



Baltic Assembly Prizes for Literature, the Arts and Science

Baltic Innovation Prize

Baltic Assembly Medals

6 November 2020

Address by the President of the Baltic Assembly Aadu Must



Photo by Ieva Ābele (Administration of Parliament of the Republic of Latvia)

This year the Baltic Assembly, as any other organisation, has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the difficulties and restrictions to meet in person, the traditions of our organisation continue but in slightly different format this year.

We award the Baltic Assembly Prizes to outstanding people, who have demonstrated excellence in literature, the arts, science and innovation. This year's winners of the Baltic Assembly Prizes have used their talent and knowledge to encourage thinking, remind about the historical milestones of the Baltic states and make our countries visible in the international arena. Awards have been won in strong competition, as the decision was made by competent international jury. My special thanks go to this year's jury for their excellent work. We also congratulate the people for their significant contribution to strengthening the unity and cooperation of the Baltic states. Medals of the Baltic Assembly will be awarded to people who not only care about our Baltic nations, but also

contribute to the targeted cooperation of our states and prosperity of our Baltic region that will be extremely important in the years to come. These people promote the unity and cooperation of the Baltic states - we greatly appreciate their work.

Unity and cooperation of the Baltic states are extremely important for us. We are thankful to all people who feel the same way and act in order to bring the countries closer together. The awarding of the Baltic Assembly Prizes and Medals in Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia is our way of saying that even though times are tough people are those who hold our nations together and we are grateful for that. We are also very proud about their achievements.

On behalf of the Baltic Assembly, I congratulate all who have been awarded the Prizes and Medals of the Baltic Assembly.

Aadu Must
President of the Baltic Assembly

Winner of the Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature



Photo by Linas Daukša.

The Baltic Assembly Prize for Literature 2020 is awarded to **Birutė Jonuškaitė** from Lithuania for her novel cycle “Maranta” and “Maestro”, which belong with the long, branched-out texts that weave numerous storylines and created detailed characters, which possess the versatility and depth of the classic canon, and which raise the language to the appropriate heights also for the hefty book of conversations “Laikas ir likimai” (“Time and Destiny”).

Birutė Jonuškaitė is a prose writer, an excellent translator, essayist, publicist, journalist and poet. She was born on 5 October in 1959 in Poland but lives in Lithuania from 1985. She has written short stories, novels, poems, essays and interviews. Birutė Jonuskaite’s short

stories and poetry have been translated into English, French, Belarusian, German, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Georgian, Croatian, Slovenian, Slovak, Czech and Spanish.

The first part of the dilogy “Maranta”, constructed from real characters and historical events, highlights the fates of three generations of women, whose stories are told by the young artist Rasa. The second part “Maestro” is a novel about the talented painter Viktor and his artistic creation peculiarities. Birutė Jonuškaitė cares how from a poor childhood it is possible to become a famous creator of works of art. The book of conversations “Time and Destiny”, however, is about the meetings with Lithuanian and Polish Authors.

Winner of the Baltic Assembly Prize for the Arts



Photo by Agnese Zeltiņa

The Baltic Assembly Prize for the Arts 2020 is awarded to **Kristīne Briede** from Latvia and **Audrius Stonys** from Lithuania for meditative documentary essay “Bridges of Time” (2018), which was co-produced by Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian studios and portrays the less-remembered generation of cinema poets of the Baltic New Wave.

Kristine Briede is a Latvian film maker of cultural and social issues who has received numerous recognitions for her projects in the fields of art, cinema and society integration. Audrius Stonys on the other hand is a globally acclaimed Lithuanian documentary film maker. These authors directed together the Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian awarded documentary film “Bridges of Time”.

“Bridges of Time” is a wonderful film that observes the works of the film directors of so-called Baltic New Way which is certain original style in documentary film making in 1960s of three Baltic States. In 1960s,

the Baltic states were very known for their documentary films. In particular they were known for their special style - poetic documentary. Its main practitioners are Herz Frank, Ulvis Brauns, Ivars Selekis, Mark Soosaar, Andres Sööt, Robertas Sverba and others. They push the boundaries of what was accepted in the Soviet times. As there were obstacles that did not allowed them to explore the horizon they went up to the vertical. Instead they spoke about the timeless things that matter always independently of what regime is ruling or which year is in the calendar. Thus, the Baltic poetic documentary cinema created an independent world free from ideology, lies and propaganda. It was a declaration of inner freedom. In their film the authors managed to go far beyond the limits of common historiographic investigation. The authors managed to highlight the poetic aspect of the film. The result is truly cinematic poem about cinema poets.

Winner of the Baltic Assembly Prize for Science



Photo by Herta Taube

The Baltic Assembly Prize for Science 2020 is awarded to **Roberts Eglītis** for work cycle: “Theoretical predictions of new materials for energy storage and harvesting”.

Roberts Eglītis was born in Riga in 1966. He finished Latvian State University and then spent a lot of time working in excellent scientific centres all around the globe - in Europe, Asia and the US. When he collected a lot of experience, he came back to Riga and now works in the Solid-State Physics Institute in Riga. The Institute is known around the globe for different solutions and inventions in the field of solid matter. Roberts Eglītis Hirsch index is 33 and it is still growing.

He has around 366 publications and is still very active in his field.

In the beginning of 21st century, Roberts Eglītis with his co-authors was the first in the world who theoretically proved possibility to reach 5-volts battery that means longer performance time of the devices which are on batteries. All batteries currently around the world are 4-volts batteries. The research of Roberts Eglītis is important as scientists all over the world are searching the way to improve the batteries. Research of Roberts Eglītis is very important for the human kind as lives will improve when 5-volts batteries will reach the market.

Nominees for the Baltic Innovation Prize 2020

Baltic Innovation Prize is being awarded for outstanding achievement in innovation and new technologies, as well as for the strengthening of cooperation of the Baltic states in innovation and technological development.

- **KAPPAZETA OÜ (Estonia) – winner**

A science-driven radar remote sensing company and its goal is to make space a valuable asset for everyone. The key area the company focuses on is agriculture. With the growing global population there is increasing pressure to produce more food every year, but land suitable for agriculture is at the same time decreasing. They believe that with timely information extracted from satellite data, farmers can make better decisions, earn more profit and ultimately grow better food.

- **PERUZA SIA (Latvia)**

A process engineering and equipment manufacturing company. Their products let the clients produce more quality product at less cost. The company creates and produces production equipment mainly for the food processing industry, especially for fish processing.

- **LEMONA UAB (Lithuania)**

A global leader in the Baltic region whose main field of activity is wholesale and retail trade in various electronic components, tools, materials, as well as smart home and business solutions. A successful company activity in Lithuania has created favourable conditions for its expansion abroad.

Medal Recipients

1. **Eveli Bauer** for her untiring spirit of cooperation and contribution making 3B joint procurements of medicines a success story
2. **Ginta Gerharde-Upeniece** for organizing the pan-Baltic art project “Wild Souls. Symbolism in the Baltic States”
3. **Gusty Graas** for many years of excellent cooperation, support and sharing experience with the Baltic Assembly
4. **Azer Karimli** for promoting cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and GUAM Parliamentary Assembly
5. **Tanel Kiik** for his dedication and scientific-based approach in solving acute health and social issues and managing to overcome the largest healthcare crisis in recent decades (COVID-19) in cooperation with Baltic colleagues
6. **Dins Merirands** for his long-term proactive contribution to the implementation of the project Rail Baltica and active cooperation with the Baltic Assembly on transport infrastructure related issues in the Baltic States
7. **Pyry Niemi** for persistent promotion of the cooperation between the Baltic and the Nordic countries
8. **Virginijus Sinkevičius** for supporting Baltic cooperation in an enlarged Europe
9. **Saulius Skvernelis** for the outstanding contribution and sincere cooperation in implementing joint Baltic projects

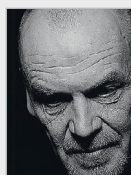
Winners of the Baltic Assembly Prizes 1994 – 2019

1994



Literature
Emil Tode

Estonia: for his novel *the Border Land*



The Arts
Eimuntas Nekrošius

Lithuania: for his stage productions (in particular plays by Chekhov, Shakespeare, Pushkin, Gogol)



Science
Andris Caune

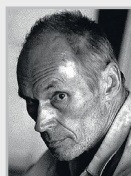
Latvia: for his research series of the history of Riga

1995



Literature
Uldis Bērziņš

Latvia: for his poetry collections *Stepsounds of Insects, Time and Poetry*



The Arts
Peeter Mudist

Estonia: for his paintings



Science
Juozas Kulys

Lithuania: for his research series in biochemistry and biophysics

1996



Literature
Judita Vaičiūnaitė

Lithuania: for her poetry collection *Wreaths of Zemyna*



The Arts
Pēteris Vasks

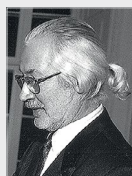
Latvia: for his *Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, Quasi una Sonata, String Quartet No.3 and much, String Quartet No.3* and music for three poems of Czesław Miłosz



Science
Juhan Maiste

Estonia: for his research series *the Classical Tradition in the Estonian Art: 1530- 1830*

1997



Literature
Jaan Kaplinski

Estonia: for his essays and poetry



The Arts
Gidons Krēmers

Latvia: for promoting the musical culture of the Baltic States throughout the world



Science
Rimutė Rimantienė

Lithuania: for her archaeological investigations on the history and arts of the Baltic States

1998



Literature
Sigitas Geda

Lithuania: for his poetical metamorphoses



The Arts
Erkki-Sven Tüür

Estonia: for his musical creativity



Science
Jānis Krastinš

Latvia: for his achievements in researching Art Nouveau architecture in Riga

1999



Literature
Jaan Kross

Estonia: for his novel *Standstill Flight*



The Arts
Mindaugas Baužys

Lithuania: for the roles he has played revealing himself as an artist-creator



Science
Janina Kursiė

Latvia: for her publications and a monograph about the mythical elements in Baltic folklore, literature and art

2000



Literature
Jānis Rokpelnis

Latvia: for his poetry collection *Lyrics*



The Arts
Veljo Tormis

Estonia: for his compositions



Science
Silvestras Gaižiūnas

Lithuania: for his scholarly work and activity in developing cultural ties among the Baltic, Nordic and European nations

2002



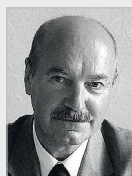
Literature
Jaan Tätte

Estonia: for his plays *the Bridge* and *Happy Everyday!*



The Arts
Biruta Baumane

Latvia: for her professional achievements in a large-scale solo exhibition, for her contribution to the development of painting, as well as for her autobiography *I am living*



Science
Algirdas Gaižutis

Lithuania: for his significant contribution to art research and essay collection *a Glimpse*

2004



Literature
Pēteris Brūveris

Latvia: for his poetry book *the Landscape of Language* and other publications



The Arts
Mindaugas Navakas

Lithuania: for promoting art processes in the Baltic States



Science
Arvo Krikmann

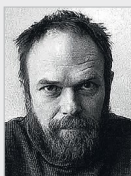
Estonia: for his empirical research on the cognitive theory of figurative language *the Contribution of Contemporary Theory of Metaphor to Paremiology*

2001



Literature
Justinas Marcinkevičius

Lithuania: for his lyrical poetry, and poetry collection *Carmina Minora*



The Arts
Ilmārs Blumbergs

Latvia: for his creative achievements and unique style in set designs for Mozart's *the Magic Flute* and the exhibition *Windows*



Science
Raimo Pullat

Estonia: for his research on the history of Estonia and the Baltic States and towns of the 18th century, and between 1917 - 1941

2003



Literature
Vytautas Bubnys

Lithuania: for his novel *In a Dove's Flutter*



The Arts
Jaan Toomik

Estonia: for his creative work as artist and organiser of art activities



Science
Elita Grosmane

Latvia: for her comprehensive scholarly monograph *Baroque Sculpture of Kurzeme: 1660-1740*

2005



Literature
Hasso Krull

Estonia: for his poetry collection of *Metre and Demeter*



The Arts
Vilnius String Quartet

Lithuania: for their unique understanding of cultural mission, consistent work and broad scope of activities



Science
Ēvalds Mugurēvičs

Latvia: for his research on medieval chronicles about Livonia

2006



Literature

Nora Ikstena

Latvia: for her book *the Undefined One*, for unique collaboration with the Latvian poet Imants Ziedonis and her significant work in the field of culture



The Arts

Andres Tali

Estonia: for his works that touch on existential problems of human life and addresses the most fundamental questions of humanity

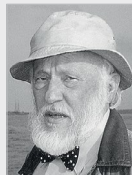


Science

Gediminas Valkiūnas

Lithuania: for the monograph *Avian Malaria Parasites and Other Haemosporidia* and his contribution to strengthening links between parasitologists of the Baltic and Nordic countries

2008



Literature

Knuts Skujenieks

Latvia: for his eight volumes of poetry *Works* written in prison and in a camp for political prisoners in Mordovia



The Arts

Petras Vyšniauskas

Lithuania: for promoting Baltic Jazz in the world, for fruitful and intensive activity comprising concert tours, teaching, recording and the launching of various projects



Science

Dr. Lembit Vaba

Estonia: for compiling the English-Estonian-Latvian-Lithuanian-Russian Dictionary, for mapping the Estonian-Latvian language border and for rediscovering Estonian language enclaves in southern regions of Latvia

2010



Literature

Ene Mihkelson

Estonia: for her poetry collection *Tower*



The Arts

Antanas Žukauskas

Lithuania: for professionally communicating traditional values in the fine arts, for striking the right balance between the modern and the traditional, and for promoting the Baltic identity in the world



Science

Jānis Stradiņš

Latvia: for his book *the Beginnings of Science and Higher Education in Latvia*

2007



Literature

Marcelijus Martinaitis

Lithuania: for his books *K.B. Suspected* and *Silent*



The Arts

Silvija Radzobe

Latvia: for her contribution on preparing the book *Theatre Production in the Baltic States*



Science

Tarmo Soomere

Estonia: for his research series on ship waves in the Baltic Sea as a source of threat to the coastal environment

2009



Literature

Inga Ābele

Latvia: for her novel *Tide*



The Arts

Marko Mäetamm

Estonia: for his professional and successful exhibitions and achievements on the Baltic and international scene



Science

Leonardas Sauka

Lithuania: for his book *Eglė, Queen of Adders*, for a fundamental study on the folklore heritage of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other countries

2011



Literature

Arvydas Juozaitis

Lithuania: for his book *Riga – No One's Civilization*



The Arts

Andris Nelsons

Latvia: for his outstanding achievement in promoting the performing arts and creating a positive image of Latvia and the Baltic States in the world



Science

Andres Ilmar Kasekamp

Estonia: for his book *History of the Baltic States*

2012



Literature

Aivars Kļavis

Latvia: for his tetralogy *On the Other Side of the Gate*



The Arts

Visible Solutions LLC

Estonia: for artistic achievements in integrating Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian art scenes into one arena of discussion

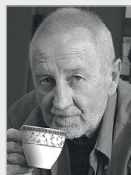


Science

Algis Petras Piskarskas

Lithuania: for his pioneering research in laser physics and nonlinear optics, for developing innovative laser instruments and for fruitful international collaboration in Europe and world

2013



Literature

Donaldas Kajokas

Lithuania: for his poetry collection *To the Deaf Little Donkey* and the novel *the Lake and its Escorting Persons*



The Arts

Peeter Vähi

Estonia: for his oratorio *Maria Magdalena*, which is based on gospel texts in the original Coptic language



Science

Renāte Blumberga

Latvia: for her research on the history and cultural history of the Liv people, the second titular national of Latvia

2014



Literature

Peeter Sauter

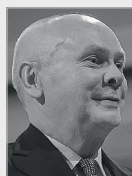
Estonia: for his novel *Do not Leave Me Alone*



The Arts

Alvis Hermanis

Latvia: for his creative directorial achievements in conducting numerous theatre plays and particularly *Oblomov*



Science

Vidas Gražulevičius

Lithuania: for his achievements in materials chemistry and engineering, for active collaboration with researchers from other Baltic States

2015



Literature

Māris Bērziņš

Latvia: for his novel *the Taste of Lead*



The Arts

Modestas Pitrenas

Lithuania: for his creative endeavours to advance the idea of interaction amongst the cultures of all three Baltic States and to further their cultural promotion on the European and global scale by conducting numerous plays and concerts in performance venues and theatres in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

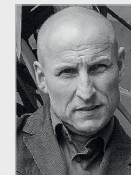


Science

Eva-Clarita Pettai and Vello Pettai

Estonia: for their monograph *Transitional and Retrospective Justice in the Baltic States*

2016



Literature

Sigitas Parulskis

Lithuania: for his literature critic, playwright, essayist and translator, for his creative work, broad and sharp worldview and ability to grasp fundamental issues, for his contemporary poetics (*My Fang Conviction, Without the Ring to Return, the City of Concealed Lilies*)



The Arts

Kristijonas Vildžiūnas

Estonia: for his film *Seneca's Day* which is the first Estonian – Latvian – Lithuanian co-production project



Science

Dr.pharm Maija Dambrova

Latvia: for her scientific work on energy metabolism and her contribution to research of the mechanisms of action of the metabolic drug meldonium

2017



Literature

Vladas Braziūnas

Lithuania: for his poetic discoveries made while delving into the Baltic worldview and the linguistic heritage of the Lithuanian, Latvian and other languages and as well as for his translations from Latvian and other languages and outstanding international projects on modern poetry



The Arts

Laima Slava

Latvia: for the excellent professional contribution to the theory development of the art science, as well as for the outstanding achievement in the book publishing sector, especially in publishing of art books, which significantly have enriched the current cultural landscape and furthermore foster the international recognition of Latvian culture



Science

Prof Andres Metspalu

Estonia: for his innovative, diverse and lasting contribution to gene technology and molecular diagnostic

2018



Literature

Gundega Repše

Latvia: for her idea and concept of the historical novel series "Us. Latvia. XX century", the curating of the publication of 13 novels in the series, as well as for the novel "Bogene" as one of the novels in the series



The Arts

Jurgita Dronina

Lithuania: for her impressive performances on the greatest stages of the world



Science

Dr Els Heinsalu

Estonia: for her significant contribution in the theory of complex systems and stochastic processes

2019



Literature

Leelo Tungal

Estonia: for her autobiographic trilogy "Comrade Kid" (Tänapäev, 2018), with a special emphasis on the last book of the series "A Woman's Touch" (Tänapäev, 2018), where Stalin's era is depicted through the eyes of a child



The Arts

Normunds Šnē

Latvia: for the performance at the concert in honour of 100-year anniversary of the Baltic states in the prominent Baltic Sea Festival in Stockholm's Berwaldhallen on August 28, 2018, with Sinfonietta Rīga and Tallinn Chamber Orchestra



Science

Jūras Banys

Lithuania: nominated for his outstanding contribution to research and innovations in ferroelectricity and phase transition as well as his devout leadership and professional scientific achievements

Winners of the Baltic Innovation Prize 2011 – 2019

2011

Winner:

Cybernetica Ltd (Estonia)

Diplomas:

Autonams (Latvia)

Energetikos Projektai (Lithuania)

2012

Winner:

Aconitum UAB, (Lithuania)

Diplomas:

Defendec Ltd (Estonia)

Dendrolight Latvija Ltd (Latvia)

2013

Winner:

ELMI Ltd., (Latvia)

Diplomas:

GoSwift PLC (Estonia)

Uniplicity (Lithuania)

2014

Winner:

TransferWise Eesti filiaal (Estonia)

Diplomas:

Silvanols (Latvia)

Rubedo Sistemas (Lithuania)

2015

Winner:

Elinta, JSC (Lithuania)

Diplomas:

BIKE-ID (Estonia)

DPA (Latvia)

2016

Winner:

Baltic Scientific Instruments (Latvia)

Diplomas:

Fortumo (Estonia)

Sofneta (Lithuania)

2017

Winner:

EstHus OÜ (Estonia)

Diplomas:

Biotehniskais centrs JSC (Latvia)

UAB Singletonas (Lithuania)

2018

Winner:

UAB Mokslinė-gamybinė firma "Šviesos konversija" / scientific-industrial firm Light Conversion Ltd. (Lithuania)

Diplomas:

"ZTF Lāsma" LTD (Latvia)

AS Ridango (Estonia)

2019

Winner:

UAVFACTORY SIA (Latvia)

Diplomas:

HEPTA GROUP AIRBORNE OÜ (Estonia)

AXIOMA METERING UAB (Lithuania)



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