

The 60th Anniversary of Professor Ľubomír Lapčík



This year we remind the 60th birthday of Professor Ing. Ľubomír Lapčík, DrSc. a distinguished personality of our chemistry and chemical technology. He was born in Topoľná near Uherské Hradište on May 6, 1937

After finishing the secondary school at Zlín in 1956 he studied at the Faculty of Chemical Technology of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava. He graduated in 1961 and joined the academic staff of his alma mater at the Department of Physical Chemistry. His starting position was that of assistant lecturer and lecturer, in 1973 he was appointed an Associated Professor of Physical Chemistry. In 1974 he established and developed the Graphic Arts Technology and Photochemistry Laboratory at the Department of Textile, Pulp, and Paper and the Graphic Arts Technology Study Module as the first technical university level specialization of this kind in Czechoslovakia. In 1979 he was appointed the Head of the Department of Textile, Pulp, and Paper. In this position he was engaged until 1991 when he became the Head of newly formed Department of Graphic Arts Technology and Applied Photochemistry. In the period 1991–1992 he was vice-chancellor of the Slovak Technical University. In 1992 Professor Lapčík was vitally involved in the re-establishment of the Faculty of Chemical Technology of the Slovak Technical University and in 1993 and again in 1996 he was elected and appointed the Dean of this Faculty.

In 1967 he achieved CSc. (PhD) degree, in 1987 DrSc. (DSc) degree and in 1987 he was promoted a Professor of Physical Chemistry. Professor Lapčík is member of scientific council of several universities and member of Editorial Board of *Journal of Polymer Materials* and *Chemical Papers*.

Fruitful scientific activity of Professor Lapčík is oriented into the area of physical chemistry, especially applied photochemistry and colloid chemistry of macromolecular systems with the emphasis on industrial applications (about 150 original scientific papers, 60 patents, 2 monographs, a great number of lectures presented at international conferences and universities). Considerable are his experimental and theoretical contributions in kinetics of dissolution of macromolecular systems together with Professor *Valko* and Professor *Kellő* and in development of theoretical background of some photolithographic processes in semiconductor technology. His recent scientific interest is focused on the problems of physical chemistry of macromolecular biomaterials.

During the years of his university career Professor Lapčík held lectures on Physical Chemistry, Photochemical Processes, Surface and Colloid Science, and Structure and Properties of Molecular Systems. He supervised tens of graduated students and PhD students, passed to them a great deal of his wealthy experience.

Those having opportunity to work with Professor Lapčík can appreciate his kind access to them, his willingness to discuss the problems and to be helpful not only in scientific and professional affairs.

At the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Professor Ľubomír Lapčík we wish him all the best – accomplishing his professional and personal goals, good health and contentment for further years.

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