



Professor Richard Villems

Foreign Member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences since 2007

Estonian professor (emeritus) of evolutionary biology (University of Tartu), director of the Estonian Biocentre (1986-2014), president of the Estonian Academy of Sciences (2004-2014). Professor Richard Villems was born on November 28, 1944 in Parnu, Estonia.

Education

1962 Pärnu Koidula Gymnasium
1968 University of Tartu
1972 Cand.Sc. (PhD) in medicine
1984 D.Sc. in biology
1987 Professor

Field of research – Biosciences and Environment; Genetics

Institution and occupation

2018–...University of Tartu, Institute of Genomics, Research Professor of Population Genetics
2017–...University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Head of Chair
2016–...University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Professor of Archaeogenetics
2009–2017 Estonian Biocentre, Research Professor
2008–2015 University of Tartu, Faculty of Science and Technology (old), Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Tartu, Professor of Archaeogenetics
2004–2007 University of Tartu, Faculty of Biology and Geography, Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology, Professor extraordinarius
2004–2014 Estonian Academy of Sciences, President
1996–2004 professor of evolutionary biology, Tartu University

1994-1999 Vice-President and Head of the Division of Astronomy and Physics, Estonian Academy of Sciences
1991–1996 professor of molecular biology, Tartu University
1987–1991 professor of molecular genetics, Tartu University
1986–2014 Estonian Biocentre, Director
.1980–1986 chief scientist, ICBP. Estonian Academy of Sciences
1976–1980 senior scientist, Inst. of Physics, Estonian Academy of Sciences
1972–1976 junior and senior scientist, Tartu University

Membership

1987 Member, Estonian Academy of Sciences
1989 Foreign Member, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
1994 Member, Erfurt Academy of Sciences
2000 Foreign member, Finnish Academy of Sciences
2005 Foreign Member, Latvian Academy of Sciences
2007 Foreign Member, Lithuanian Academy of Sciences
2012 Foreign member, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Bashkortostan

Honours & awards

1980 State Science Prize
1998 Third Class Order of the White Star
2000 Honorary citizen of Tartu
2006 Second Class Order of the White Star
2013 Lifetime achievement Award in genetics
2017 State science prize, Estonia

Completed projects: 16;

Projects in progress: "Institutional Research Funding" project IUT24-1;

Supervised dissertations: 28;

Dissertations under supervision: 4

Full list of publications in <https://www.etis.ee/Portal/Persons/>

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