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Remarkable figures formed the basis for the growth of Book Science, Bibliography, Librarianship and related Information and Communication Sciences in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> c. in the Baltics, East, Central, and North Europe. Although conditions were different across the countries, national research schools were established, specialists required for the sector of libraries were trained, information resources became more abundant and advanced, scholarly journals that brought teams of researchers and united them were established. Vladas Žukas (1925–2014), Professor from Vilnius University, Doctor of Philosophy (HP), Managing Editor and Member of Editorial Boards of ‘Bibliotekininkystės ir bibliografijos klausimai’ (Eng. Issues of Librarianship and Bibliography) and ‘Knygotyra’ (Eng. Book Science) scholarly journals was among the most famous Lithuanian researchers and teachers at that time. The Professor has actively worked in the fields of book science, bibliography, and cultural research; before being removed from his privileged position, initiated and led the bibliophilic movement during the Soviet period, and was immensely interested in collecting the works of Lithuanian painters. These fields of interest have also shaped the personalities of other remarkable research originators. These research originators had a surprising ability to remain relevant and maintain academic backbone in defending the vitality of research and national culture, dissemination of interests and maturity under difficult conditions of ideological restrictions and separation from Western academic research which were the reality for research communities in the Baltics, East and Central Europe.

The example of research originators prompts us not only to turn back to research phenomena in the past, rethink the heritage of remarkable figures and their contribution to the development of the research idea but also puts contemporary researchers on the track towards continuing book science, bibliographic, and related information sciences research.

## **Themes in the special volume of the ‘Knygotyra’ journal**

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**Bibliographic research, applied activities, and studies from the 20<sup>th</sup> c. to the early 21<sup>st</sup> c.** Sources, development, and achievements. Change in paradigms. Preparation of information resources. Applied bibliographic research and activities. National bibliography. Research communication. Information technologies and systems of libraries. Information and media literacy. Contemporary situation in research, studies, and vocational training across Europe.

**Research originators and making their heritage meaningful.** Research originators (conception, traits, and relevance). Turns for (hobby) spiritual and cultural self-expression as a sign of personal maturity. Preservation of life, research process, and research heritage. Clusters of manuscript and print heritage. Memorial memory. Researcher’s personal library and its preservation. Bibliophily and its impact on book studies, bibliography, and librarianship. Contemporary needs for research in the history of information and communication sciences.

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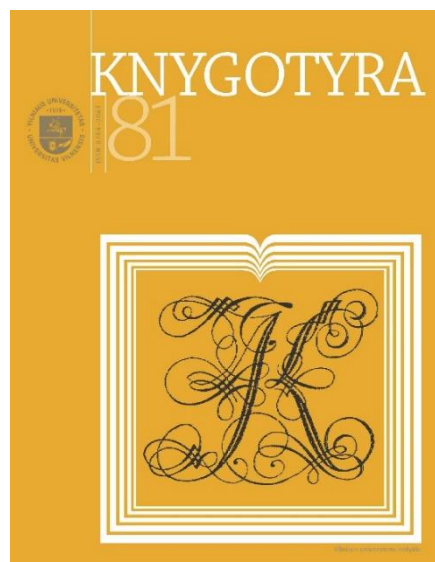
## About Professor Doctor (HP) Vladas Žukas



He was born on 18 April 1925 in Pakiršiny village (Baisogala distr.) in the family of farmers Jonas Žukas and Ona Liaudanskaitė, and died on 26 March 2014 in Vilnius. He was buried in Antakalnis Cemetery. In the post-war period he graduated Kaunas Adult Gymnasium and, in 1946–1951, studied Lithuanian Philology at Kaunas and Vilnius universities. During his studies in 1947–1949, he recorded folklore in Baisogala environs, and compiled several collections of folklore. He also became interested in collecting art. From 1951 to 1992, he taught different disciplines in Bibliography at the faculties of History-Philology (History, since 1968) and Communication. Doctor of Philosophy (in 1972; in 1993, a nostrified Doctor of Philosophy (HP)). Professor at Vilnius University (1980), Head of the Department of Librarianship (1964–1967), Head of the Department of Retrospective Bibliography of the Lithuanian Press of the Chamber of Lithuanian Books (1991–1992). The Managing Editor of the ‘Bibliotekininkystė ir bibliografijos klausimai’ (Eng. Issues of Librarianship and Bibliography) Journal (vol. 5–7, 1967–1969) and Member of the Editorial Board of ‘Knygotyra’ (Eng. Book Science) (1985–1991). Once in retirement, the Professor continued his academic activities. He has published approximately 700 articles and over 20 books on Lithuanian bibliography, books, libraries, literature, research on the history of periodicals, published recollections about book characters, writers and artists, papers on research of sources, recollections about his native land. He has compiled indices of personal bibliography. He participated in coordination of bibliographic and ethnographic activities, activities of bibliographic clubs, and collected works of Lithuanian painters. In 1994, for his merits to Lithuanian Librarianship, he became an honorary member of the Lithuanian Society of

Librarians, and was awarded the Felicija Bortkevičienė Prize for Language (2004) for the research on the Lithuanian press ban imposed by the Imperial Russia on the 100th anniversary of its removal. Professor's wide field of interest and focus on the issues in bibliography, book studies, librarianship, and bibliophily prompt us to turn back to the development of these sciences and their role in contemporary networking society. He has actively cooperated with researchers from the Baltics – Latvia and Estonia – and Poland, maintained contacts with Belarusian, Russian, and Bulgarian bibliographers, librarians, and ethnologists.

### **About the 'Knygotyra' (Eng. Book Science) International Scholarly Journal**



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