

PREFACE

In 2021 we celebrate the 180th birth anniversary of August Antonius Rauber, who headed the Institute of Anatomy of the University of Tartu for 25 years. Professor Rauber is world-known for his *Textbook of Human Anatomy (Rauber/Kopsch Lehrbuch der Anatomie des Menschen)* and for his important studies on embryology, anatomy and anthropology. However, his contribution to the development of the concept of educational museums of anatomy should also be emphasized. Immediately after his arrival in Tartu in 1886, Professor Rauber started to create the museum of anatomy, which was eventually opened in 1890 and found great recognition. Professor Rauber's ideas spread across the Baltics and gave an impact on opening of several educational anatomy museums. To pay tribute to professor Rauber, this issue of *Papers on Anthropology* includes articles about his role in the development of anatomy and anthropology at the University of Tartu as well articles about the anatomical collections of the Baltic universities. It is hoped that the collected articles give a good overview of the current state of the anatomical museums in the Baltic countries.



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