1963 he started working at the Latvian Academy of Agriculture (since 1990 - Latvian University of Agriculture) as an associate professor. From 1968 to 1987 he was the Dean of the Faculty of

Economics, then, until 1989, Vice-Rector for Education at the Latvian Agricultural Academy. From 1992 to 2001 he was the rector of the Latvian Agricultural University and in 2005 became the head of the Department of Economics. From 1993 to 2001 he was a member of the Latvian Science Council.

**Directions:** Agrarian policy; Rural development policy; Grain economics; Issues in economic education and research; Social capital; Expansion of the energy sector.

**Public duties:**

In 1990, elected to the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, voted for the restoration of independence of the Republic of Latvia.

From 1990 to 1992 he was a member of the AP presidency, led the Agriculture and Forestry Commission.

Has been repeatedly elected to the Jelgava City Council from the list of Latvian Farmers' Union.

Full member of the Latvian Agricultural and Forestry Academy since 1999

Member of the Rector Council of the Nordic (NOVA) and Baltic (BOVA) countries, 1992–2001

Member of the Division of Agriculture and Forestry since 2005

He is the author of over 50 scientific articles and several books.

In 1998, Strikis was awarded with the Order of the Three Stars of the Third Class, and in the same year received the Order of St Olav of Norway.

In 2003 he won the Karl Ulmanis Prize.

The information is based on a personal file.  
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