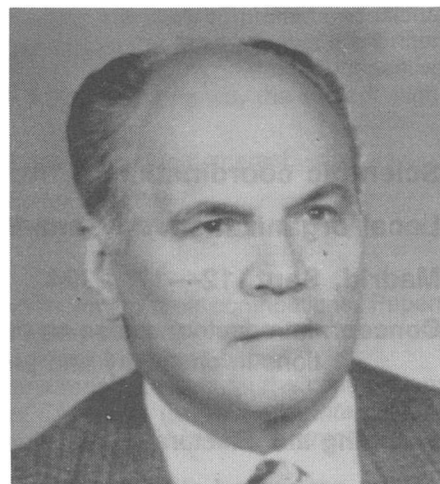


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## In Memory of Professor RNDr. Ľudovít Krasnec

On August 20, 1993 Emeritus Professor RNDr. *Ľudovít Krasnec*, one of the outstanding organic chemists in Slovakia, a distinguished scientific and pedagogical personality of the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Comenius University, would have celebrated his eightieth birthday.

He was born in Dunajov in Kysuce. After graduating from the Technical Secondary School in Žilina (1933), he studied at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Charles University in Prague (1933—1938). He obtained the degree of Doctor of Natural Sciences working with Professor Křepelka at the Institute of Inorganic and Forensic Chemistry of the Charles University. After coming to Bratislava he worked at the State Social Health Institute (1939—1941), then as a lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine of the Comenius University for the branch of pharmaceutical study. Here begins the professional orientation of Professor Krasnec through organic chemistry to a wider complex of chemistry subjects included in pharmaceutical sciences. The particular evidence of this appears in his participation in solving the questions of conception and establishment of a self-contained Faculty of Pharmacy (1952) becoming also its first dean (1952—1954). Professional and productive radius of Professor Krasnec seemed to be infinite because in the forties and fifties he was also an external lecturer of organic chemistry at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Comenius University and at the Faculty of Chemical Technology of the Slovak Technical University where his lifelong cooperation with Professor Ing. M. Marko had started.



After having been habilitated (1950) he was appointed as a professor ordinarius of organic chemistry at the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Comenius University (1956). From the year 1946 he was the head of chemical workplaces and after the establishment of the all-national Faculty of Pharmacy (1960) he became the head of the Department of Inorganic and Organic Chemistry which was run by him till the year 1979 and he stayed at this workplace until he retired in 1982. He died in 1990.

During more than 40 years of his pedagogical and scientific activities Professor Krasnec brought up several generations of scientific and pedagogical workers in the field of pharmaceutical and chemical sciences. Spectrum of his scientific invention was an inexhaustible source of valuable ideas. He had formed several scientific schools and given the basic impulses for development of various modern trends in inorganic, organic, and physical chemistry. We can mention his research into donor-acceptor complexes and weak intermolecular interactions as well as solubility of drugs, the sphere of the synthesis of long-chain amphiphilic compounds and aromatic condensed polyketones, the problems of complex-forming compounds utilized in analytical chemistry and copper(II) coordination compounds with organic ligands. He published more than 100 of original scientific papers and gained dozens of Czecho-Slovak patents. His activity as a lecturer was on a high level. He is an author of monographic literature on preparative organic chemistry and together with Associate Professor Heger the author of the Slovak nomenclature of organic compounds.

Within his directive and organizational activities he performed the whole range of academic functions both at the faculty and at the Comenius University. To complete the Professor's profile as a personality we have to mention his attitude towards sport. In the forties he reached top results in weight-put disciplines in Slovakia.

Our commemoration of Professor RNDr. Ľ. Krasnec is the expression of our respect for his lifelong work as a scientist, university teacher and an uncommon, clever and distinguished person. On the occasion of the 80th birthday of the passed away Professor all his former students and fellows as well as wide pharmaceutical and chemical communities remember him with gratitude and respect.

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