

AGRAARTEADUS – 30

Seoses Akadeemilise Põllumajanduse Seltsi taastamisega 4. aprillil 1989. a tõstas ka küsimus seltsi kirjastustegevusest. Juba seltsi volikogu esimesel koosolekul tõdeti oma akadeemilise põllumajandusalase ajakirja väljaandmise vajalikkust sarnaselt omaaegsele väljaandele "Agronoomia" (ilmus aastal 1921–1940). Eestseisuse koosolekul moodustatigi "Agraarteaduse" toimetuskolleegium ja peatoimetajaks määrati professor Ülo Oll. 19. veebruaril 1990 ilmunud avanumbri eessõnas kirjutab toonane seltsi president professor Olev Saveli, et väljaandest kujuneb sõltumatu ajakiri põllumajandusteadlastele, olles operatiivne info vahendaja teaduse ja praktika vahel.

Esiolgu kujundasid "Agraarteaduse" näo seltsi liikmed, kuid raudse eesriide avanedes hakkasid teadlased suunama oma pilku piiri taha. Osaliselt sundis selleks ka riiklik teaduspoliitika. Seoses sellega on ajakiri läbi teinud mitmeid muudatusi, et suurendada oma usaldusväärsust ja tõsta nähtavust ka välismaal. Mitmel korral seati teaduspoliitika kujundajate poolt kahtluse alla ajakirja tõsiseltvõetavus. Viimane mobiliseeris nii ajakirja toimetust kui seltsi eestseisust. Suuremate muudatuste initsiaatoriks saab lugeda PhD Brian Lassenit (täna Kopenhaageni Ülikoolis), kes soovis ajakirja kujundada selliselt, et see vastaks COPEi (*Committee on Publication Ethics*) ja Elsivieri nõuetele. Selles tegevuses löid innukalt kaasa hilisem seltsi president ja toonane toimetuse sekretär PhD Marko Kass, toimetuse

liige PhD David Arney ning tolaeagne peatoimetaja pm-dr Maarika Alaru ja hilisem pm-dr Alo Tänavots. Ettevõetud jõupingutusi kroonis edu, kui pärast 1,5 aastast põhjalikku hindamist pidas 2018. aastal Elsivier B.V. "Agraarteaduse" taset nii kõrgeks, et indekseerida ajakirja artikleid oma andmebaasis SCOPUS.

Ehkki "Agraarteadus" oli algselt suunatud seltsi liikmetele, kes said oma teadustöö tulemusi ajakirjas avaldada, siis praeguseks laekub valdav osa käsikirjadest siiski välismaalt. Seoses sellega on tahaplaanile jäänud ka ajakirjale pandud teine ülesanne – emakeelse teaduskeele terminoloogia arendamine. Siinkohal sooviksingi kutsuda üles teadlasi kirjutama artikleid ka emakeeles, eriti teemadel, mil on suur kohalik tähtsus ja mis võiks äratada huvi ka kohalikes edumeelsetes põllumeestes.

"Agraarteaduse" peatoimetajateks on olnud lisaks professor Ü. Ollile olnud ka pm-dr Aleksander Lember (1997–2006) ja pm-dr Maarika Alaru (2007–2014). Alates 2015. a on teadusajakirja vastutusrikkas töö pm-dr Alo Tänavotsa õlgadel. Kokku on ajakirja 30-aastase ajaloo vältel ilmunud 95 numbrit, kus on artikleid ligi paarkümne riigi teadlaste sulest.

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Pm-dr Alo Tänavots, peatoimetaja
PhD Marko Kass, APSi president

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During the re-establishment meeting of the Estonian Academic Agricultural Society on April 4th, 1989, the issue of the publishing engagement of the society was raised. At the first meeting of the Council of the Society, the necessity of academic publishing duties was acknowledged, highlighting the publishing of the former journal of the society called "Agronomia" (Estonian Journal of Agricultural Science, published from 1921–1940). Following the society's board meeting the editorial board of the journal was formed, and Professor Ülo Oll was appointed editor-in-chief. In the preface to the opening issue, on February 19th 1990, the president of the society, Professor Olev Saveli, declared that Agraarteadus would be an independent journal for researchers in agricultural disciplines, acting as a direct intermediate between science and practice.

Initially, the content of the Agraarteadus was provided by the members of the society. But as the Iron Curtain had fallen at the time, researchers began to look for publishing opportunities beyond the borders. This was partly forced by the policy of national research institutions. In this regard, the journal has made a number of improvements to increase its credibility and visibility, both here and abroad. The credibility of the journal was repeatedly questioned by research policy makers. The latter mobilized both the editorial board of the journal and the board of the society to further actions. One of the initiators of major changes was Brian Lassen, PhD (today at the University of Copenhagen), who called for actions to meet the requirements of COPE (Committee on Publication Ethics) and Elsevier. Editorial secretary Marko Kass,

members of editorial board Professor David Arney and Maarika Alaru, PhD (editor-in-chief at the time), and later Alo Tānavots, PhD were enthusiastically engaged in order to bring the journal to the next level. The huge efforts made were crowned with success after one and half years of a tough evaluation process by Elsevier B.V. who confirmed in 2018 that "Agraarteadus" was accepted for inclusion in SCOPUS.

Although, the journal was originally aimed for the members of society to publish their research, today the majority of manuscripts submitted come from abroad. In connection with this, the second objective of the journal – the development of scientific terminology in Estonian – has been left aside. Therefore, we would like to call on researchers to submit papers in their mother tongue, especially on topics that are of great local importance and which could be of interest to local progressive farmers.

After Professor Ü. Oll, the editor-in-chief of the journal was Aleksander Lember, PhD from 1997–2006 and Maarika Alaru, PhD from 2007–2014. Since 2015, the governance of the journal's editorial board has been laid on the shoulders of Alo Tānavots, PhD. The journal has published 95 issues with numerous numbers of articles during its 30-year history, featuring papers by researchers from nearly twenty countries.

Congratulations to the editorial board and many thanks to the authors and reviewers!

Alo Tānavots, Editor-in-Chief

Marko Kass, President of Estonian Academic Agricultural Society