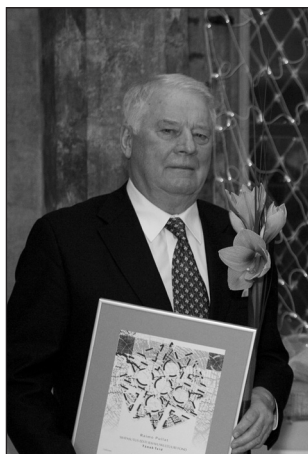


From the Editorial Board

Professor Raimo Pullat was born in 1935 and was graduated from the Faculty of History of Tartu University. After post-graduate work (1961–1964), he found a job at the Institute of History of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. He started as a scientific co-worker and eventually became the institute's director while also serving as a university professor. He and another Estonian specialist were among the first to conduct ethno-sociological research in the Baltic republics of the Soviet Union. In 1972, Pullat's doctoral dissertation was devoted to the subject: "Residents of Estonian Cities From the 18th Century Until 1940". He studied various historical issues which concern the residents of Estonia, Russia, Latvia, Poland, Finland, Germany and Sweden. The professor's research has attracted



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international attention. He is a member of a variety of international organizations and academies of science. He received the scientific award of the Baltic Assembly in 2001 for his research works dealing with the history of Estonia, the Baltic States and towns in the 18th century and in 1917–1941. Professor Pullat successfully defended two doctoral dissertations, the second at Oulu University in Finland. His two-volume book on the history of Tallinn has had an effect on the recording of Riga's history, as well. Professor Pullat has served as academic advisor, consultant or opponent to 15 authors of doctoral dissertations which focus on the history of Estonia and Latvia, including history of medicine in Latvia.

Professor Raimo Pullat is the editor-in-chief for the series of the yearbook *Vana Tallinn*. It features almost five thousand pages of text on the town history comprising the period from the birth of Estonian towns up to the World War II touching upon the most variegated fields of topics. Today it has become a publication of an extensive international attention. He has received badge of honor of Tallinn for the studies of the history of Tallinn, for bringing back the Tallinn Archives from Germany and as the editor in chief of the publication "Old Tallinn".

At this time, Professor Pullat is studying the history of Eastern and Northern Europe, particularly focusing on the region's cities, its historical demographics, and its 20th century foreign policy. Relations among Estonia, Finland and Poland

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are a special area of interest. Pullat is the author of 60 books (including eight that have been published outside of Estonia) and more than 200 scholarly papers.

Professor Pullat has, for many years, been closely linked to Latvian specialists at the University of Latvia's Institute of Latvian History, the Pauls Stradiņš Museum of the History of Medicine and the Latvian State Historical Archive. He has taken part in dissertation defence sessions, seminars, conferences and joint projects. In 2004, he published the book "St Petersburg as a City of Hope and the Emergence of the Estonian Intellectual Elite by 1917". This could serve as an inspiration for a similar study of the emergence of the Latvian intelligentsia. Collaboration has continued as the 5th volume of J. K. Brotze's "Monumente" concerning Estonian Districts of Livland. The 5th volume was published in 2006 and was widely presented in Berlin, Göttingen, Salzburg, Helsinki, Lublin, Vienna, Prague, Kiev, Moscow, Warsaw and Riga, of course. In 2005 Prof. Pullat received honorary degree Dr hist h c by the Latvian Academy of Sciences and in 2007 Medal of the Baltic Academies of Sciences for significant contribution to the studies of history and international relations in the Baltic area.

We congratulate our member of editorial board of *Acta Medico-Historica Rigensia* in occasion of his 75th birthday and wish him best health and strength!