

## **Candidates for the Medal of Baltic Academies of Sciences 2015**

### **ESTONIA**

#### **Peeter Järvelaid**

For major input into studies of legal history and comparative law and cooperation between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

Professor Peeter Järvelaid (Law School, Tallinn University) is a prominent educator and scholar in legal history and comparative law. He has played a material role in keeping up the pre-war cooperation tradition of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian legal experts and in building up this cooperation to involve other countries around the Baltic Sea. Thanks to his efforts, Estonian legal acts have been available to Baltic colleagues at crucial instants; he has been a sound partner in projects and conferences, served at editorial boards and evaluation committees, acted as opponent at doctoral disputations (the latter, mainly in Latvia).

### **LITHUANIA**

#### **Zenonas Norkus**

For comparative historical sociology research into the independence periods of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland

Professor Zenonas Norkus (portions with Vaidas Morkevičius) is author of the book "Two Twenty-Year Periods of Independence: Capitalism, Class and Democracy in the First and Second Republics of Lithuania from the Point of View of Comparative Historical Sociology" (Aukso žuvys, Vilnius, 2014).

### **LATVIA**

#### **Benedikts Kalnačs**

For long-term fruitful contribution to comparative literary studies in the Baltic Sea countries

Professor Benedikts Kalnačs (Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art, University of Latvia) works in the fields of Latvian and comparative literatures, with special focus on Baltic literatures in European context, and has contributed greatly to the advancement of research cooperation onto the wider arena, embracing other countries around the Baltic Sea. He has published comparative studies on Scandinavian and Latvian drama, and together with his colleagues at the Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art, University of Latvia and in co-operation with universities, partner institutes and research centres in Estonia and Lithuania promoted investigation of trends in Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian literary cultures. Among other publications, he has been involved as co-editor in the preparation of volumes *Ibsen in Poland and the Baltic Nations* (Oslo, 2006), *We Have Something in Common: The Baltic Memory* (Tallinn, 2007), *Back to Baltic Memory: Lost and Found in Literature 1940–1968* (Riga, 2008), *300 Baltic Writers: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania* (Vilnius, 2009), was the main editor of *Latvieši, igauņi un lietuvieši: literārie un kultūras kontakti* (Riga, 2008) and author of the monograph *Postkoloniālā Baltijas drāma* (Riga, 2011).