

CHRONICLE

Veronika Vasiliauskienė – professor, full member of the Academy of Sciences, researcher and organizer of science



Veronika Vasiliauskienė (born on December 15, 1935 in Aukštelkai village, Radviliškis district) is one of the most renowned agricultural researchers, enterprising and thoughtful participant in the national scientific life. She is a full member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences.

The area of research activities of Veronika Vasiliauskienė encompasses biomedical sciences, agronomy field (crop production, grassland research, and agro-chemistry). She defended a doctoral thesis “The variation of cultivated pasture’s yield, botanical and chemical composition as influenced by NPK fertiliser rates and ratios on a non-acid loam soil” and a doctor habilitatus thesis “Scientific validation of mineral nutrition of various swards in the intensive pasture management system on mineral soils”. At the Lithuanian Institute of Agriculture (currently Institute of Agriculture, Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry) she was employed in various positions ranging from research worker to chairperson of the Institute Board, supervised and

implemented numerous research projects and programmes. For her research work “Fundamentals of agronomically sound and ecologically safe agricultural crops’ fertilisation systems” (together with co-authors) was given a State Award. The professor has published over 320 scientific and science popular articles, has made presentations in international congresses and conferences. She is a compiler and co-author of the monograph “Lithuania’s soils” for which the award from V. Vazalinskis foundation has been granted.

Her many years’ work at the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences is closely related to the activities of this institution, uniting the most prominent Lithuanian scientists and Lithuania-related foreign scientists. She was chairperson of the LAS’s Department of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, presidium member and vice-president.

Besides her scientific activities, the professor is actively involved in the solution of issues relevant for Lithuania as a state: in the development of various national strategies and programmes (National agricultural development programme, Lithuanian agricultural science and education development programme, Lithuanian science and technologies white book, Lithuania’s long-term economic development strategy up to the year 2015 and others. For a few years, the Professor had been a member of the Science Council of Lithuania, advisor for the government of the Republic of Lithuania on agricultural issues, chairperson of the Agricultural Science Board under the Ministry of Agriculture, member of Board of Ministry of Agriculture, member of Rural Development Board under the Ministry of Agriculture, member of the Lithuanian University of Agriculture’s Board, chairperson of the Chamber of Scientists of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, expert of the Lithuanian State Science

and Studies Foundation, member, secretary of the Lithuanian Science Awards Committee. Currently she is Board member of the Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics, editorial board member or chairperson of the scientific journals „Žemės ūkio mokslai“ (Agricultural Sciences), „Gyvulininkystė“ (Animal Production), „Žemdirbystė-Agriculture“, and „Žemės ūkio enciklopedija“ (Encyclopaedia of Agriculture).

The Professor is an experienced and shrewd educator, who had been involved in the training of highly skilled MSc and PhD specialists, was a member or chairperson for numerous PhD theses defence committees or boards, a member or chairperson of doctor habilitatus theses defence committees, supervisor of doctoral theses, honorary doctor of the Lithuanian University of Agriculture.

As an enterprising, gifted, industrious and strong-willed scientist she has been awarded on multiple occasions. The research and science organisation activities of Veronika Vasiliauskienė, the winner of the award of the State Order for Merits to Lithuania, Cavalier of Knight's Cross, full member

of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, doctor habilitatus, professor, contribute to the development of the national economy and further cohesion between Lithuania's agriculture and science.

We thank the Professor for taking care of Lithuania's science, agricultural knowledge and its dissemination, assistance to her colleagues and scientific community. Congratulations on this nice anniversary. We wish new ideas, inexhaustible creativity and good health.

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