

Dr. Bartoň's personality as a scientist is noted for inventiveness and resourcefulness, conception in problem-solving and for his interdisciplinary approach to the research problem. He is an inspiration to young scientists. His scientific work was an asset to better understanding of free-radical polymerization. He indicated future directions of research and stimulated interest in the study of this interesting area.

On the occasion of his anniversary, we wish Dr. Jaroslav Bartoň creative vigour in the following years for successful continuation of his scientific activities.

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The 60th Anniversary of Milan Karvaš, Ph.D.

Born on June 5th, 1932 in Bratislava as son of a known Slovak economist, Professor *Imrich Karvaš*, the jubilarian graduated with honours at the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava in 1957 in spite of difficult student time for his family persecutions.

He started his career at the Institute of Chemistry of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in 1957 and since 1960, when he was dismissed as politically unreliable although his research results were appreciated, he got a job as an unqualified workman in the chemical factory Istrochem; in the production section Superphosphate, working at Dikotex P, he proved true as a good specialist, organizer and an excellent fellow. That was why he was appointed a foreman. Later on, he worked in the factory research institute turning, also thanks to his contributions, to an independent research institute of high professional quality.

He postdoctored for one year at the Technical University in Zurich in 1972 under the sponsorship of Professor *Jäger*; here, he was engaged in the photochemistry of steroids.

In 1990, after 27 years of activities in the well-known Research Institute of Chemical Technology in Bratislava he founded a private commercial laboratory "SYNKOLA" specialized for high-tech chemical preparations. This needed, of course, a great bit of self-confidence at the period when planned state economy is being transformed into a market one.

The jubilarian, an autonomous senior scientist, has supervised diplomas and theses of several students. He is active as a referee and a member of the board of examiners awarding Ph.D. and DrSc. degrees in organic chemistry and organic technology, respectively. He markedly contributed to the chemistry of additives to polymers so that this field of applied chemistry has got comparable with world level.

He is the author or coauthor of 62 original papers with 162 foreign literature citations and more than 100 patents, some of them having international validity in developed countries; 12 patents have been realized. Dr. Karvaš also took responsibility for introducing some special chemicals into production. His results in the chemistry of sterically hindered amines have found a broad response and proved useful in practice.

Dr. Karvaš saved much of his free time in favour of the Slovak chemistry. His long-term activity in the board of the Slovak Chemical Society should be well appreciated; at the time being, he is its vice-president. His natural authority, presentation and expertness were the challenging factors for nominations in various boards, e.g. he is the member of the accreditation board named by the Slovak Government, committee for chemical sciences at the Slovak Academy of Sciences, scientific council of the Slovak Technical University, member of the chairmanship of the Forum of scientists and researchers of Slovakia.

He is known abroad for his scientific and professional skill, patents and presentations. Dr. Karvaš has grown successively into a personality in spite of the fact that he was politically persecuted and contributed greatly to the good name of the research community of Slovakia.

The jubilarian has lived to be sixty in full creative activity and good health. It is our wish that he maintains so for long years to be able to hand over much of his human and professional mastership to others and reach the feeling of highest satisfaction.

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