

60th birthday of Professor RNDr. J. Masár, CSc.



In October 1987 we brought to our mind the significant anniversary of the birth of Professor RNDr. *Jozef Masár*, CSc., a pedagogue of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University, Bratislava. In 1951 he graduated from the same Faculty and started working as a teacher and scientific worker at the Department of Inorganic Chemistry. Between 1972 and 1986 he held the position of head of this Department.

Since 1953 his scientific activity is focused on the study of bentonites, materials with widespread possibilities of utilization in different fields of national economy. The following years he has concentrated on isolation of montmorillonite from bentonites from East Slovakia and investigation of their structural and sorption properties, later on preparation and research of montmorillonites with different exchangeable cations. In the seventies his attention was devoted to preparation of synthetic montmorillonite and its detailed physicochemical research.

The results of his scientific work are published in more than 50 papers in our and foreign journals. As a leader of research team he has significantly contributed to the development and progress in hydrothermal syntheses of smectites in Czechoslovakia.

His pedagogical achievements are also remarkable. Under his guidance many inorganic chemists graduated and Candidates of Sciences were educated.

On the occasion of his jubilee all his colleagues and friends wish Professor Masár the best of health and in future years success in his pedagogical and scientific work and satisfaction and happiness in his personal life.

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