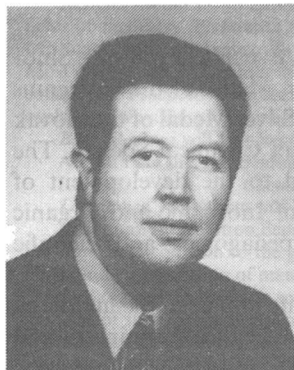


Associate Professor DrPh. PhMr. Juraj Krätšmár-Šmogrovič, CSc. Sixty-Five Years Old



Associate Professor DrPh. PhMr. *Juraj Krätšmár-Šmogrovič*, CSc., an outstanding pedagogical and scientific worker of the Comenius University and a member of the Department of Inorganic and Organic Chemistry of the Faculty of Pharmacy, was sixty-five on July 2, 1991.

After he graduated from the University in 1949, with a degree in specialization pharmacy, he became a young lecturer at the Department of Chemistry of the Faculty of Medicine at the Comenius University. In 1952 he began working in the newly founded Faculty of Pharmacy and has been here ever since. From the very beginning of his engagement as a university teacher he has worked intensively and successfully in the field of inorganic chemistry.

In 1952 after defending his dissertation thesis, he obtained his Doctorate of Pharmacy, and in 1961 he received the degree of a Candidate of the Chemical Sciences. A year before, he habilitated and was appointed to the post of Associate Professor of Inorganic Chemistry.

More than 40 years of the diverse educational activities of Associate Professor Šmogrovič have resulted in his professional self-realization as a pharmacist. His personal influence on the formation and development of the Czecho-Slovak university study of pharmacy has been significant as well. The evidence of this is the important and many-year activity of Associate Professor Šmogrovič in organs leading and managing the Faculty and the Department. His nine-year post as a subdean, three years of work in the field of scientific research, in addition to his position as Head of the Department of Inorganic and Organic Chemistry of the Faculty of Pharmacy from 1978 to 1990 are of extreme importance.

Associate Professor Šmogrovič is a recognized scientific worker among experts at home and abroad, in the field of coordination chemistry. Originally he studied problems of coordination compounds of beryllium and later he successfully solved the question of the research of alkyl- and arylcarboxylatocopper(II) complexes from the viewpoint of relation of the structure and biological activity. In the last two years he has directed his attention to bio-inorganic problems with the real pharmaceuticochemical orientation on Cu(II) complexes of tridentate Schiff bases derived from salicylaldehyde and amino acids where an important activity similar to superoxide dismutase was traced. In this group of compounds a wider pharmacological screening is interesting, especially from the viewpoint of discovery of an antiinflammatory and radioprotective effects.

The quantitative expression of his research has resulted in the publication of over 110 original scientific papers in both domestic and foreign journals. His research activity is

represented by 10 patents and more than 150 technical lectures presented at many different scientific events.

Associate Professor Šmogrovič has gained exceptional merit for education of young research workers and pharmacists. His extra-faculty activities are also numerous. Since 1983 he has acted as chairman of the Inorganic Chemistry Professional Section of the Slovak Chemical Society. In addition to this he is a permanent member of the organizing committee of a well-known European conference on coordination compounds, held every other year in Smolenice.

Due to his many pedagogical and professional activities Associate Professor Šmogrovič has been awarded many appraisals, such as the Golden Medal of the Comenius University, the Golden Medal of the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Silver Medal of the Slovak Chemical Society, and the Hanuš Medal of the Czecho-Slovak Chemical Society. The results of his many-sided activities significantly contributed to the development of pharmacy in Slovakia. Under his guidance the Department of Inorganic and Organic Chemistry of the Faculty of Pharmacy became an important pedagogical and scientific workplace.

Associate Professor J. Krätšmár-Šmogrovič celebrates his life jubilee in the middle of his pedagogical and scientific activities. We wish him good health, happiness, and satisfaction with his work for the coming years.

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