

zurück (ab 1980 bis zu seinem Tod 1982, um sich mehr der wissenschaftlichen Arbeit widmen zu können). Er schlug den ehemaligen stellvertretenden Direktor, Dozenten, Technikwissenschaftler und Informatiker Ustus Agur (1.01.1929–1.01.1997) zum Direktor vor und favorisierte ihn. Als er die Arbeit am Informationsinstitut aufnahm, lud er die Forschungsgruppe des Lehrstuhls mit ein, indem er am Institut die Abteilung für Selbstbewirtschaftung schuf, zu deren Leiter er aber den früheren Gruppenleiter des Lehrstuhls, seinen Assistenten und Aspiranten Matti Raudjärv beförderte.

Im Jahre 1967 wurde ihm der Ehrentitel des verdienstvollen Kulturschaffenden der Estnischen SSR verliehen, 1980 erhielt er den Arnold-Veimer-Preis und im Jahre 1980 wurde seine wissenschaftliche und praktische Tätigkeit, darunter auch seine wissenschaftliche Betreuung, mit der Silbermedaille des Hauptkomitees der Ausstellung der Errungenschaften der Volkswirtschaft der UdSSR anerkannt.

Juhani Väljataga gehörte zum Vorstand des Vereins „Teadus“ („Wissenschaft“), war Mitglied des Kollegiums der Zeitschriften „Tehnika ja Tootmine“ („Technik und Produktion“) und „Noorus“ („Jugend“). Er war als eine gesellschaftlich aktive Persönlichkeit bekannt, er hat als Lektor umfangreich für Wirtschaft propagiert, trat in Rundfunk- und Fernsehsendungen auf und ergriff das Wort in der Presse.

Zur Verabschiedung von Juhani Väljataga wurde eine staatliche Beerdigung organisiert und er wurde mit großer Feierlichkeit aus dem Saal des Staatlichen Planungskomitees der Estnischen SSR auf den letzten Weg geschickt, wobei an der Ehrenwache damalige staatliche Persönlichkeiten, Vertreter und Freunde aus Ministerien, Unternehmen und wissenschaftlichen Kreisen beteiligt waren. Er wurde am Tallinner Waldfriedhof beigesetzt.

Im laufenden Jahr, 2022, erinnern wir uns an den Dozenten Juhani Väljataga als an eine bemerkenswerte Persönlichkeit und feiern seinen neunzigsten Geburtsjahrestag, wir erinnern uns mit Trauer daran, dass er bereits vor vierzig Jahren von uns gegangen ist.

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Juhani Väljataga was born and lived all his life in Tallinn. His roots are in the Kuusalu Rural Municipality, however, where his mother Marta was a schoolteacher and his father Paul a civil servant. Juhani has five children – Pille, Ülle, Allan, Juhani and Olavi.

He graduated from the Faculty of Economics of the Tallinn Polytechnical Institute (TPI, current name Tallinn University of Technology /TUT, TalTech/ *cum laude* 1954) and was employed then as a senior teacher at the faculty. From 1958–1960 he worked as a senior engineer at the Council of National Economy of the Estonian S.S.R. and from 1960–1961 as a head of department of the Maardu Chemical Factory. From 1961–1963 he undertook post-graduate studies at the Institute of Economics of the Estonian Academy of Sciences and in 1963 he defended the degree of candidate of economic sciences at the same institute. Then he was promoted to the position of the chief economist of a large enterprise – Kohtla-Järve Oil Shale Pro-cessing Plant where several

economic aspects of the enterprise (above all organisation of operations and salary procedures) were taken to a substantially improved level on his initiative.

From 1965–1967 he was again employed as a senior teacher at the Tallinn Polytechnical Institute and acquired the qualification of an associate professor in 1967. From 1967–1968 he worked as an associate professor and from 1968–1970 as a senior researcher. In autumn 1969 he had a fellowship period in several Hungarian research institutions in Budapest. In 1970 he organised the establishment of one of the first chairs of service economics at the Faculty of Economics of the Tallinn Polytechnical Institute and the respective field of study, becoming also the first head of the chair and associate professor of that chair (1970–1978). In autumn 1975 he organised a research group for scientific research activities at the chair and Matti Raudjärv was appointed as the head of the group.

In 1978 he was transferred to the position of the director of the Estonian Information Institute (1978–1980). Then he resigned from that post and worked as the deputy director (1980 – until his death in 1982, in order to have more time for research activities). He proposed to the post of director and promoted the former deputy director, associate professor and researcher in the fields of engineering and informatics Ustus Agur (1.01.1929–1.01.1997). When he started work at the Information Institute, he invited the research group of his chair to the institute, setting up the Department of Self-management at the institute, and promoted his assistant, doctoral student Matti Raudjärv, the former head of the group, to the post of the head of the department.

In 1967 he was awarded the Honorary Title of Honored Worker of Culture of the Estonian S.S.R., in 1980 he received the Arnold Veimer Reward and in 1980 his activities in scientific research and practical activities, including research supervision, were recognised with the Silver Medal of the Main Committee of the Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy of the U.S.S.R.

Juhani Väljataga was a member of the board of the Science Society and a member of the editorial staffs of the journals *Tehnika ja Tootmine* (Technology and Production) and *Noorus* (Youth). He was known as an active person in the society and conducted widely economic agitation as a lecturer, participated in radio broadcasts and TV programmes and expressed his opinion in the written press.

A state funeral was organised for Juhani Väljataga and he was bid farewell to his last journey with a ceremony from the assembly hall of the State Planning Committee of the Estonian S.S.R. with public officials, representatives of government ministries, enterprises and the research community and friends standing in guard of honour. He was buried in the Tallinn Forest Cemetery.

This year, 2022, we remember Associate Professor Juhani Väljataga as a remarkable personality and we celebrate his 90th birthday and commemorate with sadness the person who left us already forty years ago.

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