

## In memoriam

Remigijus Ozolinčius

*Nežinau, kas buvai –  
Senas qžuolas, beržas ar uosis,  
Gal paklydusi guoba  
Mano girios melsvam pakrašty,  
O gal eglė – vėjo paguoda,  
O gal tik lemtis,  
Kažkieno kažkada dovanota ...*

I don't know who one was –  
Old oak, birch or ash.  
Maybe strait elm  
On the bluish edge of my wood  
Or perhaps spruce – consolation of wind  
Or perhaps only destiny  
That someone once presented



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It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear colleague Editor-in Chief Academician, member of the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO, Head of the National MAB Committee, Professor, Dr. Hab. Remigijus Ozolinčius who unexpectedly passed away suddenly on 10th April 2013. He left us far too soon.

Remigijus Ozolinčius was born in Skomantai, Klaipėda district, Lithuania, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1956. After he has graduated from Lithuanian Academy of Agriculture (now Aleksandras Stulginskis University) in 1980 with an honours degree, he started as a junior research scientist at the Lithuanian Forest Research Institute and from 1987 becomes a senior research scientist. He served later as deputy director of the Lithuanian Forest Research Institute (1994–1997), head research scientist from 1997 and Director of the Institute (1997–2010). Since 2010 he becomes a deputy director of the Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry and director of the Institute of Forestry. Results of his scientific research are an important contribution for solving problems of the stand for-

mation, sustainability of forest ecosystems, diagnosis of forest condition and an impact of climate change on forests. Remigijus Ozolinčius has published more than 400 scientific and popular scientific papers and more than 30 books and monographs. In 1985 he successfully obtained doctoral dissertation and was awarded the title of Doctor of Natural Sciences and in 1997 becomes Doctor Habilitatus of Natural Sciences and Associated Professor. In 2000, he awarded the title of Professor. In 2004 he was elected as an academician expert and in 2011 as a member of the Academy of Sciences. Remigijus Ozolinčius was engaged not only in the scientific research but was also Professor of the Vytautas Magnus University and Aleksandras Stulginskis University, and supervisor of many PhD students. He was a member of many scientific organizations and NGO including Editorial Boards of scientific and professional journals, Presidium member of Lithuanian Foresters' Union, member of the Scientific Boards of Institute of Forestry LRCAF and Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology of Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Advisory Board of Forestry under the

Ministry of Environment of Lithuania, Board of Agricultural Sciences, IUFRO and other organizations.

This is shocking and terribly distressful news for all us. Our sadness is beyond words. We have lost not only a scientist of great intellect and achievement but a most valued member of our community of forest science and all foresters. His leadership and expertise were exceptional. He was fraught of new ideas, erudition, diligence and creative energy. His contributions to the forest science and ecology are unquestioned, and are reflected in his outstanding international reputation. To us, his colleagues, Remigijus Ozolinčius was much more than an extremely creative and thoughtful scientist.

He will be remembered as Editor-in-Chief of the international peer-reviewed journal of forest sciences "*Baltic Forestry*". He was one of the most active and optimistic founders of our journal "*Baltic Forestry*" from its beginning in 1995. His rigorous approach to questions of great importance in forest science and the journal *Baltic Forestry* is reflected the ethos of the Editorial Board as has his passion for actually engaging in research

He will be remembered for his love of nature, photography and talent for writing and poetry, and for his gentle humor and friendliness. We will miss thor-

oughly his unique and far-ranging intellect, his wonderful advice, warm and caring personality, the clarity of his thought and writing, his warmth and his laughter. The scientific community and Baltic Forestry have lost a rare inspirational leader.

We would like to express our deepest condolences to Remigijus Ozolinčius's family and all colleagues. It is clear from the remembrances that we all feel the tremendous loss of such an esteemed thinker, leader and friend.

#### NOTHING WILL DIE

When will the stream be weary of flowing  
under my eye?  
When will the wind be weary of blowing over  
the sky?  
When will the clouds be weary of fleeting?  
When will the heat be weary of beating?  
And nature die?  
Never, oh! Never, nothing will die;  
The stream flows,  
The wind blows,  
The cloud fleets,  
The heart beats,  
Nothing will die...

(*Alfred Tennyson, 1871*)