

In recognition of Alexander Hrivík's work on his sixtieth birthday



Professor Ing. *Alexander Hrivík*, CSc., professor of the Chemical Faculty of the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, a scientist and enthusiastic teacher, celebrated his sixtieth birthday on June 6th, 1986.

He was born in Turzovka. He attended the Grammar School in Kláštor pod Znievom, then he entered the Chemical Faculty in Bratislava, where he graduated in 1952. He was one of the first coworkers of Professor Dr. *Juraj Gašperík*, whose 80th birthday in memoriam we remembered recently.

After graduating he became assistant professor, later associate professor and professor at the Department of Plastics and Fibres of the Chemical Faculty in Bratislava. As professor of the mentioned department he to a great extent contributed to the present profilation of the Department of Plastics and Fibres. His contribution to the establishing of the Chemical Faculty in the difficult era of study reorganization was also very deserving. His work during twelve years as deputy dean left his seal on thousands of students of the Chemical Faculty.

His scientific research work is also very remarkable. During the many years of his enthusiastic research work he helped to solve many problems of our industry. Before all it was the cooperation with the Chemical Works Duslo, Šafa, where he as a member of the research team dealt with the preparation and production of 2,3-dichloro-1,3-butadiene. Later he focused his attention to the oxidation and thermal stability of the latter, as well as to the changes of this monomer in the preparation. He cooperated for many years with the Research Institute of Engineering Constructions in Bratislava on the preparation and production of melamine formaldehyde resins, which were applied in the production of concrete. In the last few years his research work is oriented mainly to the study of nitrogen compounds in polymerization and oxidation systems. The significance of this problem is shown by the fact that it is a part of the International Multilateral Cooperation of the Academy of Sciences of Socialist countries in the working group "Radical Polymerization" in the framework of the research project, which is the testing of inhibitors (stabilizers). Besides this, coworkers of industry and research institutes in the field of monomer and polymer chemistry consult with him.

He is author of a great number of papers and patents and was opponent of many research reports and under his supervision dozens of postgraduate students were awarded the degree of

Candidate of Sciences. He was an active member in international special negotiations in Czechoslovakia and abroad.

Professor Hrivík is active in many other spheres. He is the chairman of the council "Technology of Production and Processing of Polymers", member of the scientific council of the Chemical Faculty in Bratislava and of the Chemical Faculty in Pardubice, member of the commission for postgraduate final examinations for the branch "Technology of Macromolecular Compounds" and "Organic Technology". Last but not least he has been very active in various social functions for many years.

In recognition of his accomplishments Professor Hrivík was awarded the Golden Medal of the Slovak Technical University, the Silver and Golden Medal of the Socialist Youth Organization for "Socialist Education". He was awarded the title "Meritorious Teacher".

Professor Hrivík reached his threescore years in good health amidst active scientific and educational work. We thank him for his educational and scientific research work and for the future we wish him the best of health and contentment.

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