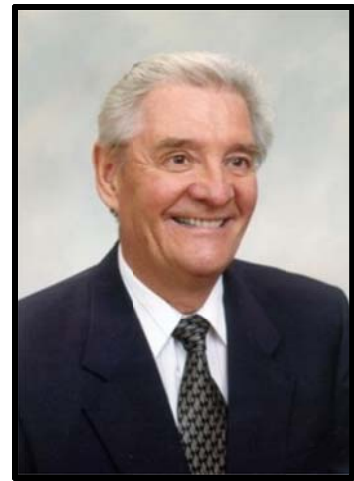


## BIO OF PROF. R. VISKANTA

Dr. Viskanta was born in Marijampole, Lithuania. As the front lines of the Soviet-German conflict approached his family left Lithuania in 1944 and, after almost six months of travel across Germany, settled near the city of Nienburg. Shortly after World War II they moved to and lived in displaced persons camps in West Germany for over four years. They immigrated to the United States in 1949, when a farmer near Stockbridge, Michigan, guaranteed employment to his father and housing for the family.



A year later, young Viskanta, moved to Chicago, where he worked in a factory and attended evening high school. He received his diploma in 1951, attending junior college at night while working during the day, and later enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Illinois-Navy Pier in Chicago before transferring to the main campus in Urbana-Champaign. He received his bachelor's degree with high honors in 1955 and started graduate work at Purdue University in heat transfer, earning his master's degree in 1956.

He started his career as a mechanical engineer at Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois and thanks to a U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship, returned to Purdue to work on his doctoral degree, which he completed in 1960 while still working at Argonne.

He married Birute Barbara Barpsys in 1956, and they have three children (a daughter and two sons): Renata, Vitas and Tadas. All of their children are married and have families of their own. The Viskanta's have four grandchildren, ranging in ages from 12 to three years.

In 1962 Dr. Viskanta joined the faculty of Purdue University as an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He was promoted to Professor in 1966. During the 1968-1969 academic year he was a Visiting and Springer Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of California-Berkeley. He was a Guest Professor at the Technical University of Munich, Visiting Professor at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, and a Guest Professor at the University of Karlsruhe. In 1986 he was named W.F.M. Goss Distinguished Professor of Engineering.

He has guided the work of 65 doctoral and 45 master candidates and directed the research of 40 postdoctoral individuals. Professor Viskanta has authored and co-authored (mostly with his students) over 500 refereed papers published in archival journals, proceedings of conferences and symposia volumes, and prepared numerous state-of-the-art reviews in the areas of his expertise. He served as the Technical Editor of ASME Journal of Heat Transfer (1990-1995) and Associate Editor of four other thermal sciences journals. He now serves on editorial advisory boards of six journals. His professional accomplishments have earned recognition many times with numerous awards such as the ASME Heat Transfer Memorial Award, the AIAA Thermophysics Award, the ASME-AIChE Max Jakob Memorial Award, The JSME Thermal Engineering Award, the Nusselt-Reynolds Prize and the Stodola Medal. He was named Fellow of ASME and a Fellow of AIAA. He was elected member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering and was awarded honorary doctor of engineering degree (Doctor Honoris Causa) by the Technical University of Munich and an Honorary Doctor of Engineering Degree from Purdue University.