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Seventieth Anniversary of Professor Juráček's Birthday – an event he did not live to see



On December 20th we commemorated the 70th anniversary of Professor Juráček's birthday, who died on July 20th 1989 in Bratislava.

Professor Ing. *Adolf* "Dolo" *Juráček*, DrSc. was born in Poiana-Micului, a small town in the Romanian Bukovina. In 1947 his father moved the whole family to Czechoslovakia and settled in Horná Štubňa. Adolf Juráček graduated from the Slovak University of Technology in 1958 and decided to pursue an academic career from the outset. He became staff member of the Department of Organic Chemistry, advancing through the position of associate professor, finally to become full professor of organic chemistry shortly before his death in 1988.

Professor Juráček was a prolific author; in addition to more than 150 original papers he authored numerous textbooks and monographs. His scientific work brought him in contact with researchers from Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, and the former Soviet Union. We had known professor Juráček as a man who devoted his entire life to study and teaching of chemistry, one who offered a helping hand to everybody who cared to accept his expert advice. All of his numerous students launched successful careers as industrial and research chemists.

Professor Juráček had left us too soon, but will remain forever in our minds and hearts as a wonderful colleague and friend, whose principles help to form a sound foundation of our scientific and educational endeavours. We commemorate an excellent teacher, brilliant scientist, and a warm, friendly man.

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