

Professor Dr. Ing. Mikuláš Hrušovský, DrSc., Seventy Years Old



The name of Professor Dr. Ing. *Mikuláš Hrušovský*, DrSc. is well known in the community of chemists at home as well as abroad, especially in countries joined in COMECON. He is a holder of the Order of Labour, the Votoček Medal of the Institute of Chemical Technology in Prague, the Golden Medal of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, and of other distinctions and awards bestowed upon him for his activities in various organizations.

He was born on June 2, 1916 in Topoľčany. He passed his school-leaving examination in Nové Mesto nad Váhom and graduated from the Bohemian Technical University in Brno in 1939. After a short period at the Institute of Physical Chemistry in Brno with Professor *Bavorovský* and at the Institute of Physics of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, he took up a post in Chemical Works in Nováky. His professional activities at that time and, mainly, in the post-war period were concentrated on building up the Chemical Works in Nováky, which became a modern factory of the chemical industry in Slovakia. There he spent his youth in various functions, starting as an ordinary chemist and becoming the director in 1949. In this function he acted till 1951. His name is connected also with foundation and development of the Research Institute of Petrochemistry, of which he was the first director. The high level of this institute, that celebrated the 35th anniversary of its foundation last year, may be demonstrated by the fact that several former employees of this institute are today leading managers and politicians, corresponding members of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, and professors occupying important posts at universities. Professor Hrušovský is one of them. After five-year stay in the Research Institute of Petroleum and Hydrocarbon Gases in Bratislava, in 1963 he became Professor of organic technology at the Slovak Technical University, Faculty of Chemistry in Bratislava. Two years later he was appointed the Head of the Department of Organic Technology and held this position until 1978.

When appraising the work Professor Hrušovský has done in his active fruitful life, it is difficult to decide whether his scientific and research work or his pedagogical activity in educating engineers and supervising postgraduates was more significant. He has achieved outstanding results in both fields. His scientific and research work, documented by more than 200 original papers, patents, and research reports, served the needs of industry.

Professor Hrušovský dislikes great words and phrases. He was respected by his students as a highly erudite scientist and teacher, modest and generous man who willingly imparted knowledge and experience to his fellow-workers. On the occasion of his life jubilee we all wish him the best of health and enthusiasm so that he may enjoy further years of creative work.

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