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Background concerning Alf de Ruvo and the scholarship

Alf de Ruvo (1938-2000) was well known and highly respected in the forest and paper industry. He held several leading positions for many years, including Executive Vice President of SCA. Alf de Ruvo was also Chairman of the Forest Products Industry Research College at the Royal Institute of Technology, KTH, Sweden. He conducted broad research within wood fibre-based materials and contributed to the development of world-class paper engineering research in Sweden. In packaging, his work included the mechanical properties of packaging and their significance in connection with conversion and end use.

The Alf de Ruvo Memorial Foundation was formed in 2000 from funds donated in memory of Alf de Ruvo. The purpose of the Foundation is to support forest-industry education and research activities that promote technical and scientific progress in the industry.

The Board of the Foundation, which decides on the scholarship, comprises Professor Tom Lindström, KTH/STFI-Packforsk, Anders Nyberg, Senior Vice President, SCA, Ingemar Croon, consultant and researcher in the forest industry, and a research council comprising Professor Gunilla Jönsson, Technical University of Lund, Professor Gunnar Svedberg, CEO STFI-Packforsk, Professor Myat Htun, Mid-Sweden University and Christer Söremark, consultant and researcher in the forest industry.

Scholarships have previously been awarded to Matti Ristinmaa (2001), Magnus Berggren (2002), Magnus Norgren (2004), Johan Alftan (2006), Birgitta Svensson (2007), and Mailin Bergensträhle and Stefan Lindström (2008).